

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

CCL NEWS

The June CCL conference in D.C., "Making Moves and Moving Congress," will be held June 8-11. Registration and more info [here](#).

LET'S BREAK THE SILENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Over 70% of Americans are worried about climate change yet avoid discussing it, it being too political or overwhelming. But we can't solve a problem if we don't talk about it! This month CCL asks that we have lots of those conversations, with a collective goal of 25,000! See p.2 for help.

EARTH DAY 2024

There will be plenty of local happenings all week—check out earthdaysouthsound.org. And please send [Sue Lepore](#) some suitable words to help construct an **EARTH DAY WORD CLOUD** for our [website](#).

"NO 2117!" CAMPAIGN

Initiative 2117 is a serious attack on WA's groundbreaking [Climate Commitment Act](#). CCL state leaders, along with other environmentalist groups, aim to defeat I-2117 in the fall election with a multi-pronged campaign starting in earnest next month. *Stay tuned, your help is needed!*

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **March in-person** meeting included action team reports and

planning for the **South Sound Sustainability Expo**. No minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Apr 17, 8-9:30 am—"An Urban Forest for All" Breakfast Fundraiser, Tacoma Tree Foundation, 1625 S Tacoma Way. [register](#)

Wednesday, Apr 17, 7 pm Chapter Meeting on Zoom Contact for [link](#)

April 22—EARTH DAY!

Wednesday, May 1, noon CCL Study Group meeting discussing articles that we email ahead of time. For Zoom link, contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, May 2, 6 -8 pm Green Drinks (local environmental networking group), 7 Seas Brewery and Taproom, 2101 Jefferson Ave.

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

June 8-11, CCL [National Conference](#), Washington, D.C.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

John Doherty's radio show "Climate 360" airs on three stations, KTAH Radio Tacoma, KVSH Voice of Vashon, and KBCS Bellevue. You can catch it in the mornings on a random schedule during the Thom Hartmann show.

Our **Get Out the Climate Vote** group does such valuable work! See featured article on **p.2**.

April 7— Elly Claus-McGahan hosted a "meet **Ryan Mello**" open house. **Mello**, a long-time friend of CCL Tacoma and real climate champion, is running for **County Executive** in the fall.

April 13—Tabling Committee— It's all about the EXPO! Kudos to **Barbara Menne, Linda Cohan, Chuck Jensen, Peggy LovettFord, Elly Claus-McGahan, Jason Berkowitz** and **Sue Lepore** for a job well done, creating and staffing a "GO ELECTRIC" info hub at the **South Sound Sustainability Expo**. [Photos](#).

The April update to the [Climate ARTivism](#) page on the website is available. Enjoy the offerings and contact [Sue Lepore](#) with suggestions for future entries.

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

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

Visit us on Twitter (@CCLTacoma) and Instagram (ccl_tacoma).

CCL Tacoma's GET OUT THE CLIMATE VOTE GROUP

This group, headed by **John Doherty** and **Nancy Atwood**, has been hard at work since last year, but has really seen record participation this year! Writers include **Cathy Carruthers, Barbara Menne, Tom Bookout, Debra Grady, Allan Maas, Marti and David Lambert, Jenny Baldwin, Elly Claus-McGahan, Sue Lepore, Chuck Jensen, Jason Berkowitz, Mustafa Haziq, Naveed and Lena Haziq, Linda Cohan, Suzi Crawford, and Mary and Robert Forman.**

What does it do?

Organize "writing parties" in peoples' homes for the purpose of producing large numbers of postcards or letters supporting election turnout and climate causes! It's fun to gather in person--makes the work go much more enjoyably, but we need everyone's help! If you'd rather work from home, we are happy to deliver and pick up materials.

Nancy Atwood keeps everyone well-informed and entertained with her weekly **GOTV Newsletter**. [Contact her](#) if you'd like to be on the mailing list.

Donations for postage and materials are on a volunteer basis.

Earlier this year we helped **Greenpeace** with letters for the **CA** primaries (806 total!) Our current project (coordinated by **Cathy Carruthers**) is writing postcards for **Ryan Mello** and **Jani Hitchen**, local candidates who are clear climate champions.* We've already produced over 1500!

More projects to come:

Opposition to **Initiative 2117** with other **Washington State CCL** chapters, **Postcards for Swing States** (targeting voters for key congressional races).

Environmental Voter Project (targeting voters who have a record of supporting environmental organizations but not voting in elections).

Progressive Turnout Project.

Does it really make a difference?

According to extensive research, sending 100 postcards results in *17 votes!* Significant!

Hope to see you at a writing party soon! We need your help!

* **Why It's Critical for Ryan Mello & Jani Hitchen to Win**, by **John Doherty**

We supported **Jani Hitchen** in 2020, and with her election, the **Pierce County Council** became majority climate and environment friendly for the first time in years. That four-to-three balance is precarious, and to preserve it, Jani must win this year too.

Historically, the **County Executive** position has not given climate and environment the priority it needs, and the election of **Ryan Mello**, who has a long political history of working towards a livable world, will remove the roadblock to climate mitigation efforts that the Executive has been for the last 8 years.

LET'S BREAK THE SILENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, cont'd

The Nature Conservancy has put out a useful booklet [Let's Talk Climate: 4 Simple Tips to Help Friends and Family Talk about Climate Change](#). You can download it [here](#).