

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby

Creating political will for a livable planet



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

EARTH DAY IS COMING!

APRIL 20-22 "RESTORE OUR EARTH, 3 DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION"

Our chapter is going to display a "restore our earth" **WORD CLOUD** on our [website](#) as one way to celebrate the day. Please put your 1 to 3-word contribution into the link and look for it in our beautiful group creation on April 20!

The **City of Tacoma** is organizing an **Earth Month** for April with lots of great activities. Check out their [calendar of events](#). Who'd like to be part of a Goose Chase team for CCL?

Enroll in a Great Class

TCC online spring class offering, **Climate-Peril to Possibility**, April 17-May 8, Four Saturdays 10:30-12:00. A science-based overview of climate change and solutions. Also discusses eco-justice and traditional indigenous perspectives. Taught by CCL member **John Doherty** and climate psychologist Leslie Davenport. Our [website](#) provides a link to enroll.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next chapter meeting Wednesday, March 24 6:30-8:30

Speaker: Marty Gibbons on pending state climate legislation in Olympia

Book Group Wednesday, April 7, at noon, discussing a variety of articles. Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

See [website](#) for links

CCL NEWS AND EVENTS

ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

To be reintroduced in the 117th Congress. It had 86 cosponsors in the 116th Congress.

MARCH LOBBY DAYS

March 10– a great meeting with climate hero **Derek Kilmer!** See p.2. CCL members are also involved in lobbying Representative **Strickland** and Senators **Murray** and **Cantwell** this coming week. CCL Tacoma, along with Climate Pierce County, continues to lobby the **Pierce County Regional Council** for climate mitigation measures. Contact [Elly Claus-McGahan](#).

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

Climate psychologist Leslie Davenport discussed achieving emotional resilience in the face of eco-grief, attaining insight into climate deniers, and other valuable topics. The use of breakout rooms afterwards was very popular. In order to allow for such social interaction in future meetings, we are including a "meet and greet" time 15 minutes beforehand, and breakout rooms at the end.

Become a 5-Minute Activist!

Participate in the **Monthly MOC Calling Campaign**. Sign up on the homepage of our [website](#), then once a month call your federal representative. You will receive a text reminder on your assigned day, and the phone number and optional script are provided. It couldn't be easier yet is very effective!

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Videos by **James Morgese** on local climate stories are now available on our new YouTube channel, [Citizens' Climate Lobby-Tacoma Chapter](#). Suggestions for new topics are always welcome.

Climate Talk radio program, with interviews and news by **John Doherty**, is on **KTAH** and **KVSH 101.9 FM**, and is archived on our [website](#).

From [Elly Claus-McGahan](#):

"Half the testifiers at the Pierce County, Community Development Committee hearing were CCL members! We helped get a "yes" vote for the **Pierce County Sustainability Plan**. Join us on Tuesday, Mar 23rd at 3 pm to get another "yes" from the full Pierce County Council!" [Click here for the Zoom link](#).

Thanks to **Mary Forman** for offering to take minutes at our meetings!

Ray Lepore continues to upgrade the [website](#). Check it out!

Facebook—stay informed and up to date on a variety of events and topics. Contact [Ginny Lohr](#).

HELP WANTED

Someone to start and manage a CCL Tacoma Twitter account

Help with managing the CCL Tacoma Facebook page

If interested, contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Meeting with Derek Kilmer

March 10--Several of our members were among the 95 attending a town hall style event hosted by CCL Bainbridge Island. A partially paraphrased summary of Kilmer's remarks follows (thanks to the CCLBI for sharing meeting minutes):

"I am strongly supportive of EICDA and commend CCL for their efforts there and making it a bipartisan bill. I have a sense of urgency around getting this stuff done—we need to see some action before it's too late. Democratic climate action may come in the form of a unified carbon pricing and environmental investment approach. There is a growing appreciation for the necessity of carbon pricing on the Left. Lawmakers are looking at how to create incentives to move away from carbon while simultaneously making the investments to make that possible."

The House passed an infrastructure bill which includes various energy initiatives. Expanding green capability and other environmental projects are a part of it. Infrastructure has traditionally been bipartisan.

"The Puget Save Our Sound Act makes the federal government a partner to local and tribal efforts to preserve Puget Sound." It passed the House, died in the Senate, and was reintroduced by Kilmer this cycle. "Biden's presidency allows for an aggressive approach to salmon recovery, whereas before it was mostly defensive."

"Bipartisanship should be attempted but can't be a barrier to making real progress --just as it wasn't for the COVID relief bill."

He encouraged checking out the House Select Committee [Report on the Climate Crisis](#).

Of Further Interest

Get inspired! **Robin Wall Kimmerer**, author of [Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants](#) will speak as part of a Seattle Arts & Lectures program at 6pm on Wednesday, April 21. This is an outstanding, insightful book of essays. Go to Seattle Arts and Lectures [Events page](#) for a digital pass. (\$20 fee)

CCL National VP of Government Affairs **Danny Richter** discusses CCL's direction for the March lobbying effort in ["What's Cookin' in D.C."](#) featured in the CCL National newsletter.

Watch [Project Drawdown's Climate Solutions 101](#) video series, a free set of 6 short videos. Visit [Project Drawdown](#) to learn more.

Participate in [Visioning the Tacoma Tidelands](#) 20 years from now. Watch a short video and then take the survey. What industries do you want to see, what business opportunities should the city encourage, what about recreation and waterfront opportunities?