

# Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



*Creating political will for a livable planet*

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

## CCL NEWS

A new [Farm Bill](#) could lock in \$20 billion for climate-smart forestry from the [Inflation Reduction Act](#). [Email your members of Congress](#) asking them to pass it!

### 2024 WA STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS MARCH 7

Lobbying for the best state climate bills is one of CCL Tacoma's big annual goals, & you can still participate! A [step-by-step guide](#) on advocating for bills is provided on our [website](#).

### HALTING LNG EXPANSION

Jan. 26- "President Biden announced he's stopping the approval of new [liquefied natural gas](#) exports. The importance of this win cannot be overstated. The emissions impact of all the projects would have been the equivalent of **over 550** new coal-fired power plants." (Sierra Club)

### Deadline Feb.26<sup>th</sup>—Comments On Area Comprehensive Plan

Housing, transportation, climate planning- the [League of Women Voters' website](#) has a good overview of what's at stake here and how to make your comments. There are very helpful presentations on issues needing community engagement and also on how to develop testimony.

## PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **January** meeting focused on top priority bills in the **2024 state legislature session** and how we can support them. [Minutes here.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 pm**  
**Chapter Meeting on Zoom**  
Program: State Legislature Update, Action Team Reports  
[Click for zoom link](#)

**Friday, Feb 23, 8-12, [Clean Buildings Symposium](#)** (flyer below, UPS Upper Marshall Hall, 1500 N. Warner St.

**Monday, Feb. 26, 7 pm** Tabling Committee meeting on Zoom.  
Contact [Linda Cohan](#)

**Wednesday, Mar 6 noon**  
**CCL Study Group meeting** discussing articles that we email ahead of time. Join us on Zoom!  
Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

**Thursday, Mar 7, 6 pm**  
**Green Drinks** (a local environmental networking group), **7 Seas Brewery and Taproom**, 2101 Jefferson Ave.

**Sunday, Mar 17, 3-5pm, GET OUT THE CLIMATE VOTE** postcard-writing party, [Contact](#) to RSVP and for address.

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Jan. 28, Feb.4 & 11— GET OUT THE CLIMATE VOTE** letter-writing parties. We had big turnouts, much fun, and produced **806** letters! Kudos to **Nancy Atwood** for starting a delightful **GOTV newsletter** and for keeping us all organized, and thanks to the hosts. More to come **March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan. 30—Sue Lepore, Barbara Menne** and a few **Bainbridge Island CCLers** met with **Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz**, a climate candidate running for **U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer's District 6** position.

**Feb. 8—Ginny Lohr's letter to the editor** was published in the **Vashon Beachcomber**. See [p.2](#)

**Feb.12—Tabling meeting—Barbara Menne** is spearheading a **home electrification hub** at the **April 13 Sustainability Expo**, working with Expo organizers to create a grouping of booths with contractors, financiers, advisors, etc. Our CCL booth's new **"GO ELECTRIC! INFO HUB"** banner is ordered and **"Your Household Game Plan"** flyers are in the works. Be a part of this important chapter activity! Join our **Feb. 26** zoom planning meeting!

You can help [Ginny Lohr](#) post on our [Facebook](#) page by sending her photos (captioned, please).

Visit us on [Twitter \(@CCLTacoma\)](#) and [Instagram \(ccl\\_tacoma\)](#).

[Past newsletters](#) are archived on the [website](#)

*Letter to the Editor*  
**“Climate Commitment Act is a great step forward,” by Virginia Lohr**  
*Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber, Feb. 8, 2024*

For decades, fossil fuel companies, including Exxon, have lied to us about the true price we pay for gas. They have encouraged us to spew the wastes of their products into the air, while deceiving us into thinking there was no waste. Meanwhile, they made obscene profits without paying a cent to clean up their mess.

I’m proud to live in a state that had the political will to pass the Climate Commitment Act. It causes most of the biggest greenhouse gas producers in our state to buy allowances for the air pollution they cause, and it has clear incentives and deadlines for them to reduce their pollution. It also raises money for us to begin fixing the problems they have caused. It’s a great step forward.

To reduce the impacts of climate change, we must do things differently than we have for decades.

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**OF FURTHER INTEREST**

Spring is almost here and the Tacoma Tree Foundation’s event [calendar](#) is packed! Tree walks (McKinley Park), tree shares (Hilltop), tree planting events (Parkland-Spanaway), educational talks (Swasey Branch Library), and the April 17 [Urban Forest for All](#) breakfast fundraiser with speaker Hilary Franz, all take place during the next couple of months. Take a look!



The poster features a background of modern skyscrapers under a blue sky with clouds. A large green curved shape frames the left and bottom. Text and logos are overlaid on the image.

**Clean Buildings Symposium**

FRIDAY | February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
**University of Puget Sound**  
Wheelock Student Center  
Upper Marshall Hall  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
1500 N. Warner Street #1093 | Tacoma, WA 98416

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