

ICLEI: Research, Education, Action and Risks at the Local Level – Basic First Steps

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Good News! ICLEI Fight Unites Democrats and Republicans

Democrats and Republicans are coming together to fight ICLEI. The explanation for this is natural because most people despise deception and the corruption ICLEI brings to local governments is universally offensive. ICLEI principles violate our basic rights as human beings and that is a binding nonpartisan fact.

Basic Process

The following list outlines the process of exposing the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI); it has been used in Fort Collins, Colorado. Other cities in Colorado and throughout the United States are beginning to use this process. One reason it is successful at generating interest is due to the local focus. People can relate to the issues that directly and negatively affect them on a daily basis. They feel the pain and see the damage.

Keep the Focus Local: It's What Speaks to *People*

1. Conduct open records access requests. This is a legal process designed to protect our rights to access public information. It is very inexpensive and effective at holding local governments accountable.
 - a. For excellent help with this, please visit the website of Student Press Law Center. There is an automatic letter generator on that site which can help with the process.
 - b. If you would like additional help preparing open records access requests, contact stacy_lynne@comcast.net.
 - c. In your first open records request, ask for “any and all documents and communications related to or concerning the organization called ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.”
 - d. The information you receive as a result of your first open records request will be the starting point for connecting the networks of corruption.
2. Focus on the facts. This makes it impossible for libel and slander charges to be legitimately and successfully filed against you. Adding opinion and/or rhetoric increases your risk of being sued.

3. Attend council meetings and commission meetings. Read the agendas.
4. Listen for sustainability buzzwords at public meetings.
5. Ask local elected officials to make public statements of their support or nonsupport of ICLEI.
6. When speaking about ICLEI, tell fact-based stories using real examples. Use your passion methodically.
7. Research local environmental groups. These are the powerful and effective “stakeholders” who pressure your local officials into adopting ICLEI’s plans.
8. Read your local climate action plan/local environmental action plan/city plan, etc. Research who prepared the report, who paid for the report, and learn how the report plans will impact people.
9. Read your local budget; watch for triple bottom line budgeting process. Follow the money and total the amount being spent on sustainability or green programs. Include salaries of the employee who implement those programs in the total budget amounts.
10. Research which private companies are in partnership with local government (public/private partnerships). Those private companies are profiting from taxpayer money.
11. Obtain a list of local officials and staff who regularly work with ICLEI.
12. Retain all copies of information you are using to speak and/or write about ICLEI. If you use information from ICLEI’s website, print the documents for proof.
13. Ask your local government for the definition of “sustainable development” and “sustainability”.
14. Photographs are powerful communication tools.
 - a. Tour your town, city and county to illustrate how ICLEI has invaded your community.
 - b. Relate those photos to ICLEI’s Charter Principles.
 - c. Make poster boards with the photos to make powerful presentations.
15. Use scientific facts to educate local residents about the truth concerning recycling facts, global warming and climate change.
 - a. For a list of excellent resources and examples, contact stacy_lynne@comcast.net.
16. Use the recall process, ballot initiatives and community groups to remove ICLEI from your community.
17. Research the websites of: Michael Shaw, Dr. Stan Montieth, and Tom DeWeese. These are excellent resources for information about sustainability, Agenda 21, and ICLEI.

What to Expect as You Begin

1. You will be lied to by city officials on and off the record
2. You will be lied to by city employees (staff) who are working with ICLEI
3. Roadblocks and walls will be put in place
4. Deceptive information will be presented
5. City employees who know the truth will want you to fight ICLEI but they will not be able to publicly assist you
6. ICLEI will not be pleased with your efforts

Local Focus = Personal Risks

Tactics used by ICLEI and their associates to quiet the people who are exposing the truth include organized and malicious attacks. Well-scripted radical environmental groups will launch discrediting campaigns against you by using the local media. High-powered law firms will fabricate charges and investigate your actions. City government officials, working with the lobbying groups, law firms and the media will participate in these discrediting attempts.

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