CALL TO ACTION – January 21

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

We Support the Government Shut Down

On a vote of 50-49, the Senate blocked a bill to fund our government from January 20th to February 16th. We asked our Senators to take a strong stand, and they have. Thank them and tell them to stand strong! The Democrats are demanding protection for DACA recipients and a path to citizenship for them. In addition, Democrats are negotiating for long term funding for CHIP, the program that funds health care for nine million children. We need a clean Dream Act and immediate funding for CHIP. We support our Senators in their efforts to accomplish these goals.

ACTION:

Call our Senators:

Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281

Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636

Script for Murray and Cantwell:

My name is ____________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling because I want to thank Senator __________ for voting “no” on the funding resolution motion. Please keep fighting to protect DACA recipients as part of the budget resolution. We need a clean Dream Act to protect the DACA recipients. In addition, I support full funding for CHIP. I support Senator __________ in this fight to help Dreamers and provide long term funding for CHIP. Do not waiver – we are with you! Thank you.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Women's March - Onward to November Midterm Elections

A beautifully diverse crowd of thousands women and their allies squeezed onto the Olympia Capitol Campus yesterday for the 2nd Annual Women's Rally and March - see if you can find yourself and your friends in some of the great pictures below. Olympia Indivisible was well represented, even gaining nearly 50 new members - way to go and welcome!

The theme of the march, both in Olympia and at the hundreds of marches across the nation, was VOTE in November. It is our opportunity and responsibility to take back control of the agenda, the House, and maybe even the Senate. For the sake of the Dreamers, the judiciary, children, elders - all Americans who care about one another and about our communities and our nation.
Now is the time to begin organizing to help create the big blue wave to November victory - please join your fellow Olympia Indivisible members February 5th at 7:00 pm at the Thurston County Court House Room 152 to plot strategy and join a team to start working on the midterm election right here in Western Washington. We need all hands on deck to help with this fun and vitally important work. Join us. We need you. Your country needs you. Power to the Polls!!!

**WA STATE LEGISLATION ACTIONS**

As you know, we are now working on state issues and elections. This State legislative session is only 60 days, so don’t wait to act. OI Member Madeline Bishop has sent us these links!

To comment, click the bill links below for each of these bills. It's fast, easy and **IMPORTANT**!

**WHEN: 1/22/18 Monday 10:00 AM on HB 6105**

BILL **SB 6105** Enacting the *reproductive health* access for all act. This bill authorizes a program to reimburse the cost of medically appropriate services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures for individuals who can become pregnant and who would be eligible for medical assistance if not for Federal laws.

POSITION: Support per LWV  
LOCATION: Jan 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care at 10:00 AM (Subject to change) Cherberg Building Senate Hearing Rm 1

**WHEN: 1/23/18 Tuesday 3:30 PM on SB 5110**

**SB 5110**, preregistration, would allow for 16 and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote at any location where *voter registration* occurs or through electronic means. The registration would not become effective until they turn 18.

POSITION: Support per LWV  
LOCATION: Jan 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM (Subject to change). Cherberg Building Senate Hearing Rm 1

**WHEN: 1/24/18 Wednesday 8:00 AM on SB6246, SJR8213**

BILL **SB 6246**, Providing for approval of school district bonds by fifty-five percent of the voters voting.
Amending the Constitution to allow at least fifty-five percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.

School bonds face too high of a bar to gain approval.

POSITION: Support

LOCATION Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM (Subject to change).
Cherberg Building Senate Hearing Rm 2.

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**Ready for More?**

Are you hungry to connect with other members and learn more about what is going on?

**Follow Olympia Indivisible’s Blog! Make it a habit to check it out each week.**

Bookmark the page:  [https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/](https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/)

Do you have an idea you want the membership to consider? Do you have some great photos to share or issues to explore? Here is the perfect way to reach our members.

This last week OI member Carolyn Barclift wrote a wonderful OI blog entry rich with information about ways to engage with our state legislature and upcoming state elections. This is exactly how we become effective and make our voice heard.

WE are Olympia Indivisible. It is OUR ideas and voices that create who we are, and every member matters. The OI blog space on our web page is a powerful way to express your ideas to our members and the world.

Don’t worry if you are not a professional writer. Get your ideas down and submit them and we will help you get your blog entry up and running.
Wondering what this entails? Here are a few ideas to get you started. Go nuts!

1. **If you do like to write here are some ideas:**
   - why you resist; why you joined Olympia Indivisible;
   - your participation in a recent OI-sponsored meeting or event;
   - your participation in a recent progressive event;
   - announcements for upcoming events and meetings;
   - your takeaway on a national Indivisible team-sponsored FB Live (these happen weekly!);
   - your experience visiting with staffers at one of our regular MoC office visits;
   - you experience meeting with one of our MoCs
   - your experience doing Calls to Action;
   - a review of the bar menu at Three Magnets (our weekly TGIF watering hole).
   - a review of a book or article that you found inspiring, informative, energizing...

2. **If you don’t like to write but want to contribute:**
   - send your best photos from a recent Indivisible event (please make sure you have permissions from the folks in the photo if it is not a public event);
   - liaison with the News Media team (they write Letters to the Editors for local newspapers) and re-post their letters (both published and unpublished);
   - liaison with the MoC Events team and re-post photos from their most recent visits to regional MoC offices.

This handy guide will help you get started: [https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/blog-submissions.html](https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/blog-submissions.html)

We can’t wait to hear from you!
Jan 24 Weds 7:00PM
**Olympia Indivisible NEW Member Meeting**
If you’re a new member, here is a chance to meet informally with other Olympia Indivisible members and leadership to find out what makes Olympia Indivisible tick!
You are most welcome to bring a family member or friend with you.
**Please RSVP olyindinmorsvp@gmail.com so we have enough cookies and to get directions to the meeting.**

Jan 26 Friday (6-8 pm)
**Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!**
Bring your ideas for making America better! Three Magnets Brewery 600 Franklin St. Olympia.

Feb 5 Mon 7:00 PM
**Olympia Indivisible Membership Meeting**
**Electoral Engagement 2018**
Room 152 Thurston County Courthouse

This is our kickoff for 2018 to win the fall elections. The membership has spoken - we want to engage in electoral politics and we want to WIN!

This will not be a lecture, this will be a working meeting where we, the members, roll up our sleeves and get to work. There will be more info to follow soon!