

# Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



*Creating political will for a livable planet*

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

## CCL NEWS

**Mark Reynolds**, CCL executive director, shared his excitement about last month's very high numbers of LTEs (304), Op-eds (123), and a *stunning* 9K letters to members of Congress (vs. normal 3K)! The push for a price on carbon is on!

### ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

Now called **H.R. 2307**, it has been reintroduced by **Rep. Ted Deutch** and has 70 cosponsors. In the Senate, the new **Save Our Future Act** prices carbon too. See [link](#) for more.

### CCL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**"The Push for a Price on Carbon"** was attended virtually by several chapter members on **June 12-13**. They found the speakers, seminars, and breakout rooms to be valuable and inspiring. Full recordings of the sessions are available [here](#).

### Next tabling event

**Sept 11 - Steilacoom Drive Electric Event, 11am - 3pm**

We hope there are more events as the summer goes on. Any suggestions for other venues? Contact [Linda Cohan](#)

### City Council elections

Will take place this fall, and there is a lot of turnover. We need to determine which candidates will really get to work on climate and equity solutions! After the primary on August 1<sup>st</sup>, our chapter meetings hope to include interviews with several candidates from Tacoma and other cities in the area.

## Be a 5-Minute Activist!

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

### OUR MAY MEETING

Since there was no guest speaker, there was plenty of time to go over action team reports in detail, answer questions, and give an overview of CCL Tacoma's workflow throughout 2020-21 for several new members (thanks, **Barbara Menne**!) Breakout rooms continue to be a hit. Our group activity was to discuss the key benefits, or "NAMS," of HR2307, and how best to communicate them to others.

**N--Net zero by 2050**

**A--Affordable clean energy**

**M--Money in your pocket**

**S--Saves lives**

Check out all the valuable information from this meeting in the [minutes](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Next chapter meeting

Wed., June 23, 6:30-8:30

Speaker: **Rachel Clark** from Tacoma Public Utilities

[Get Zoom link](#)

**Book Group** Wed., July 7 noon discussing various articles and a movie, Amazon's **"Biggest Little Farm."** Contact [Sue Lepore](#) for the reading materials

## To Zoom or Not to Zoom?

Or something in between? "That is the question" for CCL members to decide when in-person meetings can resume. Sounds great yet Zoom does have its own advantages! Questions or comments on this issue? Weigh in with [Chuck Jensen](#)

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

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

[Ginny Lohr](#) and **Fred Ramey** are doing a great job with interesting **Facebook** posts! [Take a look!](#)

[James Morgese](#) creates videos on local climate stories. They are available on YouTube— [Citizens' Climate Lobby-Tacoma Chapter](#).

New members **Claire Hovde**, **Marissa Jeffords**, and **Ajaleigh Irons**, along with several "old" members, enjoyed tabling at the **Tacoma Ocean Fest** on June 6, despite the cool rainy weather and smaller crowds. Claire said it was really fun watching the kids have so much fun with the spinning wheel and the trivia questions. Aja said that it was amazing to chat with people and get their take on climate. Marissa took some photos that are posted on our [website](#). There was an interesting conversation with a refinery worker who agreed that a price on carbon was the way to environmental compliance.

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## LOBBYING AND ENDORSEMENT NEWS

The June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting with **Sen. Cantwell's** aide, **Patrick Eckroth**, was primarily run by **CCL WA Youth!** The 7 high-schoolers and one 8<sup>th</sup>-grader did an inspiring job. Their “asks” included supporting the **Save Our Future Act** and the **Clean Future Fund**. (The Senator is still focused on updating the **CLEAR Act** at this point, however). They also asked for her to hold a town hall meeting “for future voters.” This was well-received.

There may be a meeting with **Senator Murray** on or around June 28<sup>th</sup>.

There was a meeting with **Rep. Strickland's** energy staffer **Andrew Ofiebeke** on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Her primary concern with HR2307 lies with equity issues, so it was good that CCL could relate that the regulatory pause of the old bill is no more. She also sees a need to adopt a more direct “cash back” type of messaging for promoting the bill. **Rep. Strickland** is holding a town hall on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 on housing issues and her new bill, **TOD**, for developing equity of housing/transit proximity.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, **Rep Derek Kilmer** met with us in person, from outside the Capital, between votes! He is co-chair of a **Bipartisan Working Group** which recently heard two speakers on the necessity of carbon pricing. It had a positive effect. He is co-sponsoring several climate bills including **Growing Climate Solutions**. He appreciates CCL's flagging of certain bills because there are 8,000 of them to study! He is frustrated by the resistance to the infrastructure plan because the provisions don't seem partisan in any way. Was glad to see recent Executive actions and progress in the House. His aide, **Katie Allen**, arrived later and spoke with us about a meeting or even attending a CCL event during summer recess this August.

Fircrest lobbying news—Councilmember **Shannon Reynolds** officially endorsed HR2307, as did **Blake Surina**, a business owner and former councilmember.

## OF FURTHER INTEREST

**Kate Raworth** at the **Security and Sustainability Forum** webinar June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. [Register](#)

“Join ecological economist and futurist, **Hazel Henderson**, in a 60-minute dialogue with **Kate Raworth** an English economist working for the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge. Kate is known for her work on doughnut economics. Her work shows how we can break our addiction to growth; redesign money, finance, and business to be in service to people; and create economies that are regenerative and distributive by design.”