

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

Core values: focus, optimism, relationships, integrity, personal power, being non-partisan

CCL NEWS

ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

[H.R. 2307](#) was reintroduced by Rep. Ted Deutch and has 92 co-sponsors. (To get a current tally on co-sponsors, click [here](#)). In the Senate, the [Save Our Future Act](#) has a price on carbon.

LEGISLATION

The [Reconciliation Bill](#) has passed the House, but without a carbon fee. The Senate will be deliberating for some months, so you can still keep up the pressure for a carbon fee and dividend by contacting President Biden and your Senators—make your [calls](#) or volunteer to [phonebank](#)! As new CCL President Madeleine Para said, “This one particular bill is not the end for action on climate. It is part of an ongoing effort to enact policies that will ensure we return to a healthy climate.”

State Lobby Days

The [Environmental Priorities Coalition](#) held a 3-day event on Zoom from Jan 25-27, with many informative breakout rooms delving into the details of new WA state bills, plus several opportunities to meet with state representatives and senators. It was an extremely useful and inspiring time to lobby for climate action in WA, not to mention fun to meet other activists in our area!

Be a 5-minute Activist!

By participating in the **Monthly MOC Calling Campaign**. Sign up [here](#) to call your federal representatives once a month. You'll receive a text reminder on your assigned day, phone number and optional script provided. Easy yet effective. Try it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next chapter meeting is **IN PERSON AND ZOOM!**

Central Co-op Building
4502 N Pearl St

Wed., Feb. 23, 7–8:30 pm

Program: Is there a Role for Nuclear Power Now and into the Future? by James Conca, Ph.D.
(Face masks required)

Study group

Wed., Mar. 2 at noon,
discussing articles that members share.

Join us! Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

[South Sound Sustainability Expo](#)

UW Tacoma Campus

April 16, 10am-3pm

To help at the CCL booth, contact [Linda Cohan](#)

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our January meeting was an overview of significant climate bills in the current short session of the WA legislature; what they are and how to advocate for them. We also heard from new member **Adrian Lavergne** about his experiences last year as a student lobbying Olympia for the **Climate Commitment Act**. For minutes, click [here](#).

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

LTE's—Congratulations to **Ray Lepore**, whose letter to the editor was published in the TNT Sunday Feb.3! See full text on [p.2](#).

Climate Talk radio program, with interviews and commentary by **John Doherty**, is on KTAH and KVSH 101.9 FM, and is archived on our [website](#).

Ginny Lohr is doing a great job with **Facebook**, but she would really like some help! [Take a look](#).

Several members met with **Christine Nahn**, **Senator Patty Murray's** aide. For a brief recap, as well as **Elly Claus-McGahan's** future lobbying action list, see [p. 2](#).

The “**Climate ARTivism**” page on the [website](#) was recently updated.

Plant trees! **Mary Forman** is heading up a new group to support the **Tacoma Tree Foundation's** “**Branch Out**” tree-planting events. First action—**Feb. 19!** Contact her to help.

HELP WANTED

It's high time for CCL Tacoma to have a presence on Twitter and Instagram! To join the kickoff group, please contact [Sue Lepore](#)

To be Tabling Committee Chair or Co-chair
Contact [Chuck Jensen](#)

Past newsletters are archived on the website under OUR CHAPTER

Letter to the Editor

A message from the Grim Reaper,

The News Tribune Feb. 3, 2022

As you know, it's my job to carry the living to their deaths. I take this death business very seriously. Lately business is booming, and it looks like it's only going to get better. This makes me quite happy.

I owe it to CO, CO2, ozone, CFCs, methane, lead, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, fertilizers, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, plastics, to name a few. Their increased presence in the world is boosting the body count by poisoning the air, water and soil, changing the climate through global warming, and nurturing the growth of disease.

Kudos to the fossil fuel industry for its clever misinformation campaign, financial institutions for their boundless funding of fossil fuels, politicians for steadfastly blocking environmental and climate change legislation, ranchers for raising those vast herds of cattle and manufacturers for polluting the air and water.

Mostly I credit humans, for their overeating, over-driving, over-fishing, over-fertilizing, overindulging. They've always been good at killing each other and other species. Now they may just wipe out all life as they know it.

I think I'll be needing more help ...

Ray Lepore, Tacoma

Lobby Report

Feb. 3, Meeting with **Christine Nahn**, aide for **Senator Murray**. (CCL Tacoma members as well as other regional environmentalists)

Tom Crawford, board president of the **Thurston Climate Action Team** (TCAT) spoke to the success and progress of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan that TCAT was instrumental bringing about. He outlined a multi-jurisdictional effort which uses regular greenhouse gas inventories (done by TCAT) and public participation to build support for the Plan.

Elly Claus McGahan, who works with the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and Climate Pierce County, reported on the Tacoma Climate Action Plan (carbon neutral by 2050), the Pierce Sustainability Plan 2030 (45% reductions) and the Pierce County Regional Council's adoption of the County Wide Planning Policies with a significant climate section.

Christine Nahn described **Sen. Murray's role** in passing the **Infrastructure Bill** with special emphasis on her **Clean Buses** and **Digital Equality Acts**. She responded enthusiastically to the proposal of a demonstration of **En-ROADS** sometime in early March, suggesting that other staffers be invited as well.

On Nov. 2, **Senator Yasmin Trudeau** was sworn in to take the place of **Senator Jeannie Darneille** who retired. Those of us who have had the chance to meet and discuss climate and climate equity issues with her praise her energy, empathy, and preparedness. She promises to be a valuable ally, much like **Sen. Darneille!**

From **Elly Claus-McGahan**:

I'm looking for teams to meet with:

1. **Council members for Tacoma**
2. **Council member for Fircrest** – **Nancy Atwood** will lead but I'm helping organize
3. **Casey Duff**, aide to **Senator Cantwell**

There will be pre-meetings to train folks to feel confident about participating in all these efforts.

Sign up for a weekly **hotlist** on state bills and how and when to support them from the **Environmental Priorities Coalition** of over 20 leading WA environmental organizations.