CALL TO ACTION – February 23, 2020

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Arizona Letter Writing Time!

Please help Olympia Indivisible meet our goal of writing 1,000 postcards to help turn out the vote by newly-registered Arizona Democrats for the Presidential Preference Election in Arizona on March 17!

Cards need to be mailed by March 7, so we are holding three parties in the Olympia region between now and the beginning of March:

- Tuesday, February 25 from 6:30-8:30pm;
- Saturday, February 29 from 1:00 - 3:00pm; and
- Monday, March 2 from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

We are looking for folks with neat handwriting to write the post cards and folks with attention-to-detail skills to do proof-reading. If you have skills in either area, please sign up for one (or more!) of these parties (and bring a friend!). You'll get all the training you need at the party, including the writing script (along with cookies and great company). We do have to pay for stamps and cards, so if you have the wherewithal to bring a $10 contribution (cash or check is fine), that'd be wonderful—but not obligatory.

To sign up, RSVP to oiwritingpartyrsvp@gmail.com
Please specify which party or parties you want to attend. You'll get a speedy follow-up e-mail with all the details!

Two actions you can STILL do on your own to help achieve our 2020 Big, Audacious Goals

1. Do you have out-of-state travel plans in 2020 for business or pleasure? Make your travel doubly worthwhile. Consider spending time while there doing voter registration or canvassing. It's easy to find opportunities! Go to swingleft.org/events. Just type in the zip code of your arrival point. You will find most opportunities are offered in Super States (AZ, CO, TX, IA, WI, MI, OH, PA, ME, NC, GA, FL) to do voter registration. They do list events in non-Super States, so be sure to check out their website. If you are willing to canvass, contact Pam Pride, pam@pampride.com, for the SwingLeft contact person in your destination state.

2. Remote Phone Banking with Grassroots Democrats HQ and Swing Left. There are new opportunities each week. Go to https://academy.swingleft.org/virtual-phone-banking and watch their short video, then sign up to phone bank at the bottom of that page. You may also want to watch other YouTube videos on phone banking. Here's another. (You can find several more by searching YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-Y8kn0G1yg
Once you sign up, you'll receive an instruction sheet which you can view in advance here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mngLLZ-95GXonluiQ4Lw1WRWJiaNUF1ZTICR5NG18W78/edit?usp=sharing

Thank Senator Murray for Calling for AG Barr to Resign

After Attorney General Barr interjected himself into sentencing recommendation for Stone, nine Senators wrote a letter asking for his resignation. We the People want an attorney general works for the people not one client, Trump.

**ACTION:** Call Senator Murray and thank her for calling for the resignation of Barr. (253) 572-3636

Nine U.S. senators signed a letter on Friday calling for Attorney General Bill Barr to immediately resign after the Justice Department submitted a new sentencing recommendation for former Trump adviser Roger Stone this week, NBC reports.

**What they’re saying:** “The interference in this case by you or other senior DOJ officials working under you is a clear violation of your duty to defend fair, impartial, and equal justice for all Americans.”

- "It appears to show that you and other top DOJ officials intervened in a clearly political fashion to undermine the administration of justice at the President's behest in order to protect a well-connected political ally who committed a 'direct and brazen attack on the rule of law.'"
- "The shocking actions taken by you or your senior staff to seek special protections for Mr. Stone make a mockery of your responsibilities to seek equal justice under the law and reveal that you are unfit to head the DOJ."
- The senators also wrote it is "not credible" for the attorney general to claim he oversees the DOJ independently, as he suggested in an ABC News interview on Thursday.

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**STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS**

**Want to Have a Public Power Utility in Thurston County Again?**

The 2020 Thurston County Public Power initiative is underway. If you think we should control our power and local jobs rather than a paying private company to pay Seattlitites to do our services. You should go to this link and check it out. More info will be following in the coming weeks, but you can get started now. http://powertothepublic.org/

**The Legislative Team Has Selected the Top Actions for the Week Of 02/23/2020**

**Farmland Preservation in Thurston County**

Please submit written comments to the Thurston Board of County Commissioners that support work to consider improvements in the Agricultural Policies and Programs.

The Thurston County Planning Commission asked that a proposal be added to the 2020-21 Docket to review agricultural lands, including policies, prime farmland soils, and conservation programs such as transfer and purchase of development rights, to ensure support for agriculture. First placed on the Official Docket in 2009; carried forward ever since. This was part of the 2009 strategic plan prepared by the Thurston County Agricultural
Advisory committee. The need for considering how these two programs could serve farmland preservation is as important now as a decade ago. In that time, no land has been preserved under these two programs.

**ACTION:** Prepare written comments with reference to the related proposal numbers CPA-16 and CPA-8. Your comment must be received no later than 5:00 PM, March 4, 2020. To submit a written comment, email Shannon Shula (Subject: 2020-21 Docket), Associate Planner, or mail written comments to:

Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development  
C/O Shannon Shula, Associate Planner  
2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW  
Olympia WA, 98502

**Sample Letter:**

"I support stronger county policies to ensure support of agricultural and of our local farmers. Thus, I recommend that the Board of County Commissioners place CPA-16, Community-Driven Review of Agricultural Policies and Programs, recommended by the Thurston County Planning Commission, on the Final Official Docket for 2020-21. Because of its relation to this review, I also recommend combining CPA-8, Transfer of Development Rights/Purchase of Development Rights Programs, with the CPA-16 work."

**Rocky Prairie Preservation**

The Northpoint/Maytown rezone proposal is on the Thurston Board of County Commissioners Preliminary Docket. The Thurston County Commissioners have sent all new requests for Comprehensive Plan amendments out for public comments. We want the Commissioners to refuse to consider rezoning the Rocky Prairie area to accommodate industrial use and a massive truck/train industrial distribution center. Olympia Indivisible is part of the Coalition to Protect Rocky Prairie from NorthPoint’s Industrialization. This is your chance to have your voice heard. Let the Commissioners know that you oppose the docketing of Amendment CP-17, the rezoning of the Port of Tacoma Maytown Property to rural industrial.

**ACTION:** Please submit comments opposing the rezone from rural to industrial to prevent the development of a massive logistics facility from being built on highly sensitive, rare and unique prairie in Thurston County.

Your comment must be received no later than 5:00 PM, March 4, 2020. To submit a written comment, email Shannon Shula (Subject: 2020-21 Docket), Associate Planner, or mail written comments to:

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**Sample Letter:**

"I urge the Board of County Commissioners to remove CPA-17, Northpoint/Maytown: Site Specific Map Land Use Plan and Rezoning Amendment, from any further consideration. The proposal to change the zoning from Rural 1 Unit/20 Acres to Rural Resource Industrial is not compatible with the values of Thurston County residents nor with the Thurston County Habitat Conservation Plan."

**Attend the Finance Committee Hearing for the High Capacity Magazine Bill**

This was forwarded to us from a friend of The Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Hi Indivisible Friends,
The Alliance reached out about the brand new high capacity magazine bill (HB 2947) and is hoping to get people to attend the Finance Committee hearing (Tuesday at 8am) in orange to show support for this bill. (The original bill died due to GOP filibustering through amendments, so Speaker Jinkins quickly got a new one pulled together with a fiscal note and dropped it right into Finance.)

Can folks from your group be there on Tuesday? If so, please RSVP to Dylan using the link below.
https://secure.everyaction.com/19yBaN0SoUyRYyS_4ZEpqA2?emci=ec1ee446-9d55-ea11-a94c-00155d039e74&emdi=6c4ec146-a855-ea11-a94c-00155d039e74&ceid=3299449
Please share around to anyone who might be interested in showing up in support of this bill.

Thank you.