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Latest Commentary and LTE's:

09/22 [Smoke, Tacoma slow to protect the vulnerable](#), by Hezekiah Rust. Reprinted on 2nd page.

CCL News and Events

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) has 82 cosponsors, no change. After the election we need to swing into action and raise that number!
- **Saturday 12/05 1pm – 5 pm ET: [United We Move - CCL's plan for climate action in 2021](#)** replaces CCL's annual November lobby day. Sunday 12/06 choose one of 4 workshops: 1. Envisioning Climate Success, 2. Braver Angels' Bridging the Divide on Climate Solutions, 3. A Lens into Race and Climate, 4. A Closer Look at Carbon Pricing Studies. Both days are **FREE** but registration is required: register [here](#).
- **CCL volunteers are getting out the environmental vote with the [Environmental Voters Project](#).** Big push coming for Oct. 30 – Nov. 3. Training is on [Oct. 29](#).

HELP WANTED

1. Are you a member of a local union? Help us build relationships with unions for education and lobbying activities. Contact [Chuck Jensen](#).
2. Print Media Team members: develop skills in writing letters to the print media in our South Sound region and put them into action. Contact [Chuck Jensen](#).
3. Lobbying: Want to meet with legislators either on the state or national level? You'll get training and know your voice is heard. Contact [Elly Claus-McGahan](#).

Book Discussion Group

11/04 at noon. We're reading an excerpt from [Viking Economics](#) by George Lakey. How Viking nations approach adopting wide spread clean energy – maybe some lessons? Or get a head start on December's [Doughnut Economics](#) by Kate Raworth. Zoom invite will be posted in the [forum](#), or contact [Sue Lepore](#) to join the email list.

Elections –VOTE!

- **Pierce County Council Candidates:** last Pierce County Council Candidate conversation, this Wednesday it's District 2: [Sarah Rumbaugh](#). [Cathy Carruthers](#) is our candidate liaison.
- [League of Women Voters Candidate Forums](#), were all recorded, just click.

December 10 Climate Justice Action on the Anniversary of Tacoma's Climate Emergency Resolution

Shoes needed for the [SHOE STRIKE](#) (click to see example) Email [Elly Claus-McGahan](#) to donate shoes.

CCL Tacoma October Zoom Meeting: Wednesday October 28, 6:30 – 8:30. Zoom Invitation in the emailed agenda.

Speakers: Our final **Pierce County Council candidate Sarah Rumbaugh**, for district 2, and **Tamara Staton**, from CCL Portland and Regional Coordinator for the Greater Pacific Northwest will join us to share the latest on carbon pricing prospects and regional efforts.

Our Current Efforts

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](#). Under MENU find lots of other pages to explore. Want to add more, then contact Ray.
- **Tabling**, POC [Linda Cohan](#). Linda is bursting with ideas on virtual tabling, she needs implementers in the virtual arena and more ideas. Contact her to get on the email list for planning meetings.
- **Lobbying**, POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). **10/19** Met with Senator Cantwell's staffer for the South Sound and Olympic Peninsula, Casey Duff. He's new to the job, we shared HR 763, what we're working on here and in Thurston County, and had an hour long discussion on climate action.
- **Media:** CCL's [John Doherty's Climate Talk](#) on [KTAH 101.9](#) at <http://radiotacoma.org/climate-talk-archives/>. Listen to interviews and get some new perspectives on climate action. Find notes to go with the talks posted at: <https://www.ccltacoma.org/climate-talk>. And check out the [Climate Minute talks](#) – 60 seconds on a climate topic
- **Facebook**, POC [Ginny Lohr](#). The candidate interviews from last month are [here](#), Ryan Mello, and [here](#), Joe Zaichkin. Share and inform others. Check out the other new posts – always something to watch. And you can contribute with your ideas, just contact Ginny. Check it out: [Facebook CCL-Tacoma](#).
- **Monthly Calling Campaign**, [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). Be a 5 minute climate activist and call your Representative! You're sent a reminder, have a script to read, and the call is logged. We have 4 representatives and 2 senators associated with our chapter. Move the needle on climate with them. Sign up is easy, just [click here](#).

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by Hezekiah Rust

Re: "City creates relief center to escape wildfire smoke," (TNT, 9/17).

Local officials were quick to issue health directives for the recent wildfire smoke: Close your windows, set up a "clean room" and stay inside.

But what about the hundreds of people in Tacoma without shelter? What were they supposed to do? Some of these people are children or elderly, populations acutely affected by prolonged exposure to smoke.

Nearly nine days after our skies filled with toxic wildfire smoke, which made us for a time one of the most polluted cities in the world, the city finally opened a shelter for the homeless. But even then, it could only hold 50 people and was available only for daytime use.

Besides, the damage had been done; hundreds in our city had breathed in the heavy smoke for more than a week straight.

We are better than this and must do more to protect vulnerable populations from the climate disasters to come. Now is the time to invest in the systems, facilities and resources that will ensure those who are unable to escape disaster in the future are taken care of.