

The 2024 Ballot Initiatives



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The initiatives

- Initiatives are a route to getting laws passed, either good ones or bad ones.
- This year, the four are on the Washington ballot all **repeal laws that reflect our Quaker values.**
 - [I-2066 – Natural gas](#)
 - [I-2109 – Capital gains tax](#)
 - [I-2117 – Climate Commitment Act](#)
 - [I-2124 – Long term care](#)
- **Quaker Voice urges a NO vote on all four.**
 - What Quaker Voice is doing --
 - Joining coalitions
 - Posting information on quakervoicewa.org
 - Reaching out to Quakers around the state
 - **You** can pass the word along to your family, friends, clubs, and networks.
 - Then **you** can **vote NO.**

To protect clean air
Vote No on 2066

- Homes using natural gas
 - Have high indoor air pollution
 - Cause illness from breathing harmful toxins.
- Natural gas use
 - Is 95% methane, a major greenhouse gas
 - Will cause energy bills, especially for many low-income households, to rise
- Current legislation gradually phases out new natural gas installations.
 - Public utilities supported it.





Cleaner
Cheaper
Renewable

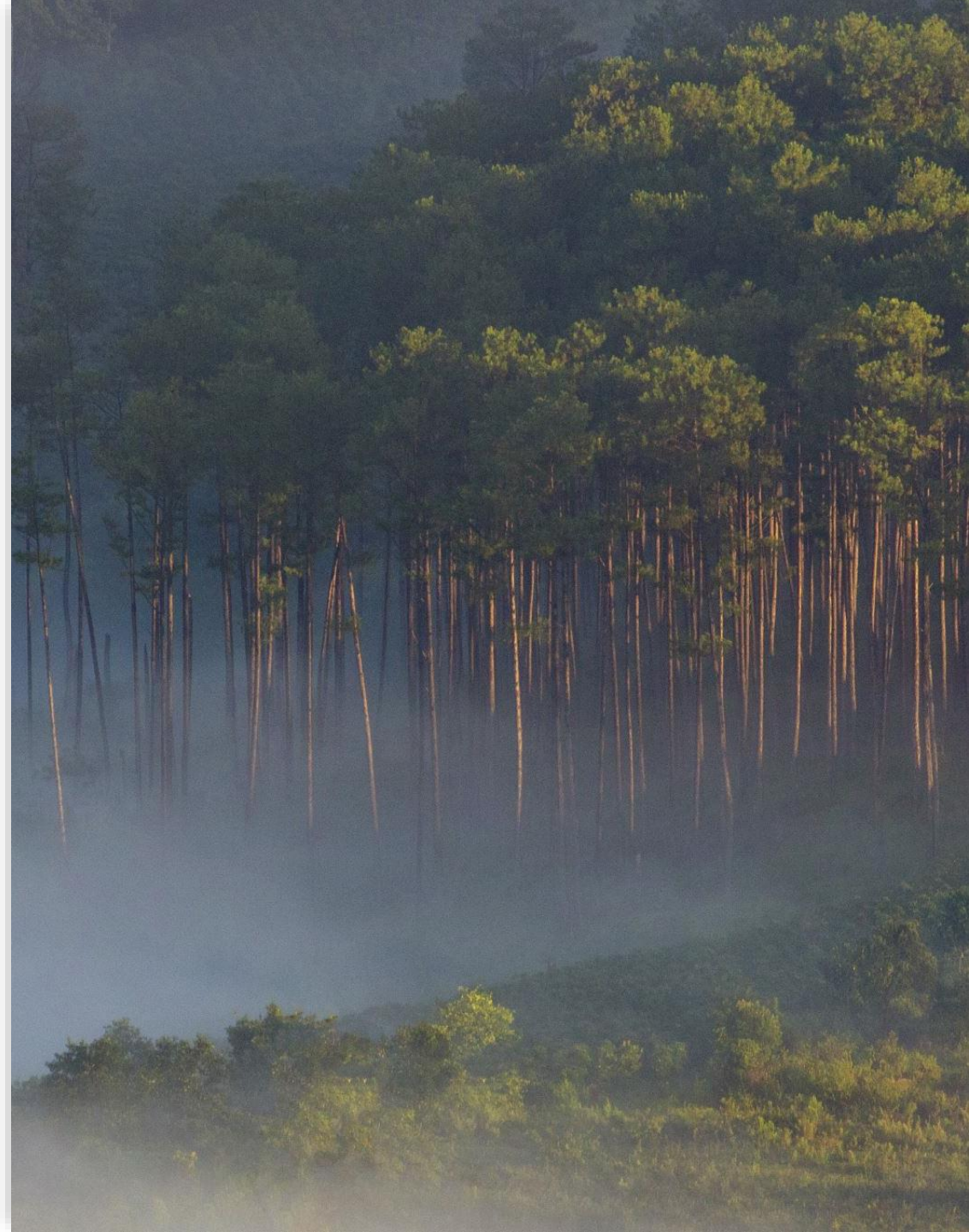
Initiative 2066 would roll back that positive step by:

- Blocking improvements slated for buildings and appliances,
- Derailing decarbonization in Washington State. The previous legislation
 - Moved us away from fossil fuel energy
 - Moved us towards cleaner, cheaper, and renewable sources, like wind and solar.
- Eroding efforts to electrify Washington homes and businesses.

To save the Climate Commitment Act Vote NO on I-2117

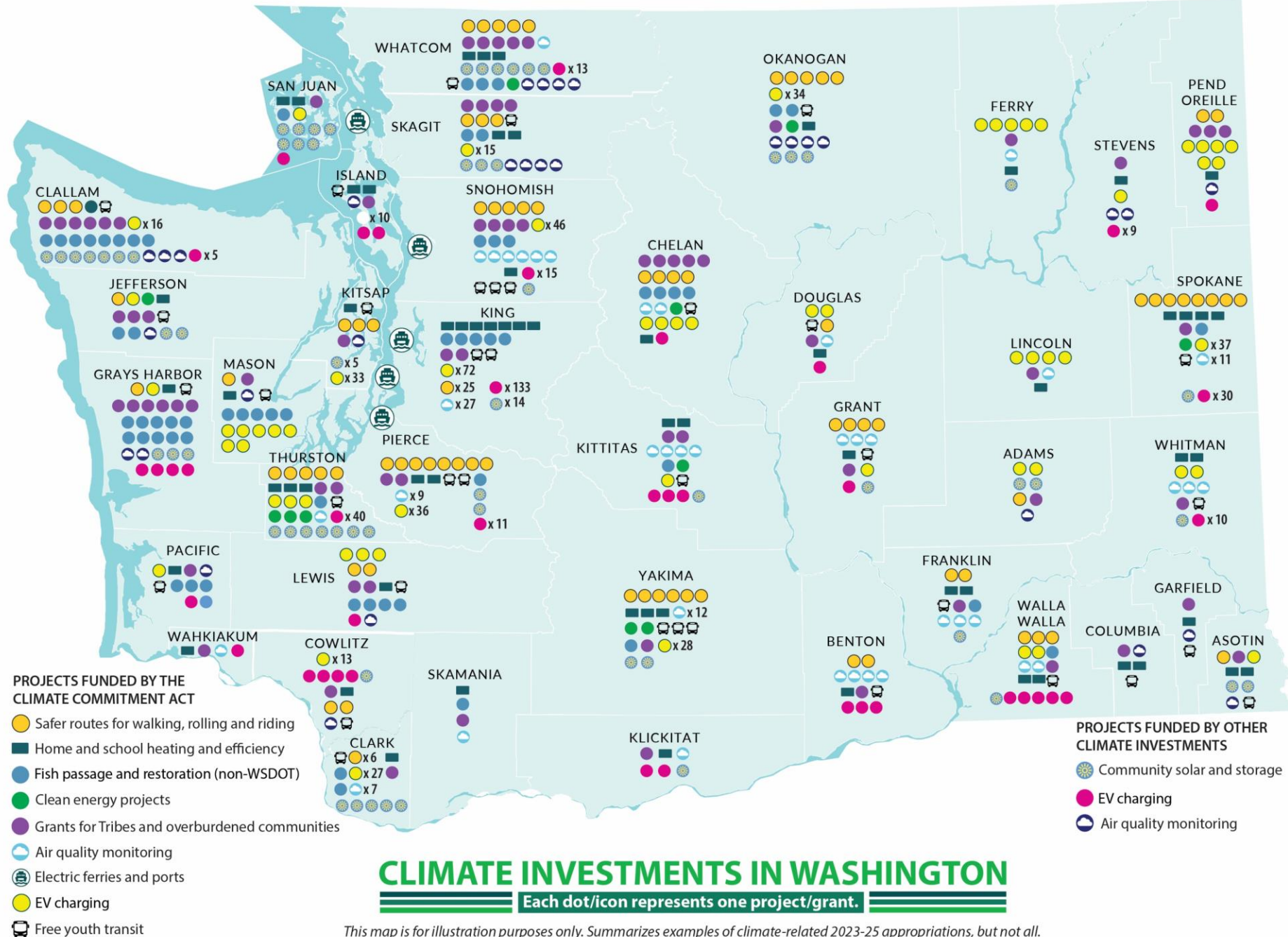
Protect programs that...

- Improve the HEALTH of OUR COMMUNITIES,
- Increase forest SUSTAINABILITY and RESILIENCE to wildfire,
- Help low- and moderate-income households to SAVE MONEY on their monthly energy bills,
- PRESERVE the HEALTH of our children and environment through zero-emissions school buses,
- Develop clean energy projects that CREATE JOBS across our economy.



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Projects around the state



This map is for illustration purposes only. Summarizes examples of climate-related 2023-25 appropriations, but not all.



Examples of benefits from this tax on major polluters

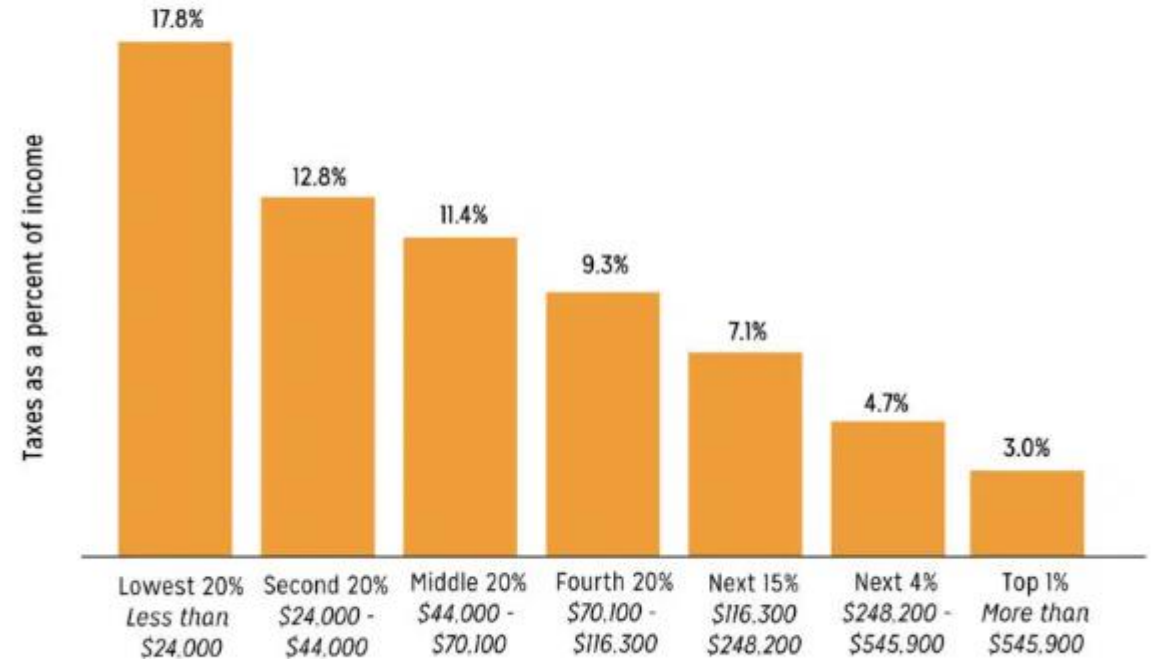
- Community EV charging – Yakima County
- Decarbonization planning – Ellensburg
- Energy Renewal – UW Tacoma
- Hybrid Electric Vessel Construction – ferries
- Fish barrier removal projects – Mill Creek
- Carbon removal facility – Port Angeles
- Yakama Nation Solar Project
- Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program – King County
- Food Waste Reduction Grants – King County

To keep the Capital Gains Tax Vote No on I-2109

- Washington has a very upside-down tax structure – worst in the nation before the capital gains tax was introduced.
- The tax is 7% on the value of capital gains transactions over \$250,000.
- Affects fewer than 4,000 of the wealthiest people in Washington (nearly 90% of them live in King County).
- This tax does NOT apply to
 - any retirement accounts, including IRAs
 - any real estate
 - small family businesses
 - farms

Washington's worst-in-the-nation tax code: Highest rates for those with the least

Washington state and local taxes as a share of annual income by income group



Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, update to Who Pays, 6th edition, provided January 2021

Examples of benefits

- Estimated to provide \$2.2 billion over five years for education, childcare, and early learning
- Capital gains tax revenues can address problems such as...
 - Snohomish County facing massive cuts – Edmonds, Mukilteo, Marysville, etc.
 - Seattle Public Schools are facing a \$105 million deficit, making big cuts
- If this tax is repealed, there will be more cuts or higher sales and property taxes.





To keep long term care support **Vote No on I-2124**

- Makes paying the tax that supports the program optional.
 - Expected to bankrupt it rapidly.
- I-2124 hurts working women the most.
 - They are the most likely to get pulled out of work to be unpaid caregivers for the elderly.
- I-2124 will increase costs and send more people into debt.
 - The current benefit can keep many elderly people in their homes with home modifications, medical equipment, meal delivery, a home care aide, or temporary relief for family caregivers.
- I-2124 will throw us back into the expensive insurance market.
 - Premium jumps, denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, etc.

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