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Latest Commentary and LTE's:

1/30: [Climate: Old thinkers ought to listen to the young](#), by Chuck Jensen in the TNT.

CCL News and Events

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) now has 78 cosponsors, 77 democrats and 1 republican.
- Rep. Kilmer brings WA CCL member Mike Kelley as his guest to the state of the union. Cool video of them talking climate action [here](#).
- Reminder: **02/27/20 – 03/01/2020 2020 CCL Greater Pacific Northwest Regional Conference** 6pm on Friday through 12:30pm on Sunday at Heathman Lodge in Vancouver WA. Great way to learn more about CCL and fill up on climate knowledge. Conference focuses on diversity, engaging youth, our watersheds, and state level strategizing. Contact [Chuck Jensen](#) for carpool information and more details.
- **June 7 - 9 10th Annual Citizens' Climate International Conference and Lobby Day** is now open for registration. This annual event has grown by leaps and bounds and is inspiring to all who participate. Ask [Ginny Lohr](#) who has been to most of them. You get training, new information, practice, and go lobby. Find more information and register [here](#).
- The House Climate Solutions Caucus is still in existence, still bipartisan but with 41 Democrats, including Rep Kilmer, and 22 Republicans.
- The Senate Climate Solutions Caucus is a bipartisan group that insists on equal numbers of both parties. Currently at 6 each, and it's by invitation only.

Local Climate Events

03/14: South Sound Sustainability Expo: 10-3pm at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. We'll have a booth. New members are strongly encouraged to come table and learn more about CCL. See the materials, come listen or have a conversation with folks on Climate Change and EICDA. Connect with [Linda Cohan](#) to come table.

04/25: Stay tuned for info on Fircrest Arbor Day in our next newsletter or contact [Nancy Atwood](#).

04/11 & 04/18: *Humans and Climate Change* at Tacoma Community College, Continuing Ed taught by [John Doherty](#). Gig Harbor Dates: **04/10 & 04/17.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday Feb. 26, 6:30 – 8:30, Rm 303 in Collins Memorial Library at UPS.

This meeting is different. We're running an En-ROADS workshop to explore climate solutions through trial and error. Carbon price, taxing fossil fuel, carbon capture, energy efficiency are just some of our options. Come solve with us.

Member Activities Recent and Upcoming

Find your passion, get in touch with the Point of Contact (POC), or suggest something new.

- **CCL website**, POC [Ray Lepore](#). It's under design and this is the perfect time to get involved.
- **CCL New member training**, POC [Ana Lia Barragan](#). What is CCL-Tacoma and how to get involved resources will go on the website. Ideas welcome.
- **Lobbying**, POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). **02/17** Two of our members joined a lunch with **Senator Murray** and other community members. She appreciates CCL's efforts in educating and outreach. Her big concern is how the courts are rapidly being stacked and what this means for democracy. **02/21** CCL's [John Doherty](#) has organized a meeting with **Jani Hitchen**, a district 6 candidate for the Pierce County Council that we would like to see flipped.
- **Facebook**, POC Ginny Lohr. Take a look, like and love, or find out how to add content and be an administrator. Check it out: [Facebook CCL-Tacoma](#).
- **Media:** Listen to CCL's [John Doherty's Climate Talk](#) on [KTAH 101.9](#) at 4:00AM and 4:00PM or on your own time at <http://radiotacoma.org/>. The program covers a wide ranging set of topics all related to climate change and what to do about it.
- **Endorsements**, POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). Build relationships with local leaders and work towards getting an endorsement for our bill EICDA – see other column. Meeting scheduled with Pierce County Council member Connie Ladenburg, Wed. **03/11**.
- **Presentations**, POC [John Doherty](#). Making educational presentations to other groups on climate and our solution with a power point. We've done over 25 of these.
- **Letters to the Editor** – [CCL tutorial](#), or POC [Chuck Jensen](#)
- **Tabling** – **03/14** at South Sound Sustainability Expo – contact [Linda Cohan](#) to get on the schedule.

March Meeting: Wed 03/25, 6:30 – 8:30. Speaker Emily Pinckney on the State's Environmental Justice Task Force.

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SHOWING UP

Commentary from John Doherty

Companion Tacoma CCL member Cathy Carruthers and I recently attended a luncheon for Washington Senator Patty Murray. I took the opportunity to thank her for welcoming another Tacoma CCLer, Ginny Lohr, into her office during the Education Day in DC last November.

Senator Murray expressed her obvious gratitude for that meeting and acknowledged CCL directly for the work we are doing. She emphasized the need for education of Congressional members – which I took as meaning something like: there's a lot going on in our political world and communication from groups such as CCL is an important piece in her gaining fuller understanding of the issues.

Also during the luncheon she emphasized the significance of hearing from her constituents on important issues – including hearing from constituents who offer only supportive notes for stands she's already publicly taken. She said that when she propounds a certain point, she feels empowered by having a sheaf of supportive messages in hand from her constituents on the topic.

Short version: as CCLers we are making a difference in this long and challenging climate path. Each of us makes a difference all across the activity spectrum from personally lobbying our elected representatives at one end to taking the time to regularly send emails and phone calls on important issues at the other.

This second page will be available for membership commentary. If you have something you think our CCL chapter would be interested in, please send it in to [Nancy Atwood](#).