

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

CCL NEWS

AFTER THE ELECTION *"We still see opportunities for climate action. Our long history of working respectfully across the aisle means we have earned a seat at the table with lawmakers in both parties. We are well positioned to make progress on evidence-based climate solutions, even now."* Full statement from CCL National, see p.2.

CCL FALL CONFERENCE, Dec. 6-7, *"for an insider's look at what Congress is expected to tackle on climate change."* ["Positioning for Progress."](#) Free and on Zoom.

SOME BRIGHT SPOTS

"New climate champions set to enter **Congress**" In **NY, CA, AZ, MO, MI, MD, MN**, and even **AL**, it's unstoppable!
[Link to article](#) from [Inside climate news](#).

STATE AND LOCAL RESULTS

I-2117 was defeated, **Bob Ferguson** won **Governor**, **Ryan Mello** won **Pierce County Executive**, the **Pierce County Council** is now majority climate-friendly!

"Last night, Washingtonians sent an unequivocal message that they want action on pollution and climate change." See **Governor Inslee's full statement** p.2.

PREVIOUS MEETING

It was fun to meet in-person, in Puyallup, in **October!** We discussed renewing our efforts on campus outreach and social media. [Minutes](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov 20, 7 pm,
Chapter Meeting on Zoom
Contact for [details](#)

Thursday, Nov. 21, 7-9 pm,
[State of the Urban Forest](#),
Tacoma Tree Foundation,
Milgard Hall, UW-Tacoma,
1950 S C St.

Wednesday, Dec 4, 10 am,
on Zoom
CCL Study Group meeting.
(Discussing articles that we email ahead of time)
contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, Dec 5, 6-8pm,
Green Drinks
7 Seas Brewery and Taproom,
2101 Jefferson Ave

Friday & Saturday, Dec.6-7,
[CCL's Fall Virtual Conference](#),
"Positioning for Progress"
[Register](#)

Sunday, Dec 8 or 15, 4-6:30
CCL Tacoma Holiday
Dinner

Location and details TBD
check [website](#)

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Oct. 16—Thanks to **Allan Maas** for graciously offering his home as a meeting place for **October's** chapter meeting!

Oct. 27—All the **GOTV** postcard-writers and friends enjoyed a delicious celebration at **John Doherty's** place!

Nov. 5—**Success!** Many members of our chapter participated fully in the state-wide [NO ON I-2117 CAMPAIGN](#), and the hard work paid off!

See **Elly Claus-McGahan's** summary of **Climate Pierce County** news on p. 2-3. She and **Pete Weymiller** testified at the recent **Community Development** and **Environment** meeting.

Be sure to visit and participate frequently in **CCL Tacoma's** [Facebook](#) page, managed by **Nancy Atwood** and **Mustafa Haziq**.

John Doherty's "Climate 360" airs on **KTAH Radio Tacoma**, **KVSH Voice of Vashon**, & **KBCS Bellevue**, reaching an audience of over 4 million!

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IN A NEW POLITICAL LANDSCAPE, WE WILL PROTECT OUR CLIMATE PROGRESS CCL NATIONAL 11/6/24

“After a busy election season, the people have spoken and the votes are largely tallied: Former President Trump has won the presidential election. Republicans won a majority in the Senate, and though many House races are still being called, it looks like Republicans may keep a slim majority in that chamber of Congress.

Here at **CCL**, we respect the outcome of this free and fair democratic process. We also recognize the unique challenges this political landscape presents for climate action.

We’ve passed policies that will drive down carbon pollution and accelerate the transition to clean energy across the U.S. But now, that progress is at risk. During the campaign, president-elect Donald Trump pledged to repeal the **Inflation Reduction Act** — a critical climate win that CCL lobbied hard to secure. We will need to protect the progress we’ve made.

But remember: Climate work has always been a long-term commitment. No single election outcome will solve the issue, and no single election outcome will dissolve our commitment to this work. With that in mind, we still see opportunities for climate action. Bipartisan climate action has happened under Republican administrations and unified Republican control before, and it will happen again. Our long history of working respectfully across the aisle means we have earned a seat at the table with lawmakers in both parties. We are well positioned to make progress on evidence-based climate solutions, even now.

Send messages to **President Biden**, to sitting members of **Congress**, to local media, and more in support of climate action. And plan to attend **CCL’s Fall Virtual Conference** to prepare for climate progress in this new political landscape.”

GOVERNOR INSLEE’S STATEMENT ON GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS 11/6/24

“I would like to congratulate all of our state elected leaders. For the first time in generations, voters picked a full slate of **Democrats** to lead our nine statewide elected offices. Their leadership will be more crucial than ever during the next four years, and we couldn’t ask for a better team to protect Washington values. **Bob Ferguson** is a sharp public servant who will be an excellent governor. **Nick Brown** will be a dynamic attorney general. Washingtonians have only seen a preview of Nick’s potential as a fighter for justice.

“Last night, Washingtonians sent an unequivocal message that they want action on pollution and climate change. Washingtonians also made clear they want to preserve the equity of our tax system with the capital gains tax on the super wealthy. When they or a loved one need long-term care, they want the WA Cares Act to be there for them.

“I want to thank **Joe Biden** and **Kamala Harris** for their service to our country. Many are understandably worried about the outcome of the presidential election, but Washingtonians know we’ve been here before. Washington has strong statutes that protect our values, and when Trump messed with our state we sued him 97 times – only losing two cases on the merits while he was in office. Our state and others formed enduring alliances for progress during Trump’s first term in office, and we will continue to push the needle of progress for a more perfect union.”

COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS & CLIMATE PIERCE COUNTY NEWS 11/10/24, Eilly Claus-McGahan

We are super excited to celebrate **Ryan Mello** as the next **County Executive** and to have a **County Council** that has a majority of environmental champions. Now is the time to plan what we will work

on and how we will do the work in 2025 to support these leaders and continue sharing the knowledge and passion we have to get to implementation that is more than words. As county executive **Ryan Mello** will likely sign in the [Comprehensive Plan update](#), and may reinstitute the environmental council that the current executive disbanded. Lots of opportunities to be engaged here and keep our sanity as what happens on the national stage plays out. Please help celebrate **Climate Pierce County** member **Evlondo Cooper**, awarded the **Environmental Justice Service Award**, and **County Councilmember Robyn Denson**, awarded the **Clean Water Hero in Elected Office Award** as part of the **2024 Stand for Our Sound Awardees**. **Pete Weymiller** and **Elly Claus-McGahan** testified at the last **Community Development and Environment** meeting on EV charging at multifamily and commercial buildings (equity and CHC reduction), Building electrification and energy efficiency (clean air and GHG reduction), Green Economy (climate justice, equity, GHG reduction), getting rid of bonus density and retracting the UGA (land use decisions to reduce GHG emissions, support biodiversity, clean air and water, reduce sprawl).

Of further interest

[“10 Breathtaking Green Building Designs”](#) from causeartist.com. An inspiring selection! And it includes the **Bullitt Center in Seattle**. I’m planning to add architecture to our [website’s ARTivism](#) page.

[“Why Cleantech is booming in GOP-led states”](#) from ciphernews.com

[“7 Fun Facts about renewable energy you never knew”](#) from earthday.org

[“Nuclear Power was once shunned at climate talks. Now, it’s a rising star.”](#) from nytimes.com