

*Preserving Our Planet
for the Grandchildren
and All Life*



Who We Are

Elders Climate Action mobilizes elders throughout the United States to address climate change while there is still time to protect the wellbeing of our grandchildren, future generations and all life.

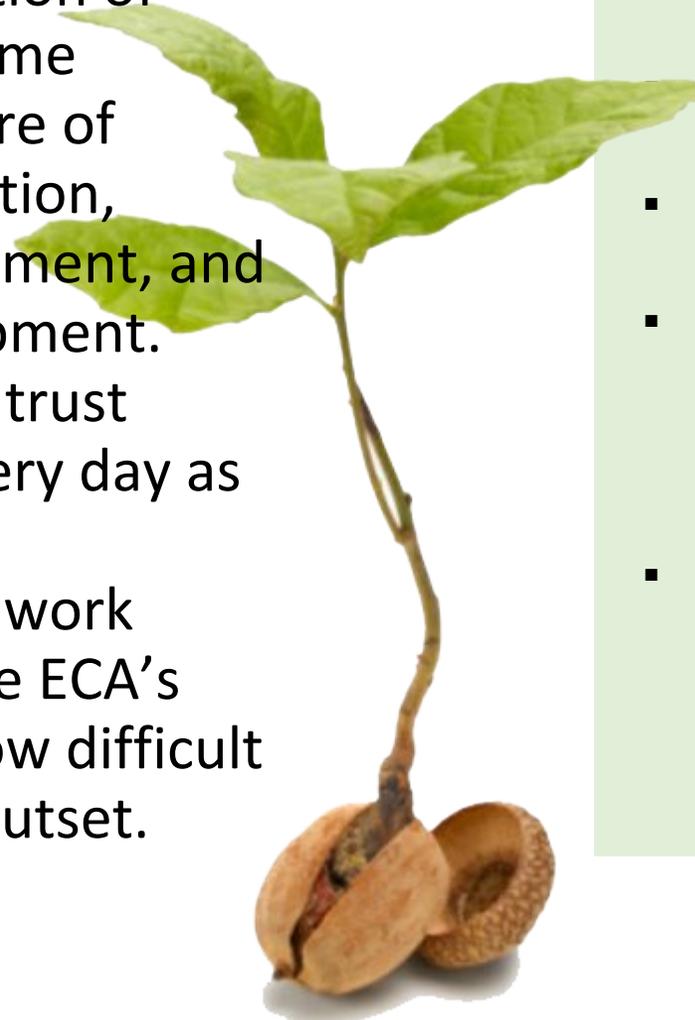
Our Mission

We are dedicated to using the power of our caring, our wisdom and our numbers to push for strong policies that will reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to a level consistent with life thriving on our planet.



Our Core Values

ECA is an organization of volunteers who come together in a culture of learning, collaboration, member empowerment, and leadership development. Our community of trust grows stronger every day as members take on commitments and work together to achieve ECA's goals no matter how difficult they seem at the outset.



- ECA encourages and supports leadership development in central committees, members, task forces, chapters and teams
- ECA empowers members to be active participants in the fulfillment of our mission
- ECA embraces a culture of learning so that skills and experience are shared to further ECA initiatives
- ECA embraces a culture of collaboration with organizations which share aspects of our mission
- Elders Climate Action is an inclusive organization, encouraging membership by all elders, striving to include elders from all segments of American society, and seeking involvement of members in all aspects of decision-making for the organization.
- ECA encourages member driven initiatives.

We Follow the Jemez Principles of Organizational Leadership

- ★ Be Inclusive
- ★ Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing daily
- ★ Let People Speak for Themselves
- ★ Work Together In Solidarity and Mutuality
- ★ Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
- ★ Commitment to Self Transformation



A Closer Look

- We are a young organization – launched in 2014
- A campaign of Conscious Elders Network, a not for profit and non partisan organization
- All Elder volunteers
- 5500 members, represented in all 50 states and internationally too!
- Five local ECA Climate Action Teams organized as chapters with more to come
- We currently have 69 partner organizations

Did You Know?

Baby Boomers are the largest voting bloc in the United States. Making up 32% of registered voters, an estimated 80 million elders!



Our Core Initiatives

- **Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation**
- **EPA emissions regulations**
- **State and local policies**
- **Fossil fuel divestment**



We advocate for policies that will:



Discourage and eventually halt any further extraction of fossil fuels from the Earth.

Reduce present emissions from the burning of fossil fuels.

Seek and encourage means to draw down carbon from the atmosphere into carbon sinks.

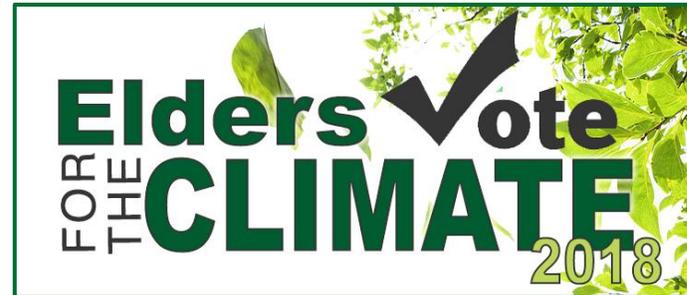
Promote forms of clean energy, including new and emerging technologies.

Build relationships and collaborations with like-minded groups to promote our goals.

2018 ECA ACTIONS



Members of Elders Climate Action are taking to the streets to ask candidates for office to join us by signing a commitment to climate action. We are asking our representatives in 2018 to work with others to adopt legislation that will reduce greenhouse gases to prevent catastrophic climate change.



Elders Climate Action has partnered with our friends at the Environmental Voter Project to make climate change a priority voting issue.

By showing up to the polls for EVERY election, elders can help to ensure a safe climate future for our grandchildren, future generations and all life. No matter who you vote for, we need politicians at every level to know that we care about the climate and WE VOTE.



Elders Climate Action & DearTomorrow have partnered together to collect Letters to Loved Ones in 2050. This is an opportunity to take a moment and write a letter to your loved one, grandchildren or great grandchildren and let them know what you did when you realized the significance of climate change.

We Hope YOU Will PARTICIPATE in These Important Projects!

ECA Current Priorities

- ★ Support of Revenue Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation.
- ★ Support of effective cap and trade policies.
- ★ Encouragement of our elected representatives in Congress to join the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus.
- ★ Full implementation of the Clean Power Plan (CPP).
- ★ Support of Obama-era regulations to significantly reduce methane emissions.
- ★ Reduction of US carbon emissions that exceed the goals set in the Paris COP 21 climate agreement. While the current Administration has rejected the Paris accords, we actively support local community, city and state actions aimed at achieving the COP 21 goals.
- ★ Support of all forms of carbon sequestration through natural biologic processes.



ECA supports the following actions by our members, chapters and partners:

Divestment of fossil fuel stocks from portfolios held by private institutions and pension funds.

Opposition to further extraction of fossil fuels from the ground by adopting policies to:

- Ban offshore drilling for fossil fuels.
- Phase out hydraulic fracturing as a method of mining fossil fuels.
- End government subsidies of fossil fuels.
- Oppose the use in fossil fuel cases of the investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), which has been increasingly used by corporations to bully governments to protect their profit rates.
- Oppose construction of additional pipelines carrying fossil fuels through the U.S.
- Remove special interest money from US political campaigns as it pertains to fossil fuels.

Support of environmental justice for low-income and minority communities who may suffer more from the impacts of pollution of their air, ground and water as a result of extracting and/or burning fossil fuels.

Support of certain lawsuits such as Our Children's Trust, a lawsuit against the federal government for violating the younger generations' constitutional rights through its ill-advised actions in causing climate change.



- Building a movement at local, state and national levels
- A non-partisan community of engaged elders
- Developing partnerships with a broad spectrum of other organizations
- Have fun and develop new connections as we work together
- We have many volunteer opportunities waiting for you

Together We Will Make Our Voices Heard!

ECA Completes the first WEBINAR SERIES



WEBINAR SERIES



Webinar 1: Our Elder Role in Standing for Social and Environmental Justice with Special Guest Speaker, Heather Booth and Elder Activists, John Sorensen and Lynne Iser

Webinar 2: *Communicating for Climate Action* with Special Guest Speaker, Bob Inglis, Executive Director of RepublicEn, Former South Carolina Republican Congressman and ECA Chapter Leaders, Grady McGonagill (Massachusetts), Hazel Chandler (Arizona), and John Sorensen, Shirley McGrath, Sheila Tarbett (Northern California).

Webinar 3: Our Voice, Our Vote, Do Environmentalists Vote? with Special Guest Speaker, Nathaniel Stinnett, Environmental Voter Project and Elders Climate Action leaders, Hazel Chandler, Margo Frank and Jen Chandler

Webinar 4: *For the Grandchildren, Future Generations and all Life* with Special Guest Speaker, Katharine Hayhoe and ECA's Director of Operations, Jen Chandler

Watch on our website - found in the [ACTION TOOLKIT](#)
or on the Elders Climate Action YouTube Channel

ECA Ongoing Monthly Events



Climate Tea & Talk

Second Tuesday of the Month

6:00 PM (Eastern) | 3:00 PM (Pacific)

Find out more on the EVENTS section of our website

This is an opportunity to connect with other elders and discuss climate issues and actions within your community. Come share stories and success of working for climate action



ECA Monthly National Call

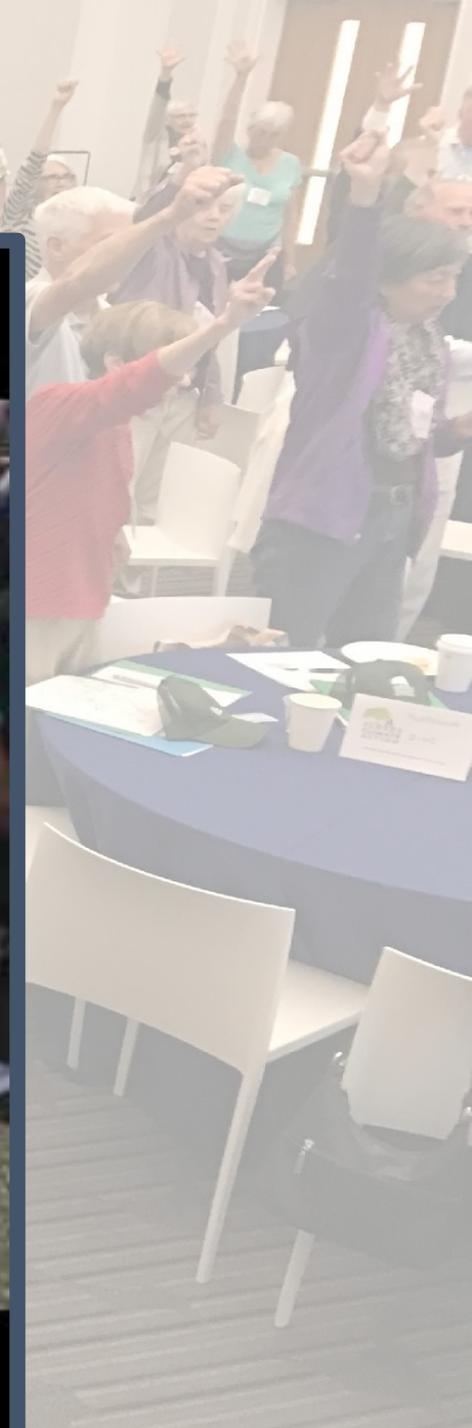
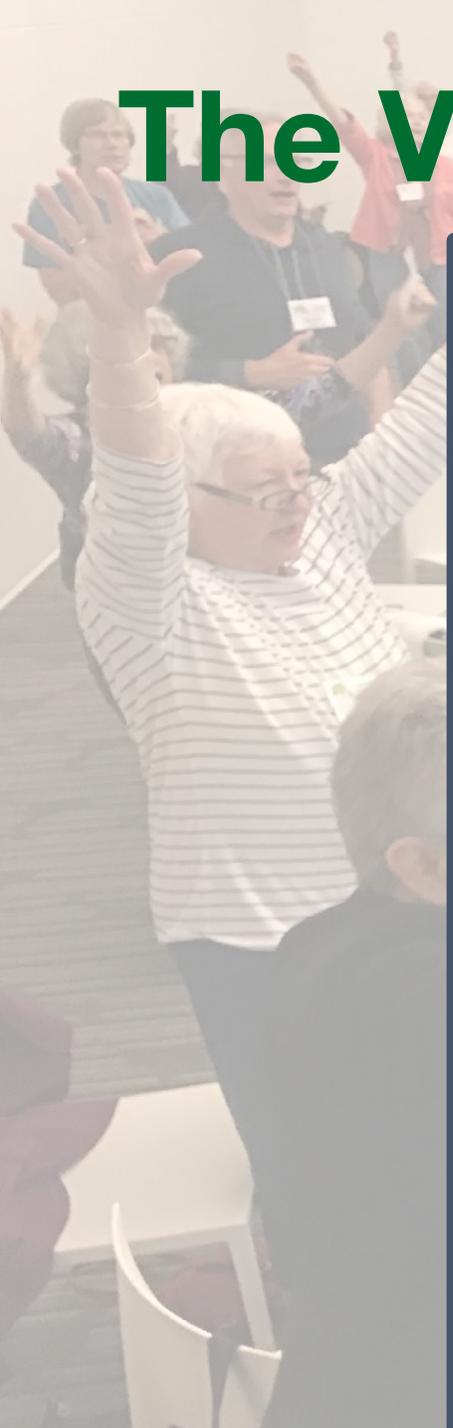
Fourth Tuesday of the Month

7:00 PM (Eastern) | 4:00 PM (Pacific)

Find out more on the EVENTS section of our Website

National calls feature special guest speakers, ECA action information and more!

The Voices Of Elders Matter!



Coming Together As Elders

Elders Climate Action Day 2017

- Elders joined together in Washington D.C. for a day of education and inspiration, a day of Congressional Visits, and a day of marching!
- We delivered our Climate Pledge to all 535 members of Congress. [Watch Slideshow Now](#)
- We marched with an estimated 250,000 people in the People's Climate March.



Grandparents Climate Action Day 2015



- A gathering of elders in Washington for a day of inspiration and education, and a day of meetings with 44 Members of Congress
- The first ever ECA Flash Mob with Elders in Union Station and a Congressional Dining Room [ECA Flash Mob](#)

Previous ECA ACTIONS



- **Congressional Candidates Climate Project 2016**
- **Elders Climate Voter Pledge 2016**
- **Stop Pruitt's Nomination to the EPA Campaign**
- **Monthly Newsletter & Action Bulletins**
- **Monthly National and Volunteer Calls**



How we Engage Elders

- **Chapters**

An organized group in a specific geographic area

- **Collaborations**

Specific initiatives with another organization

- **Teams**

Small group identifies a project

- **National Committees**

Participate in an ECA leadership committee

ECA Local Chapters

Massachusetts Chapter A Local Climate Action Team

- Formed in early 2016 with statewide membership
- Alliances with other environmental groups
- State legislation on an energy bill
- Presentations to groups of elders
- Communications with members
- Participates in local efforts

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Ann Arbor, MI Chapter

The Ann Arbor Area chapter was approved early in 2017. We mix both activist and educational activities with opportunities to socialize in order to build a strong community. Our primary focus is local issues, working in conjunction with partner climate organizations to avoid reinventing the wheel.

More Local Chapters

Northern California (NorCal Chapter)

- Inspired by ECAD 2017
- Newly formed in the summer of 2017.
- Covers large geographic area including the Bay Area, rural Northern California and Central valley communities.
- Interested in local action, statewide and regional policy, outreach to senior communities and collaborating with partners

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Maryland Chapter

Since May 2017, a group of elders have met five times, have submitted an application to become an ECA chapter, are working to oppose the construction of a natural gas pipeline across the Potomac River, and are exploring ways to work with ECA partners on a variety of local, state and national initiatives to address climate change.

Arizona Chapter

Newest Regional Chapter - Obtained Chapter Status fall of 2017

Started from Elders Climate Action event in conjunction with Citizens' Climate Lobby – Wild West Regional Conference.

Pilot program for the Candidates Pledge Climate Action Project, Chapter grew out of this project. The chapter has received 33 candidate signatures.

Start a Chapter in Your Area!

Leave a Legacy of Change

United we have the power to

- ✓ Change our nation's policies
- ✓ Reduce greenhouse gases
- ✓ Create a planet where life continues to thrive



Take Action Now

for your grandchildren, future generations and all life.

10 Simple Ways to Participate

1. Organize a 2-3 member ECA team in your Congressional district or local community and **schedule meetings** with your Representatives
2. **Send a letter** to your Representatives. ***Visit our Website to send a letter today!***
3. ***Join or Start a Local Chapter in your Area***
4. Represent Elders Climate Action at **Local/National Events**
5. Like, Follow, Post and Share ECA on **Facebook & Twitter**



Help Us Build A Brighter Future!

6. Learn more about joining an **ECA Leadership Team**
7. **Contribute a Skill** - write grant proposals, graphic design, produce newsletters, research, writing, administration, political advocacy, video production
8. **Support ECA, Give a Gift Today.** [Make a tax-deductible contribution.](#) Help keep our great work going!
9. **Join our National Call!** Get informed, inspired & engaged on our monthly call and hear what fellow climate advocates from across the country are doing.
10. Tell Your Friends and Family, and **Help Us GROW!**

For more info visit www.eldersclimateaction.org

or email us at info@eldersclimateaction.org

The #1 Thing We Can Do For Climate Action is:

VOTE

and VOTE consistently

Find Us & Engage on Social Media!

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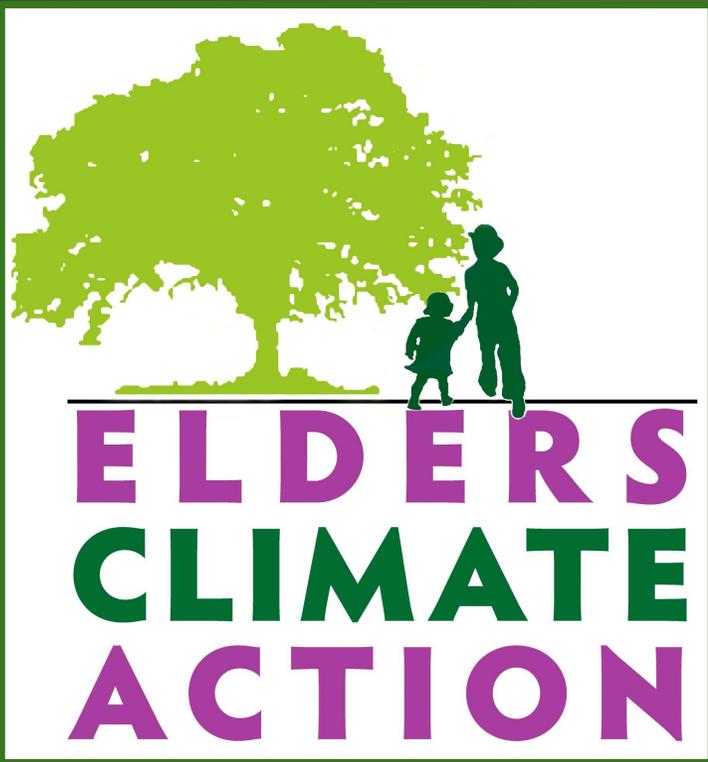
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What Did You Do Once You Knew?





Thank You!

**Together We Can Take Action on
Climate Change!**

ECA In Action: *Slideshow from the People's Climate March*

