

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](#) has 95 co-sponsors. (To get a current tally click [here](#)).

The [Reconciliation Bill](#) passed the House but without a carbon fee, and negotiations in the Senate on its climate components recently collapsed. See [CCL National's](#) statement on this disappointing setback: [Link](#)

CHANCE TO MEET OUR DIRECTOR

Madeleine Para, CCL Executive Director, will have a chat with PNW Regional members on [Zoom](#) on **Wednesday, July 27** from 5:30-6:30pm. She will discuss “our expanded policy objectives, campaign season activities, and strategies for the next months.”

PRIMARY AND GOTV ACTIVITIES

Be sure to vote **Aug 2!** And help make **climate a central issue** in this and every election by your words and actions. Vote, ask candidates about their stance on climate, help register new voters, volunteer for the [Environmental Voter Project](#).

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!

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our June meeting was a productive discussion about CCL National's recent directive to expand the climate issues we focus on as advocates. Our regional leaders, **Tamara Staton** and **Noel Morin**, joined the last part of the meeting, saying that more guidance and training materials will be coming soon, and that this expansion may lead to more chapter development and membership diversity. See minutes [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, July 27, 5:30 pm
PNW Regional Zoom with CCL Exec. Director Madeleine Para, [LINK](#)

Tuesday, Aug 2, 6-9pm
Tabling at [Fircrest National Night Out](#), Fircrest Park
Contact [Linda Cohan](#)

CCL Study group meeting
Tuesday, Aug 2, 12:30 pm
discussing articles that we email ahead of time. Join us on Zoom!
Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

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Postponed, TBD

Friday, Aug 19, 2-4pm
Get out the Vote Group postcard and letter-writing party. Contact [Mary Forman](#)

Saturday, Sept 10, 11-3,
Steilacoom, Tabling at “[National Drive Electric](#)” EV rally

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

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

The **Tabling Committee** has been working to upgrade our booth, banner, and flyers to be in accord with CCL's expanded policy objectives. Check them out at our booth on **Aug. 2 in Fircrest!** We are also preparing to clipboard informally at local parks and venues. Interested? Contact [Linda Cohan](#).

John Doherty, Barbara Menne, Elly Claus-McGahan, Chuck Jensen and others have begun an initiative to form a **CCL Tacoma state legislature action team**. See John's description [p.2](#)

Our **Get out the Vote Group** met **July 15, at 2 pm**. to write letters and postcards. Contact [Mary Forman](#) for information about this opportunity to mix valuable activism with in-person social time!

[Ginny Lohr](#) is doing a great job with [Facebook](#). She would really like some help! Photos with captions are especially welcome.

CCL Tacoma is now on **Twitter** ([@CCLTacoma](#)) and **Instagram** ([ccl_tacoma](#)).

There is always space for members' contributions to the **Climate ARTivism page** on the website. Contact [Sue Lepore](#).

[Past newsletters](#) are on the website

Legislative Action Team

Given policy inaction at the federal level, we must double our efforts to pass strong clean economy legislation at the state level. Our Tacoma Chapter is making that a focus as are other CCL Chapters across the nation.

We are creating a Legislative Action Team. The Team will have two separate and complementary focuses:

1. Identify liaison persons and assign them to meet with Legislators to put forward our CCL message and to be a climate resource for those Legislators
2. Keep our members notified regarding status of bills and what members can do to influence them

If you are concerned about our climate future, this Team could be a way for you to effectively influence policy at the State level. We are seeking energetic members to serve as Liaisons and to research and publicize climate bills. We can match your skills and time commitments to creative efforts that you will find energizing and rewarding. If you have been pondering being more active, this is a ready opportunity. Friendly guidance provided as you may want.

Contact me, **John Doherty**, at john@ccltacoma.org, to join your voice and energy with like-minded others, and let's get to work.

Of Further Interest

The **clothing industry** is one of the largest polluters in the world and as it grows from overproduction (due to fast fashion) the damage gets worse. It produces 10% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions and extensive toxic water, air, and soil pollution from textile manufacturing. Exploitative trade and labor practices abound. Less than 1% of clothing is recycled. Discarded clothing in the landfills, some *brand new*, has doubled in the last 20 years, some 80 pounds per American consumer, and may triple in the near future!

The **sustainable fashion industry** is in its infancy. Interested in learning what you can do? See:

[Hey Fashion](#) on the fashion industry waste crisis

[Goodonyou.eco](#) brand ratings, most sustainable fabrics and fashion companies

[New York Times' Wirecutter--How to get rid of your old clothes](#)