

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

CCL NEWS

CCL Fall Conference

“Grassroots Rising: Leveling up in the Climate Fight”

Nov. 4-5, Virtual
Registration opening soon!

STATE CONFERENCE

The WA State CCL Conference will be held in person on **Sept. 22-24** at the beautiful [Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center](#) in North Bend. Several of us are going.

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **August** meeting featured an in-depth interview with **Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position #3** candidate (and incumbent). See our Port candidate questions on p.2. [Minutes here](#)

SUPPORT LOCAL CLIMATE EFFORTS

[Stop the MEGA Warehouse Campaign](#): attend their rallies (see in upcoming events) and support/endorse [online](#).

The **Tacoma Urban Forest Friends (TUFF)**, learn more on p.2. A link to their petition will be on our [website](#) soon!

Advocate for strong climate solutions in the **Pierce County Comprehensive Plan**, see p.2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:30-1:30,
Tabling at the [Drive Electric Steilacoom Festival](#)

Sunday, Sept.17, 4-6pm,
Stop the Mega Warehouse Rally,
Oakland Madrona Park.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7pm,
Monthly Chapter Meeting on Zoom. Interviews with Port candidates **Jeannette Twitty** and **Dave Bryant.**
[Zoom link](#)

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2-4:30,
“Hops for Tree Tops.”
combination tree walk and pub crawl by the [Tacoma Tree Foundation.](#)

Sundays, Sept. 24, Oct. 8 & 22, 3-5 pm—CCL Tacoma GET OUT THE VOTE Postcard Writing Team contact [John Doherty](#) for location.

Wednesday, Oct.4, 1pm on Zoom, **CCL Study Group,** discussing articles that we email ahead of time. Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, Oct. 5, 6-8 pm,
Tacoma Green Drinks networking for local environmental groups, check our [website](#) for location.

Saturday, October 14, (plus lead-up events) [Green Tacoma Day](#), annual day of service in the city's green spaces.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Our **GET OUT THE VOTE** postcard-writing group is back! Want to make a difference together with friends? This year the meetings are being held on alternate Sunday afternoons—next is **Sept. 24, from 3-5 pm.** There's a lot to do! Contact [John Doherty](#) for location info.

Aug 29—Several members attended the coffeeshop **“Community Conversation”** with WA state Reps. **Laurie Jinkins** and **Jake Fey.** Notable for this meeting was: 1) the room was packed, and 2) climate issues were first on the agenda! Concern is clearly becoming more widespread after this record-breaking summer.

Aug.26—We tabled all day at the always lively **Hilltop Street Festival.** [Photos](#) **Tomorrow, the 16th,** check out all the EV's and visit our booth at the [Drive Electric Steilacoom Festival, 10:30-1:30, Lafayette St.](#)

You can help [Ginny Lohr](#) post on our [Facebook](#) page by sending her photos (captioned, please). Want to help post on our social media sites? Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

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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?

Supporting Local Climate Efforts, cont'd

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 (check the [CCL Tacoma website](#))

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!