

# 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 Energy Innovation Act

Was reintroduced **Sept. 27** by **Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)** in the U.S. House as H.R. 5744. This is CCL's signature carbon fee and dividend policy, critical to hitting net zero by 2050.

### CCL FALL CONFERENCE

*"Grassroots Rising: Leveling up in the Climate Fight,"* Nov. 4-5 on Zoom, [info and registration](#)

### HYDROGEN HUBS ANNOUNCED

by the **White House** on **Oct. 13**. \$7 billion for 7 regional hubs to help advance production of low-cost clean hydrogen. **The Pacific Northwest Hub** will receive \$1 billion!

### THE AMERICAN CLIMATE CORPS

was launched by **President Biden** on **Sept. 20**. It's "a visionary jobs program to put thousands of young people to work in real career pathways fighting for their future."

### PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **September** meeting featured an in-depth interview with **Dave Bryant**, Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position #5 candidate. See our Port candidate questions on p.2. [Minutes here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Oct. 15 & 22, 3-5 pm, CCL Tacoma GET OUT THE VOTE Postcard Writing Team contact [John Doherty](#) for location.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7pm, Monthly Chapter Meeting on Zoom. Interview with Port of Tacoma Position #5 Commissioner Candidate (and incumbent) Kristin Ang [Zoom link](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1pm on Zoom, CCL Study Group, discussing articles emailed ahead of time. Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, Nov. 2, 6-8 pm, Tacoma Green Drinks (networking for local environmental groups). Check our [website](#) for location.

Nov. 4-5, CCL Fall Virtual Conference "Grassroots Rising," [Register](#)

Saturday, Nov. 4, 10-4, volunteer to help at the free tree pick-up, [Tacoma Tree Foundation "Branch Out"](#) Stafford Elementary

**Tuesday, Nov. 7**  
**ELECTION DAY! Vote for climate champions!**

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

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Sept 23**—CCL Tacoma chapter made a sizable showing at the CCL WA state conference! The programs and networking were helpful and inspiring. To see one of the excellent presentations—click [Electrifynow.net](#)

**Sept. 16**—Several members tabled at the [Drive Electric Steilacoom Festival](#). [Photos](#)

The season is winding down, but with a carbon cashback bill back in the **House** and a crucial election coming up, there's a lot of preparation to do! Contact [Linda Cohan](#) to help.

**Sept. 24 & Oct. 8**—Our GET OUT THE VOTE postcard-writing group has been meeting frequently. Want to make a difference together with friends? We have two more meetings and there's plenty to do! Contact [John Doherty](#) for location.

**Oct. 3**—A few members met with the **Climate Action Group** at the **Center for Spiritual Living** to connect and explore combining forces for local climate efforts.

**Oct. 6**—The [creative page](#) on our [website](#) was updated. Any suggestions or submissions, please contact [Sue Lepore](#).

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

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

## CANDIDATE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS—PORT COMMISSIONER

1. Where do you see climate issues having major impacts on areas under the Port's jurisdiction and how will you guide the Port's response to those issues?
2. Between the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Infrastructure, and Build Back Better Bills, there will be a lot of federal money for local climate measures. How do you plan to tap into these funds for use by the Port? What would your priorities be for spending these funds?
3. How could the Port lead on collaboration between cities and towns in Pierce County to tackle common climate mitigation and climate resilience solutions as well as apply for federal IRA Act monies?
4. Do you have a plan to manage new development in the Port so that there can be a balance between paved space, green space, and habitat? So development does not lead to further environmental degradation through loss of green space and increased construction & traffic?
5. What is your plan to bring and support green, renewable energy jobs that are also high-wage to the Port and County? What about green hydrogen hubs?
6. What are current tribal environmental concerns with the Port and how do you plan to address them?

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### SUPPORTING LOCAL CLIMATE EFFORTS

#### Tacoma Urban Forest Friends (TUFF)

**Debra Grady**

We are concerned about preserving the existing tree canopy in Tacoma in an effort towards the city's goal of reaching 30% canopy by 2030 which has not budged from 20% since the goal was introduced a decade ago. Tacoma has the smallest canopy of all cities in western Washington. Tree planting efforts are wonderful, but it will take decades for those newly planted trees to reach their capacity, so we want to preserve what we have. Currently, and unlike other WA cities, Tacoma has no preservation plan or any meaningful enforcement for preserving existing trees. The **Tacoma City Council** is reviewing a new proposal to put some of these measures in place, but it needs citizen support and input to make it a robust and meaningful plan.

*To that end, a petition is being prepared and will be available to sign soon*

#### Pierce Co. Comprehensive Plan, Public Input

**Elly Claus-McGahan**

Did you know that all **Pierce County** cities have to update their **Comprehensive Plans** by 2024? **Comprehensive Plans** are roadmaps to the future on how the city wishes to develop through the next 20 years. They're updated every 5 years. Many cities and **Pierce County** actively seek public input. On the **Climate Pierce County Resource** page [Pierce County Comprehensive Plans](#), you will find links to the existing city's comp plan, links to their update pages, and links or information to where they have climate actions. Browse and learn, then...Make yourself heard, participate and advocate for climate solutions!

By 2029 all Comp Plans will be required to include a climate element because of the **Growth Management Act** update. To see what that means check out the [Climate Program page, WA Dept. of Commerce](#). We can help words become action!