

Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and Councilmembers,

Citizens' Climate Lobby-Tacoma members has had the opportunity to meet with several of you over the last few years to advocate for a livable future for all. We appreciate the work you do in these challenging times.

The climate crisis is here as documented by this summer's events worldwide and the August release of the IPCC report. We all feel an urgency to act. While our national advocacy is around putting a price on carbon, locally we support efforts to reduce carbon emissions, raise awareness, and show up at events supporting climate justice. The Tacoma Community Climate Action Plan gets our full endorsement. It echoes the IPCC goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, it is specific in its actions and why they are necessary, and it is information rich on many fronts for many audiences.

While all the actions are important, we specifically support these Next Move Implementation actions because they seem most dedicated to climate justice and emissions reduction:

- 9-11 – these address how we can transform how we move around our city reducing our emissions, and increasing our own well-being through more mobility.
- 14 and 17 – we need to decarbonize our homes, reducing emissions and increasing the health factor of our indoor living spaces. Both retrofitting for energy efficiency, carbon free space and water heating as feasible, and moving our code towards new building being zero carbon and green certified will get us there.
- 10, 11, and 19 – 21 – we need carbon zero transit readily available in our communities but also the means to easily access transit, especially in low and no opportunity neighborhoods. Walking and biking to transit needs to be attractive. We need to decrease the need and increase the appeal of not driving and tackle emissions and access simultaneously.
- 15 –the technology exists, we need to reduce fossil fuel dependence for commercial use.
- 18, 23, 32, 40 – trees are a long term tool for carbon sequestration, cleaning our air, and reducing our energy use because of the shade provided. Tree canopy is also an equity issue as the heat map shows. Fully funding these will make the city's commitment to climate justice visibly apparent as neighborhoods improve through the addition and maintenance of trees, and the job opportunities provided in this work.
- 4 – investing in the education of our youth on climate justice actions just makes sense. They are the future and they need to have the tools and the knowledge to protect their future.

Fully funding the Community Climate Action Plan would be huge for our city and for Pierce County. We encourage you to stay focused on the need to reduce emissions while also increasing everyone's access to health, job opportunities, and inviting neighborhoods. Being a leader in this will help towns and cities in Pierce County to also work on their own climate action needs.

Thank you.

On behalf of Citizen's Climate Lobby – Tacoma,

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