

Portland Citizens' Climate Lobby - December 14, 2019
Meeting Agenda, Action Sheets and Notes
<https://tinyurl.com/wsz2h4h>

Tamara Staton ran the meeting.

9:30am WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Name, how long with CCL, role & are you a cat or dog person?
- **Request:** Can someone or Tweet meeting to MOC?
- **[Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act H.R. 763](#):** House Bill has 75 co-sponsors! Amazing [resources](#) available!
- **2020 CCL Greater Pacific Regional Conference:** (Drew) Join a planning committee - lots of volunteer [roles](#) available!
 - Registration is open! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-citizens-climate-lobby-greater-pacific-northwest-regional-conference-registration-73494075759>
 - Feb 29th to March 1st at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA.
 - February 28 (Evening Social)
 - February 29 - Mar 1, 2020 (Programming)
 - Early bird registration available through Jan 14
 - Our keynote speakers will be Mark Reynolds, the executive director of CCL, and Valerie Main, the CCL California diversity coordinator.
- **November DC Lobby:** Participant share out
 - Elianne and KB shared their experiences.
- **Climate Reality Meeting:** (Francine) Tues, Jan 21 at Hollywood Senior Center, 6:30-8:30pm ([see details](#))
 - Recommended actions to get Clean Energy Jobs bill passed with Sen. Michael Dembrow & Rep. Karin Power
- **Tabling:** (Francine) Jan 23 [GPSEN](#) event. Other ideas for tabling? Lectures, Environmental Justice Group activities?
 - Tabling team may be tabling an event on Jan 23rd, and we are looking for suggestions about other tabling opportunities in other parts of the city (Hillsboro or Gresham) and in minority communities.
- **Pairing New Members with Seasoned:** Sign up to go to coffee or beer with a seasoned/new member
- **Meeting Notes:** These and other meeting notes can be found here: <http://portlandccl.org/meeting-notes/>
- **Climate Solution Tool:** [Climate Interactive's En-ROADS Simulator](#) to see how the various variables, systems, and policies interact to address the climate crisis
- **REI Meeting:** (Daniela) Does anyone have a connection to REI & want to join a meeting with a store manager?
- **Fundraiser:** (Francine) Reminder that you can still create a Facebook fundraiser for CCL
- **Meeting Location for January:** Back at Base Camp Brewing! Venue feedback welcome at end of meeting

9:55am NATIONAL CONFERENCE CALL & GUEST SPEAKER, Carolyn Woo - Former CEO of Catholic Relief Services

(link): Our December guest knows something about leveraging the power of the faith community to address climate change. Earlier this year, Carolyn Woo spearheaded a dialogue at the Pontifical Academy of the Sciences on "The Energy Transition and Care for Our Common Home." At the conclusion of the event, leaders from the energy sector and the global investment community released a statement saying, "The combination of policies and carbon pricing mechanisms should be designed in a way that simultaneously delivers innovation and investment in low carbon solutions while assisting those who are least able to pay." Woo, currently a Distinguished President's Fellow for Global Development at Purdue University, served as President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services from 2012 to 2016. She was featured in the May/June 2013 issue of Foreign Policy as one of the 500 Most Powerful people on the planet and one of only 33 in the category of "a force for good."

- Dr. Carolyn Wu is leading the work on the Vatican Energy Transition Dialogues, hosted by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. This is a presentation for audiences of fossil fuel CEOs and investment firms. Some of the goals are to encourage a faster energy transition, and to seek solutions to the climate crisis through dialogue rather than an adversarial approach. There is also an interest in making a just transition, and assisting those who

are least able to pay. Pope Francis is a strong proponent of a carbon price. The outcome has been a joint statement on carbon pricing.

- Announcements about national CCL from Mark Reynolds: Our November Lobby Day in DC had the most people ever -- 840.
- The CCL year end fundraising appeal started on Giving Tuesday, and we raised \$100,000! The giving goal is \$500,000, and so far over \$280,000 has been collected.
- The CCL asks this month are: to engage local faith communities. A big push to write LTEs. And, Mark and Marshall are asking that we all thank our families over the holiday season for their support of our important activism work.

10:45am UPDATES & PERSONAL BREAKTHROUGHS

- **Did you take action since our last meeting? How did it go?**
Published?, Tabling?, Meeting with Community Leader?, Presentation?, Other??

10:55am Additional announcements. BREAK (Please fill out a Constituent Comment form or call your MOC)

11:05am COMMUNICATIONS SKILL EXERCISE: Laser talk on Columbia University Report - Page 2

11:15am NATIONAL & LOCAL ACTIONS - BREAKOUT SESSIONS Announcements

11:20am BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. **New Members, Q&A:** (Francine) Ask any HR763 or CCL question + write letter on 'Constituent Comment Form'
2. **Regional Conference Planning:** (Drew) New volunteer orientation for Fundraising and other teams
3. **Youth Action Team:** (Loela/Adelle/Tamara) Development and next steps.
4. **Draft Letter to the Editor:** (Daniela) Leverage the holidays as a hook (see page 4)

11:45am REPORT OUT Next Steps (FC)

11:55am WRAP-UP (MR) - Additional community announcements

Come back for your next "hope shot" on **Sat., Jan 11th at 9:30am** at Base Camp Brewing
Thanks for coming! Mark your calendars for EVERY 2nd Saturday for monthly CCL meetings!

Columbia University Report on the Energy Innovation Act

LASER TALK EXERCISE

Dr. Noah Kaufman and his team at Columbia University have published an exciting new report that projects the outcomes of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R.763.

Exercise

Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the laser talk paragraphs below and then say aloud in your own words what you remember and want to use.

Laser Talk - Benefits of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

The Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy (CGEP) recently released an analysis of H.R.763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

This milestone report concludes that H.R.763 would cut net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 36 to 38 percent by 2030 (from 2005 levels), exceeding U.S. commitments under the Paris Agreement. It would also improve Americans' health by reducing sulfur and mercury emissions by an eye-popping 95 percent and smog-forming NOx emissions by 75 percent.

Under this bill, CGEP says, electric power generation would rapidly shift to low- and zero-carbon sources including solar, wind, nuclear, and natural gas with carbon capture and storage.

They also confirmed that the carbon dividend would, as CCL has long argued, cushion energy price impacts for consumers. Overall, the dividends paid would be comparable to the increased energy costs, but low and middle-income households would receive *more* in dividends than they pay in higher prices.

The main message from the CGEP report is that a price on carbon is a uniquely cost-effective policy tool because it incentivizes emissions reductions wherever and however they can be achieved, and does so at the lowest cost. That's why economists overwhelmingly support a price on carbon as the most powerful first step to addressing climate change.

Resource

Columbia University Report, [An Assessment of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#)

Lead with the holiday season in your letter to the editor

MEDIA ACTION

As we wind up 2019, people of many beliefs will gather and celebrate, and at CCL we should likewise rejoice in our success advocating climate solutions. The Energy Innovation Act was reintroduced in the House and gathered 74 cosponsors (as of 12/6), it was endorsed by 1,200+ prominent community leaders across all 50 states, and it earned coverage in major national news media. This is a terrific time to write letters to the editor (LTEs) for your local newspaper to highlight the Energy Innovation Act.

Action

Take five minutes at your meeting to start drafting LTEs. Here are some seasonal ideas to get you started:

- **The Perfect Gift.** If your Representative has not cosponsored the bill, start by saying that the perfect gift this holiday season would be for your Representative to cosponsor H.R.763. Name your Representative in your LTE so that the Congressional office staff will see your letter. If Representatives in your area have cosponsored the bill, mention them by name and thank them.
- **Gathering with Community.** Around the world people will gather with their families and communities this month, and growing numbers of people agree that climate action is needed. Congress could help the United States lead the world by supporting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.
- **New Year's Resolution.** If your New Year's Resolution will be to take action on climate, your LTE could call on Congress to make climate a bridge issue and support H.R.763.

Get more chapter members involved

- Encourage new volunteers to work with a buddy to write their first letter to the editor.
- Support each other by reviewing each other's letters and giving feedback.

When you are published

- Celebrate with your chapter and share your letter with your member of Congress, if appropriate.
- With the hashtag **#GrassrootsClimate**, share on your social media a link to, or a picture of, your letter.
- Post on CCL Community so we can submit a field report.

Resources

- CCL Community's [Writing Effective Letters to the Editor](#) training page
- CCL Community's [Working with the Media](#) Sitewide Forum and [Print Media Action Team](#)
- [Submit an LTE to all of them](#) using our online LTE tool cclusa.org/lte.

Fundraise this giving season to support our work

BONUS SOCIAL MEDIA ACTION

Help us reach our Year-End Appeal goal of \$500,000 by December 31st! Post on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to remind friends, family and colleagues to contribute to our climate solutions work through your Facebook Fundraiser. If you didn't create a Facebook Fundraiser, it's not too late and it's [it's easy to do!](#) If you don't use Facebook, email is a great way to invite others to donate and you can direct them to our [landing page](#).