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Subject: Agenda item for Nov 01 meeting - Citizens' Climate Lobby

Ann,

Please distribute this introductory information to the Board members prior to the Nov 01 meeting. We are soliciting an endorsement or resolution that LOCSD is in favor of our goal, after learning about it.

Citizens' Climate Lobby - core description - Non-profit - Non-partisan - Grassroots advocacy, focused on national policies to address climate change.

We are focused on what we see as the single most impactful solution to global warming: a national Carbon Fee and Dividend (CF&D). How this works will be explained by our speaker. Modeling studies reveal that this attack/approach has the best chance of bringing down the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, doing it faster than other approaches, while maintaining a strong economy and creating new jobs. Included in our proposal is a border adjustment to avoid putting the US at a disadvantage to other countries who might be less committed to climate action. I am sure you are all aware of the urgency of this cause.

Our local chapter in San Luis Obispo is part of a national effort with 492 chapters in almost every state, including 46 in California, and a growing number internationally. Locally we meet twice a month and attend regional and national conferences where we meet with Congressional representatives. Our own Congressman Salud Carbajal supports our work, and mentions our goal during Town Halls. Many of our members lean toward the liberal side, (not all, and not on every issue) however there is also strong support from some conservatives, even some large oil companies, because it relies on a market based approach rather than forcing individuals and energy purchasers to comply.

Our allies in Congress have created the Climate Solutions Caucus, which currently has 90 members, which explore ways to act in a bipartisan manner on climate issues. Membership is available to any congressional representative from either party, provided they join along with a partner of the other party, thus the group is bipartisan by definition. There is full awareness that our cause cannot succeed unless the approach is bipartisan. Locally we have resolutions of support from both the cities of San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay, and dozens of individuals and organizations.

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a great example of Think Globally, Act Locally. Our efforts locally are aimed at building the political will to see the enactment of CF&D in Congress, by writing letters to the editors of newspapers and online forums, obtaining more endorsements, and manning tables at community events explaining our goals.

Our speaker Sharon Rippner will present the details of the Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal, and she will answer all your questions. Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you.

Chris Van Beveren, member of Citizens' Climate Lobby