

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

CCL NEWS

Want to know more about the [Inflation Reduction Act](#) and its impact on climate change? Check out these links from CCL national's website resources and training page:

- [The Climate Benefits in the Inflation Reduction Act](#)
- [Rewiring America Savings Calculator](#)

THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS ARE CRITICAL AND 48 DAYS AWAY

"Get Loud, Take Action!"

CCL National is holding [Earth Day: Election Edition](#), "a second Earth Day to help draw attention to the importance of the elections," on Oct. 22. Chapters in every state will celebrate with election events.

Help make **climate a central issue** for candidates and voters of both parties. **Vote!** and help remind and register others to vote. Ask candidates about their stance on climate (see our [chapter's questions](#) on p. 2), and volunteer for [Get Out the Vote Groups](#) such as the [Environmental Voter Project](#).

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Take the [survey](#) for the [Pierce County Comprehensive Plan Update](#) and help keep climate a foremost concern on the county planning level.

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **August** meeting included an interview with [Marty Campbell](#), candidate for [Pierce County Council](#)

District 5, using the questions shown on [p. 2](#). See interview video [here](#) and meeting minutes [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7 pm
Chapter Meeting on Zoom
Interview with Pierce County Council District 7 candidates [Robyn Denson](#) and [Paula Lonergan](#). [RSVP](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 5, noon
CCL Study Group meeting discussing articles that we email ahead of time. Join us on Zoom! Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Fridays, Oct. 7 & 14, 2-4pm
Get out the Vote Group postcard and letter-writing parties. Contact [Mary Forman](#)

Saturday, Oct. 1st, 10am-12:30 pm. CCL Tacoma is co-hosting and tabling at ["Climate Change is Here: Challenges and Actions."](#) at the [Environmental Learning Center](#), 5715 Animal Rd (by the Zoo)

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10-5, Tabling at [Thriftapalooza](#), (a thrifting event for waste reduction and sustainability), [Tacoma Convention Center](#)

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

CONGRATULATIONS! [Elly Claus McGahan](#) was appointed to the [Tacoma Public Utilities](#) board! This opens up her spot on the city council's [Sustainable Tacoma](#)

Commission. [Contact Elly](#) if you would like to take on that role.

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](#).

A **State Legislature Action Team** has been formed to lobby for the best **state** climate bills this winter. Interested? Contact [John Doherty](#).

Sept. 16—Our **Get out the Vote Group** met and wrote postcards. Fun, social, and effective! We only have two more meetings, so join in! Contact [Mary Forman](#)

[Ginny Lohr](#) is doing a great job with [Facebook](#). You can help by sending photos (with captions) to post.

Find us on [Twitter \(@CCLTacoma\)](#) and [Instagram \(ccl_tacoma\)](#).

Tabling

Saturday, Aug. 27—Good food, entertainment, and outreach at the [Hilltop Street Fair](#) booth!

Saturday, Sept 10— Lots of zippy EVs and great public engagement at the ["National Drive Electric"](#) in [Steilacoom](#)! See all [tabling photos](#). We have more tabling events coming up—see [box on left](#). If you're new and you'd like to join the fun, this is a great starter activity!

[Barbara Menne's "6 Americas of Climate Concern"](#) [felt board](#) has been a great new interactive tabling tool! [Read about it on p.2](#)

[Past newsletters](#) are on the website

CCL Tacoma Election Forum Questions for Candidates – 2022

1. Now that there is federal money specifically earmarked for combating climate change, what projects are already in the works that need federal funding? What priorities and other projects do you envision to bring (climate) federal funding to Pierce County?
 2. **PC Sustainability 2030** is a GHG emission reduction plan. How will you help the council move the ball faster to see a measurable reduction in GHG emissions by the next inventory?
 3. What is your plan for bringing green, renewable energy jobs and industries to the county? As part of that, there is an opportunity for Washington to become a **green hydrogen hub** and Tacoma already has an interested customer. What will you do to make that happen?
 4. Transportation is the sector with the highest GHG emissions, and freight traffic particulate pollution is responsible for health care costs related to lung diseases, heart attacks, and premature deaths as the TPCHD health equity map shows. Then there's simply traffic congestion. What does Pierce County's transportation future look like to you?
 5. The **Tideflats subarea plan** is of huge interest to many stakeholders. As a council member what will you be looking for in terms of how the port develops to accommodate the 10,000 additional jobs laid out in the **PSRC** planning target?
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Barbara Menne's felt board ([photo](#)) is based on "Global Warming's Six Americas," the [Yale Survey on Climate Concern](#), which uses the terms **ALARMED**, **CONCERNED**, **CAUTIOUS**, **DISENGAGED**, **DOUBTFUL**, and **DISMISSIVE** to describe people's attitudes about climate change, and gives percentages for each. (There's also a Yale [International Survey](#) from 2022.) Initiated in 2008, the most recent 2021 survey shows that:

"There has been a significant change in the distribution of the Six Americas over the past five years. The Alarmed segment has grown by 15% (from 18% to 33% of the U.S. adult population) between 2017 and 2021, while the Dismissive segment has trended downward (from 11% to 9%). Overall, Americans are becoming more worried about global warming, more engaged with the issue, and more supportive of climate solutions."

Visitors to our **CCL Tacoma** tabling booth first answer "Where do you fit?" in these categories of concern, then try to guess what percentage of Americans fit into each category. Almost everyone completely *underestimates* the **ALARMED** and *overestimates* the **DISENGAGED**, **DOUBTFUL**, and **DISMISSIVE**! They are quite heartened to learn of their mistaken assumption that no one cares. The next question is often, "What can I do about it?" (*CCL has a few ideas!*)

Thanks, **Barbara**! And many thanks should also go to **Nancy Atwood**, who is revising our questions (mostly for children) for the spinner game, **Chuck Jensen**, who faithfully hauls, stores, and sets up our booth materials, and **Linda Cohan**, who creates visuals and flyers and coordinates everything!

Of Further Interest

The [Tacoma Tree Foundation](#) has many events and activities this fall! Check out their [calendar](#).

Our study group is hoping to add discussions of these two exciting new climate books this fall: [The Big Fix: 7 Practical Suggestions to Save Our Planet](#), by Justin Hillis and Hal Harvey, 2022. [What We Owe the Future](#), by William MacAskill, 2022.