

Portland Citizens' Climate Lobby - January 11, 2020
Meeting Agenda & Action Sheets <https://tinyurl.com/yghy2xsd>

9:30am WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Name, how long with CCL, role & are you the type to make a new year's resolution?
- **[Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act H.R. 763](#):** House Bill has 75 co-sponsors! Amazing [resources](#) available!
- **Founder Marshall Saunders:** (Tamara) Our founder of CCL passed away late 1/27/19 at the age of 80 years old
 - A signup sheet was passed around for people to:
 - Create an art piece to memorialize Marshall
 - Attend a watch party of his memorial ceremony later in January at Daniela's house. Date TBD
- **Everyone sign up on iPad for [Monthly Calling Campaign](#):** (Daniela) Plus we need 1-2 [administrators](#) volunteers
 - CCL emphasized call member of Congress twice a year; just before the lobby days in June and November
 - We now want everyone to sign-up using this site to call their members of Congress
- **Pairing New Members with Seasoned:** [Sign up](#) to go to coffee or beer with a seasoned/new member
- **In-District Lobby Days:** Do you want to attend a meeting w/your Rep's staffer? -[Sign up at the break!](#)
- **Town Hall Action Team:** (Brian) [Sign-up](#) for notifications of upcoming town halls to ask questions about our bill!
 - Brian points out that members of Congress pay attention to the questions asked at Town Hall meetings to judge constituent concerns. More are coming up, & a sign up for registering if interested is circulated.
- **2020 CCL Greater Pacific Regional Conference:** (Drew) [Registration open!](#) Join a [planning committee](#) and/or host an out-of-town attendee!
 - The conference will be held on Feb 29-March 1 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. Mark Reynolds (CCL executive) will attend. We encourage everyone to sign up!
- **[Climate Camp](#):** Tamara announced this is a workshop retreat focusing on resiliency, joy, and effective climate leadership. It is scheduled just before the conference, Feb 27-28.
- **Ask an Expert:** (Kat) Jan 16, 6:30-8pm [Cascade Brewing Barrel House](#) with John Perona. New and seasoned members encouraged to attend! West Side event a possibility in future.
- **Conservative Lobby Day:** (Tamara) Feb 3-4 [Registration](#) is open. 80 people registered so far!
- **Climate Reality Meeting:** (Brian) 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
- **Endorsement Team Lead:** (Tamara) Seeking a volunteer to lead this team
- **Bridge for Sustainability:** (Francine) Jan 23 - *Climate Change & Policy* lecture featuring CCL member Walt Mintkeski
- **Peer Group Ongo:** (Tamara) Starts Jan 19 - Support group for improving communication. [Sign-up here](#)
- **Meeting Notes:** Monthly meeting notes can be found here: <http://portlandccl.org/meeting-notes/>

9:55am NATIONAL CONFERENCE CALL & GUEST SPEAKER, John Wood, Jr. - Better Angels ([link](#)):

Searching for ways to bridge the partisan divide in America, we hear this month from John Wood, Jr. at Better Angels, a national citizens' movement "to reduce political polarization in the United States by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes." Wood is a national leader for Better Angels, a former nominee for Congress, former Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Los Angeles County,

and author of the upcoming book, "Transcending Politics: Perspectives for a Divided Nation."

National Call –

John Wood – *Better Angels (BA)*

- CCL & BA have much in common: many shared members. "I like to think this speaks to a shift in social trajectory – looking at the craft of citizenship not just as voting or arguing, but understanding other perspectives."
- "We are the nation's largest grassroots organization working specifically at ending political polarization."
- The organization was born immediately after the 2016 presidential election when two groups of Trump & Clinton supporters were pulled together in a workshop to see if they could find common ground. It was so successful that they thought it could be spread across the country.
- Think of them as "marriage counseling for the nation".
- Two reasons:
 - Many people have seen their own personal relationships suffer as a result of this polarization. We've allowed this to affect the relationships that matter more to them than anything in the world.
 - Americans know that a Democratic society is not sustainable without a culture of good will between parties and individuals. Consensus is impossible without it.
- More fundamental than policy is a culture for civil society and citizenship.
- Our enduring hope is that CCL & BA can help American find that culture: the antidote to polarization.

Mark's first question:

- How do you address the complaint that says "*the other side put me in this position; they are the ones who put us in this adversarial mode*". Answer: the sound went out on the phone call! Bummer! References to MLK: even if that person on the other side is incorrect, you need to let them know that you are not their enemy, you seek to be their friend, and are seeking moral truth. It allows you to unshackle yourself from your own biases & prejudices.

Mark's second question:

- What tools do you offer people to adopt your philosophy? A: the tools in BA's workshops are the *start* of the process, not the end. One good step is to align with the other side on issues that are peripheral to the divisive issue, to cultivate relationships.

Audience questions:

- Climate change has become polarizing because there are partisan story lines built-in to the debate by competing cultures. Sub-currents are really driving the debate. There needs to be a more unifying story line that cuts through what it really means to be an American. It needs to cut through these polarizing story lines into a common story. If you **don't** have a common theme, you will always be talking about different stories.

Mark's Additional Points

- 70,000 new CCL members were added in 2019.
- 1,708 meeting with Congressional offices in 2019
- Zillions of published media pieces
- \$850,000 donated at end-of-year fund drive, exceeding target of \$50,000

National Actions This Month

- In-district lobby drive meetings for the start of the year
- Think of things you can do to remember Marshall Saunders
- Susan Flores-Higgins posted a short photo tour of Marshall's little office in Coronado, CA, where he worked for the last 20 years.
- Sam Daley-Harris recounts his memory of Marshall & how he started CCL.

Celebrating Individual Recollections of Marshall Saunders

Your correspondent, Eric Means, had to leave early because he had a tennis match upon which the future of the Western world depends! (notes after this taken over by Francine)

10:45am REMEMBERING MARSHALL SAUNDERS

- Attendees were given the opportunity to share a memory of Marshall Saunders
 - Brian, KB and Daniela shared memories

10:50am UPDATES & PERSONAL BREAKTHROUGHS

- **Did you take action since our last meeting? How did it go?**
 - Eric Means is working with Trout Unlimited, a conservative outdoors group, on the bill
 - Chris Corral got an LTE published in the Clackamas Review. It was her first LTE that she submitted.
 - Otto heard Pete Buttigieg comment on the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. When Otto got a chance to shake Pete's hand, he thanked Pete for mentioning the bill.
 - Tamara noted that we don't necessarily want the candidates to endorse our bill because if they don't win the nomination, our bill might suffer. However, she did say it was great for Otto to give the feedback to Pete.
 - Meera was interviewed by KGW to get CCL's comment on the mayor's new climate plan
 - Tamara called her up to see if Meera could do the TV interview. Even though Meera dinner guests coming over and she had to feed her kids, she said yes and represented CCL well!
 - <https://www.kgw.com/article/tech/science/environment/portland-mayor-announces-new-climate-action-proposals/283-32ed7aa5-d6c3-4e49-8221-c5a17fc75a04>
 - Leslie Cole suggested actions everyone can take: follow CCL on Facebook and Twitter. If you attend a CCL event - take a picture, post it, tag your member of Congress and use the #grassroots

10:55am Additional announcements

11:00am Break (Please fill out a Constituent Comment form or call your MOC) Support Basecamp as you're able!

11:20am NATIONAL & LOCAL ACTIONS: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. **New Members, Q&A:** (Francine) Ask any HR 763 or CCL question + write 'Constituent Comment Form'

2. **Regional Conference Planning:** (Drew) Help with creating raffle or silent auction, fliers, homestays, fundraising, art
3. **Winemaker Declaration:** (Daniela) Follow-up on getting winery endorsements
4. **Plan In-District Lobby Days:** (Karen) Discuss and share common themes for upcoming meetings with MOC

11:45am REPORT OUT Next Steps

- Conference Planning: Drew said if we approach a business to ask for a donation, a secondary ask can be an endorsement for the bill.
- Wine: Karen said they worked on drafting an intro email and they were working on connecting with wineries in Herrera Butler's district.

11:55am WRAP-UP (Tamara) - Additional community announcements and...

Come back for your next "hope shot" on **Sat., Feb 8th at 9:30am** at **Base Camp Brewing**
Thanks for coming! Mark your calendars for EVERY 2nd Saturday for monthly CCL meetings!

Remembering our Founder, Marshall Saunders

Some of you may be wondering how best to honor the memory of Marshall, and wanting information about the memorial service.

- Continue sharing on the [Remembering Marshall Saunders memorial page on CCL Community](#).
- Cards for the family can be sent to the CCL office (1330 Orange Ave Suite 309 Coronado, CA 92118)
- The memorial will be Jan 25th at 1 p.m. PT in Coronado, CA, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 700 D Ave. A reception will follow. You are welcome to attend. The family also plans to live-stream and record the memorial so people can be there without the financial or carbon cost of attending in person. Video live-stream and recording links will be posted on [Marshall's memorial page on CCL Community](#).
- If your chapter wishes to make a poster honoring Marshall, you can send it to the CCL office by January 23rd and it will be displayed at the reception on the 25th.
- Your chapter is welcome to do anything else that seems good to you, such as planting a tree or gathering together to view the live-stream of the memorial service. Please post pictures on the [Memorial Forum](#) on Community for the family to enjoy!
- In the obituary the family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to either CCL/CCE or the Scripps MD Anderson Cancer Center in San Diego, CA.

We all know that the very best thing we can do to honor Marshall is to continue the work he started, and CCL staff stands ready to do just exactly that with you in 2020 and beyond.

Plan your In-district Lobby Drive

LOBBY ACTION

During our yearly In-district Lobby Drive, CCL volunteers meet with members of Congress, or their aides, in their district offices. We encourage you to hold these meetings in February or March so that the meetings are done before we start scheduling for our June 9th Lobby Day in D.C. Your chance of getting a face-to-face meeting is especially good during House and Senate recesses, February 17-21, March 16-20, and, if need be, April 6-17. At your chapter meeting, get started by discussing the steps below.

Set the appointment

- Usually the liaison requests the appointment, but another volunteer could do it if the liaison is not able to. If there is more than one chapter working in the district or state, then coordinate to determine just one appointment setter. You might use your regional/state GL call the week of Jan. 20 to figure this out.
- Before you request a face-to-face meeting, consider how long it has been since your last face-to-face and the value of meeting with staff. If you can include a prominent community leader in the meeting, that is another good reason to ask for a face-to-face. Liaisons will get more guidance from Amy Bennett.
- If there is more than one district office, decide where and when you are most likely to get a face-to-face.
- Check with your liaison to see if your Republican MOC or energy aide is included in our new CCL Conservative Climate Lobby Day, Feb. 3-4, in Washington, D.C., and factor that into your planning.

Plan the meeting

- Study our [primary ask leave behind](#). Then get details on making the primary ask and a selection of supporting asks in this [Making primary and supporting asks](#) document. Your meeting agenda will likely include other goals and supporting asks based on your meeting history. Be sure to ask for a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, June 9th, in D.C.
- You may want to include on your lobby team:
 - Volunteers from several CCL chapters in the district or state
 - New volunteers who will feel empowered by the experience
 - Trusted community leaders (be sure to review the agenda and rehearse with them in advance)

Important considerations

- Bring bill-specific constituent letters or copies of published media to the meeting.
- Your lobby team should all have completed [lobby training](#) and have met together to assign roles and rehearse the meeting well in advance. The note taker should submit notes at cclusa.org/minutes.
- If at all possible, hold your in-district meeting before March 31st, because starting in mid-April your liaison will be asking for a meeting on June 9th for the D.C. lobby day.

Resources

- CCL Community's [In-district Lobbying Plans](#) training page
- CCL Community's [Planning Your Meeting with Congress](#) training page
- Bill specific resources are at cclusa.org/bill