I am happy to share the news that California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Los Angeles) has named fellow Legal Planet blogger Ann Carlson, Shirley Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law and co-director of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, to serve on California’s Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee.

The five-member committee is tasked with performing an annual review of California’s cap-and-trade program and other environmental laws, and evaluating their effectiveness as the state moves toward a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

The committee, which serves the California Environmental Protection Agency, was established in 2017, when the state legislature extended California’s cap-and-trade program for carbon emissions.

“I am honored that Speaker Rendon has appointed me to the Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee,” Carlson said. “The committee will play a key role in ensuring that California’s cap-and-trade program and other climate policies are designed and implemented to help the state achieve its climate targets, maximize economic and environmental benefits to California, and work alongside our air pollution laws to make sure that all communities breathe healthy air. I am looking forward to our work.”

Carlson is also a member of the University of California Global Climate Leadership Council, which seeks to implement a policy of carbon neutrality across all UC campuses by 2025; and is a member of the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.