

## September 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Chuck Jensen, Barbara Menne, Sue Lepore, Linda Cohan, Nancy Atwood, Michael Humkey, Mustafa Haziq, Allan Maas, Peggy LovellFord.

This ZOOM meeting screen was enhanced with closed captioning.

### Action Team Reports

**“Get out the Vote” Postcards, Nancy Atwood**—Twice a month we meet at postcard-writing parties and write, address, and stamp postcards for various causes-- [Environmental Voter Project](#), the [Progressive Turnout Project](#), some local County Council races, and the [“NO on I-2117” campaign](#). Statistics prove that this work makes a difference! And we have quite a fun time doing the “boring” work together, with a bit of conversation and humor. Thanks go to **John** for hosting and **Nancy** for communicating with us all in her weekly newsletter, and to both for organizing.

All in all, we’ve completed a total of **6000** so far! Some folks are **working from home**, too. Contact [Nancy](#) if you’d prefer to do that, and/or if you’d like **directions** to attend our next parties **Sunday 9/29** and **10/13** from **3-5 pm**, and/or if you’d like to get on the **mailing list** for her GOTV newsletter.

*On Oct. 27, 4-7 pm, there will be a celebratory “We DID get out the Vote” party at John’s!*

**Facebook, Nancy Atwood and John Doherty**—The new public page to replace the old non-interactive one is going well, with increased members, posts and comments. **Mustafa Haziq** is now an administrator too and has offered to post a tutorial on how you can post.

A few comments by **John**: “Some of you may be bashful about posting on **FB**—maybe haven’t had much experience. We encourage you to try your hand at it. Our new **FB** Group is designed to be interactive, with people expressing opinions & thoughts, posting articles or photos they’d like to share & inviting feedback from others. The more we post, the more attention we will get and the more we contribute to our mission to create the political will for a livable world.

People all over the Facebook world can see our posts, so posting what you find interesting or important is an effective way to get our climate message out there – and non-CCL folks are joining including **Radio Tacoma, Tacoma Green Drinks, Tacoma Bird Alliance, and Shannon Jean Reynolds, Mayor of Fircrest.**

Every activist in **CCL Tacoma** can do their part to increase our FB impact by taking a few minutes to join the Group, visiting regularly, and regularly posting items of interest. Go for it!”

Here’s the link: [Citizens’ Climate Lobby Tacoma](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1551428448797891>

**Tabling, Linda Cohan and Barbara Menne—August 24-Hilltop Street Fair.** We had a good crew and passed out a lot of information about **NO on I-2117** using the informative little business-sized cards and other handouts. A perfect lead-in was telling people about the **Tacoma Public Utilities \$200 credit** from a grant program funded by the **Climate Commitment Act!** It has been

announced on recent **TPU** energy bills. People appreciated learning that they could apply for it and the fact that **I- 2117** would take away benefits like this by repealing the CCA. There was also some opportunity to talk about electrification in that day's tabling.

**NO on I-2117 Campaign, Chuck and Barbara**—They participated last weekend in putting informative leaflets on people's doorsteps, and the focus next weekend will be canvassing door to door for persuasive conversations with residents. On **Saturday 9/28** there will be phone-banking—ask about the training webinar on Zoom for that. **Linda Cohan** and **Elly Claus-McGahan** are helping at the **No on I-2117** booth at the State Fair this week. Please [contact Chuck](#) to volunteer or find out more!

**NO on I-2066 Campaign, Peggy LovellFord and Barbara**-- **I-2066** undermines the **Clean Air Act** and is trying to undo **HB-1589**, which is a planning bill that promotes energy efficiency in **NEW** construction by discouraging the use of natural gas. **I-2066** has a lot of deliberately confusing and alarming language claiming that "they are trying to take away your natural gas." **HB-1589** will not take away anyone's gas appliances, but any building in WA from January on will not have natural gas piped into it, plus the rebates for natural gas appliances will cease. In the long run, however, **I-2066** would raise costs. **Puget Sound Energy** is actually against the initiative; they do not want to invest in outdated technology in new buildings.

#### **CCL National clip**

First, **Flannery Winchester** celebrated over **4000** conversations about electrification by **CCL** members, well over the **3000** goal set for **Electrification Month** in **August**! The other topic was permitting reform (needed to speed up clean energy transmission) and **CCL's** endorsement of the **Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024** as an important piece of the climate puzzle: "Since it was introduced in the Senate in late July, we've been eagerly awaiting analysis of its expected climate impacts. The most respected voices in climate and energy modeling have been hard at work figuring out those impacts: **Resources for the Future, Rocky Mountain Institute, Jesse Jenkins from Princeton University's Zero Lab, and Third Way**. Last week, this expert team [released their findings](#). In every scenario they modeled, these groups found that the Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024 will reduce climate pollution!" It could deliver a 10-25% reduction, a clear overall win for climate. We at **CCL Tacoma** can feel comfortable endorsing and promoting this bipartisan bill even though it does have some fossil fuel components. Here's a link to [email your members of Congress](#).

**Local Candidate Interviews, partnering with [League of Women Voters](#):**

**LWV Tacoma/Pierce County** hosts an extensive online candidate forum during September and October each year. **Chuck** is on their board and says they are very open to accepting climate-related questions (climate is not usually addressed in their own questions). They are also

nonpartisan, in fact if either of the two candidates doesn't show up, they cancel that particular forum. The exact dates are being set now; **Chuck** will keep us informed. So far we have:

**9/25 6:30 pm: Pierce County Council District #2** candidates **Paul Herrera** and **Davida Haygood**

**10/3 6:30 pm: Pierce County Council District #4** candidates **Rosie Ayala** and **Rodney Robinson**

Go to [League of Women Voters](#) to get Zoom links.

We had a discussion about the best climate questions to submit and how to phrase them. We wanted to cover I-2117, county climate hazards, and county planning policies, questions geared especially for **County Council candidates**. We would like to either fold in something about **environmental justice** in questions 1-3 or create a 4<sup>th</sup> question for that issue.

(The following are rough drafts only, they will be finalized by **Barbara** and **Elly**)

- 1) ***"Can you speak on the implementation of the Climate Commitment Act in Pierce County, and where do you stand on I-2117?"***
- 2) ***"What are you thinking Pierce County needs to do to keep all its residents safer from heat, smoke and wildfire and flooding events?"***
- 3) ***"What actions do you plan to take in support of the Comprehensive Plan and Sustainability Plan, particularly for the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050?"***

### **Announcements**

CCL Tacoma is interested in planning an in-person meeting for **October 16!** Any opinions or recommendations as to location, please contact [Sue Lepore](#).