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#### Latest Commentary and LTE's:

**09/20** [Climate: This solution is ready to try now](#), by Elly Claus-McGahan Reprinted on 2<sup>nd</sup> page.

#### CCL News and Events

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) has **82** cosponsors. In September 2019 it had 61 cosponsors.
- Columbia University released a study on the carbon prices needed in different scenarios to reach net zero emissions. HR 763 is on target! Read the CCL story [here](#), and the original article [here](#).

#### UN Climate Week start 9/21

You can participate in over 300 workshops, classes and forums following your own areas of interest. There are 10 categories to get involved in from The Clean Energy Transition to Climate Impacts and Adaptation and many more in between. Free. Event list and links [here](#).

Chapter leader Barbara Menne, as a member of Sustaining all Life and United to End Racism, has been working on readying a UN Climate Week Companion series of classes and workshops that is also free. These have a justice focus. Check them out [here](#).

You do need to register in advance for these events to get the links, as they are all virtual.

#### Book Discussion Group

Next meeting October 7 at noon. We're reading [Grassroots Rising, a Call to Action on Climate Farming, Food and a Green New Deal](#) by Ronnie Cummins. Another take on regenerative farming, but now on land. Why it matters. 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 4: [Ryan Mello](#) and District 3: [Joe Zaichkin](#). [Cathy Carruthers](#) is our candidate liaison.
- **League of Women Voters Candidate Forums**, these cover many Pierce County candidates for local and state and are over Zoom. For voter information, [click here](#).

#### Global Climate Strike in Tacoma

**09/25** 3:00 – 5:00pm, Wright Park, Seymour Botanical Conservatory, Washington Youth For Climate Justice and 350 Tacoma will be hosting Racial Justice is Climate Justice rally. Speeches first, then a march, all youth led. Adults needed for support and as volunteers to help out, [sign up here](#)

**CCL Tacoma September Zoom Meeting:** Wednesday September 23, 6:30 – 8:30. Zoom Invitation in the emailed agenda.

**Speakers:** Pierce County Council candidates **Ryan Mello**, for district 4, and **Joe Zaichkin** for district 3. **Mike Kelly**, from CCL Bainbridge and CCL Liaison with Rep. Kilmer will join us to teach us about the [Environmental Voters Project](#).

#### 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](#). Check the [Resources page](#), a community created electronic library where you can start your own climate research. There's lots more on the website to keep us connected and in the know.
- **Tabling**, POC [Linda Cohan](#). Did you miss [Tacoma Ocean Fest?](#) You can still go virtually, just click. Our booth is still up on the [Virtual Eco-Booths](#) page. Our [Youth Art Contest](#) with prize money is still taking entries. Contact Linda to join planning 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/>. Find notes to go with the talks posted at: <https://www.ccltacoma.org/climate-talk>. John has just added [Climate Minute talks](#) – 60 seconds on a climate topic, check out [Nail that sticks up](#).
- **Facebook**, POC [Ginny Lohr](#). The candidate interviews from last month are [here](#), Jani Hitchen, and [here](#), Jason Whalen. Take a look, like and love. Then check out what else is up, just a wealth of stuff. And you can contribute with your ideas, just contact Ginny. Check it out: [Facebook CCL-Tacoma](#).
- **Monthly Calling Campaign**, POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). Be a 5 minute climate activist and call your Representative! You get a reminder, choose a script from the list, and the call is logged. This keeps climate action on the radar of our representatives. Sign up is easy, just [click here](#).

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Climate Change: Why Carbon fee and dividend is right for right now

By Elly Claus-McGahan

Fires burning here and up and down the west coast, multiple tropical storms/hurricanes on the east coast, weird devastating winds mowing down crops in Iowa are all connected to increasing carbon emissions. We need practical solutions now.

Carbon fee and dividend legislation is already in congress, HR 763. Models show it's effective in reducing carbon emission to meet the Paris Accords. It would provide much needed, yearly increasing, checks in the mail to so many families currently struggling, boosting the economy. Green job growth, cleaner air, and better health, we need this. Over 3500 U.S. economists agree.

Our nation regularly flip-flops in choosing its government leaders. Regulations introduced by one administration are stripped by the next. Carbon fee and dividend enjoys bipartisan support from young and old, already has well developed legislation ready to go, and will enjoy popular support because of the dividend. It will endure. It needs the endorsement from all of our representatives, our governor, mayors, and councils, but most importantly you. We can always add more solutions; this one is ready to go now. Ask for HR 763 and vote.