



Friday, December 4th, 2009

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## The Green Connection

No Green Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 am

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Please come show your support at the

December 15th City Council Meeting

80 Broad Street

4:45 pm

([CARTA Route 201](#) )

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### What you can do

The [Charleston Green Plan](#) goes to City Council on Tuesday, December 15th at 5 pm. in City Council Chambers in City Hall which is located at 80 Broad Street.

The [Charleston Green Plan](#) is on line. [Click here.](#)

Your voice is needed in **five** ways.

**First, sign the petition.** [Click here](#) to sign it on line.

**Second, get the signatures of supporters.** [Click here](#) to print your own copy of the petition to take to your church, neighborhood meeting, poker night, book club, you get the idea.

**Third, write a letter or an email.** You'll find sample letters [here](#). City Council is hearing from people who oppose the plan. Now is the time to hear from people who support it. Send your letter as soon as possible and by December 14th.

**Fourth, have your organization write a letter.** Organized group show even more support given the numbers that they represent. [Click here for sample letters.](#) Send your letter as soon as possible and by December 14th.

**Fifth, come to the meeting and stand up for the plan.** Your presence will mean a lot to City Council. Please arrive at 4:45 pm on the 15th and if possible, wear green.



Writer Alex Steffen is calling on Seattle to become North America's first Carbon Neutral City. In order to combat global warming, it is widely accepted that we must reduce carbon levels in the atmosphere to 350 ppm. To do this, several leading developed cities and countries will have to set a green example for the rest of the world. Of course, strong will and initiative will have to precede this change, but Seattleites have shown strong and promising support. We too, as citizens of Charleston, can strive for carbon neutrality and lead by example through the [Charleston Green Plan](#).



## National League of Cities Adopts Producer Responsibility

The National League of Cities, a coalition of over 19,000 municipalities, is calling for extended producer responsibility as a way of managing end-of-life products and packaging. The U.S. National League of Cities (NLC) adopted a resolution at its 86th Congress of Cities & Exposition, calling for producer responsibility for managing discarded products and packaging. Additionally, the resolution urges the U.S. Congress "to protect and support the ability of local and state governments to establish producer-responsibility legislation."



Product stewardship can save millions of dollars for local governments burdened by landfill and recycling costs. For the manufacturer, product stewardship involves creating and financing take-back programs, and reducing packaging and designing products to be less toxic and easier to recycle.

## The Story of Cap and Trade Film

"*The Story of Cap and Trade* is a fast-paced, fact-filled look at the leading climate solution being discussed at Copenhagen and on Capitol Hill. Host Annie



Leonard introduces the energy traders and Wall Street financiers at the heart of this scheme and reveals the 'devils in the details' in current cap and trade proposals: free permits to big polluters, fake offsets and distraction from what's really required to tackle the climate crisis. If you've heard about cap and trade, but aren't sure how it works (or who benefits), this is the film is for you." [Click Here](#) to visit their website.



