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Latest Commentary and LTE's:

07/28 [Biden: On clean energy he offers some hope](#) by Chuck Jensen in the TNT. Reprinted on 2nd page.

CCL News and Events

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) has **82** cosponsors, up by one since last month.
- CCL is awarded the \$25,000 Keeling Curve Prize by the Global Warming Mitigation Fund in the category of Social and Cultural Pathways for our work behind HR 763, a scalable solution to significantly reduce GHG emissions. Read the story [here](#).
- Brent Suter, pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers, endorses HR 763. Watch [here](#).
- Climate Advocate Training – learn from the experts at CCL, check [here](#).

CCL monthly calling campaign

Be a 5 minute climate activist and call your Representative! You get a reminder, a script from the list, and the call is logged. 10 volunteers so far are calling Rep. Derek Kilmer and our Senators. **Let's together call every day every month!** We need action now! The fires in California, the devastation to crops in Iowa, the Siberian heatwave melting permafrost, and the increasing number and intensity of storms heading to Gulf and East Coast. It's easy, go [here](#) or contact [Elly Claus-McGahan](#).

Book Discussion Group

Next meeting September 2 at noon. We're reading [Eat Like a Fish](#) by Bren Smith. A self-discovery book that leads the author to regenerative farming and delicious foods from the sea. Could work here, take a [look](#). Zoom invite will be posted in the [forum](#), or contact [Sue Lepore](#) to join the email list.

Elections –VOTE!

- **Pierce County Council Candidates:** Join us for conversations with Pierce County Council Candidates in the next few meetings. This Wednesday it's District 6: [Jani Hitchen](#) and [Jason Whalen](#). See highlights on page 2. [Cathy Carruthers](#) is our candidate liaison.
 - **League of Women Voters Resources**, just [click](#).
- [Pierce County Sustainability Plan 2030](#) needs your voice to advocate with your PC Councilmember. Cleaner air and water, energy efficient buildings, climate resiliency policies start with this plan. [Learn more](#).

CCL Tacoma May Zoom Meeting: Wednesday August 26, 6:30 – 8:30. Zoom Invitation in the emailed agenda. **Speakers: Jani Hitchen and Jason Whalen** – candidates for Pierce County Council district 6, **Patrick Babbitt** – from the City of Tacoma Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability shares how we can impact the next version of Tacoma's [Environmental Action Plan](#) to meet the challenges of climate, sustainability, and equity for our city.

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

- **CCL website:** <https://www.ccltacoma.org/>, POC [Ray Lepore](#). Check the [News page](#) for articles such as *Austin Texas puts a Price on Carbon* and *The Great Climate Migration has Begun*. Member forums are active, and resources on how you can take action are there too.
- **Tabling**, POC [Linda Cohan](#). [National Drive Electric Week Steilacoom event \(9/12\) 11am – 3pm](#) is in person and we will be tabling. [Tacoma Ocean Fest \(9/13\) 10am – 5 pm](#) is going virtual and the team is working on a video to meet that challenge. Join the meetings and discover how you can help.
- **Endorsements**, POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). We're seeking endorsements and climate action from Pierce County Council candidates through conversations at our monthly meetings.
- **Media:** CCL's [John Doherty's Climate Talk](#) on [KTAH 101.9](#) at 10:00AM and 10:00PM or on your own time at: <http://radiotacoma.org/climate-talk-archives/>. There are notes to go with the talks posted at: <https://www.ccltacoma.org/climate-talk>. 8/24 he hosts an interview with Sharon Brown, WA state CCL conservative caucus chair. John has just added [Climate Minute talks](#) – 60 seconds on a climate topic, first one is **Glaciers**. Find them on our Facebook page as well.
- **Facebook**, POC [Ginny Lohr](#). Take a look, like and love. [Danish Electric Ferry Reports first Successful Year in Service](#) is one post, and our WA state ferry system is working on the same idea. If Facebook communicating is your thing, join the team and talk to Ginny. Check it out: [Facebook CCL-Tacoma](#).
- **Looking for a CCL Twitter or Instagram team to form! Could be you, just come to a meeting and let us know.**

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Biden, on clean energy he offers some hope.

By Chuck Jensen

Re: "Biden's climate plan would overhaul US energy sector," (TNT, 7/15).

While no Green New Deal, the former vice president did unveil an aggressive climate agenda that would reduce pollution and create millions of new jobs. The \$2 trillion proposal would create a clean power grid by 2035, radically expand the electric vehicle infrastructure and upgrade millions of buildings.

And importantly, by reentering the Paris agreement, it would signal to the global community that "the US is back" and ready to lead in the fight to mitigate the climate crisis.

Scientists state that globally we need to reduce emissions by over 7% per year for the next 10 years to keep the temperature rise to 1.5 degrees C. Realistically, the chances of doing so are slight. Currently we are on track to exceed 2 degrees, perhaps 3, by 2100.

Biden could be the new, fresh voice to inspire and reenergize the Paris signers to tackle this mounting threat to our good Mother Earth.

Highlighted priorities from the two candidates speaking with us

Jani Hitchen	Jason Whalen
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy: Making sure that people in Pierce County have access to their local government. 2. Smart Growth: Our county is growing incredibly fast and we have had growth that looks like urban sprawl that has damaged our beautiful area. We need to protect our natural resources and make sure there is green space for our youth in the future. 3. Building Community: I want to make sure that we build bridges between all the cities, unincorporated Pierce County communities, the amazing organizations across our county, populations and specific districts. 4. Mental Health and Social Services: We must increase our ability as a county to help those that are mentally ill or facing addiction. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic security: We need an economy that doesn't leave people behind. 2. Improving public safety: We must ensure that the missions to protect life, property and uphold individual rights is achieved for all. 3. Small business: I am running to be a voice for our small businesses in your County government. 4. Listening: I don't have all of the answers to heal society's racial tensions. I will, however, commit to listening to you and walking with you in order to better work with you to make needed and lasting changes.