CALL TO ACTION – March 8, 2020

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

REMEMBER TO VOTE !!!

Hello, fellow Indivisibles.
Just a short note to remind all the 'Last Minute ' crowd that the last day to vote is Tuesday, March 10. You know your vote is important, and this is history in the making!

Be a part of the beginning of the end for Donald. Walk the walk. And don’t forget to check the party affiliation box on the envelope. Seal with a sponge.

Remind your friends!

Highlights from the OI Arizona Field Team’s Work in Phoenix

Twelve intrepid OI members of the Arizona Field Team landed in Phoenix last week to work as volunteer “boots on the ground” for two progressive groups. We registered voters on six college campuses, interacted with hundreds of students and reminded them to mail in their ballots for the upcoming Arizona Presidential Primary. If newly-registered voters vote soon after they’ve registered, we learned, they are more likely to vote in later elections - think November 3! And, by the way, there are 135,000 more Republicans registered to vote in Arizona than Democrats.

We also canvassed and gathered signatures for the Dems of Legislative District 28 of Maricopa County to put three progressive Democratic candidates on the state ballot. On a couple of evenings, we went door-to-door in neighborhoods to update Democratic voter lists for Vote Forward. On our last night in Phoenix, we gathered in an authentic Mexican restaurant to celebrate the work we accomplished and the amazing comradery of OI’s Arizona Field Team. Working together to save our democracy is an uplifting and memorable experience!

In the fall, we head back to Phoenix to help elect Mark Kelly to the US Senate and to get out the vote for the Democratic candidate for President. We welcome you - fearless OI members - to join us to flip Arizona and the US Senate to BLUE for a win in 2020.

Carla Wulfensberg and Lisa Ornstein
Arizona Field Team Co—Leads
March 8, 2020

Arizona Letter Writers Needed

We are writing letters to voters in Arizona, to encourage them to vote in the November election. These are registered Democrats who historically haven’t voted regularly. The letters will be stockpiled until late October for mailing. Olympia Indivisible has a goal of 10,000 letters to our adopted “Super States” of Arizona and Michigan.

The next scheduled parties are:
CANCELED - Saturday, March 7, 1-3 PM, in Tenino
Wednesday, March 11, 5:00-6:30 PM, Capitol area
Wednesday, March 18, 1-3, Cooper Point;

Snacks, letters, stamps, and all supplies will be there, plus great camaraderie.

Because it costs about $0.65 for each letter (including paper, printing, envelopes, stamps, and other supplies), we hope for donations at each party, but absolutely welcome writers even if donations aren't in their budgets.

Please RSVP to oiwritingpartyrsvp@gmail.com

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-95GXonluiQ4LwJlaNUF1ZTICR5NG18W78/edit?usp=sharing

The Legislative Team Has Selected the Top Actions for the Week Of 03/08/2020

Sex Education ready for Governor’s signature

SB 5395 on 3/5/2020 has passed both the Senate and the House. On 3/7/20 SB 5395 returned to the Senate for agreement with the amendments or rejection of them and passed 27 yeas, 21 nays and now the bill moves to the Governor’s desk for signature.

Over 200 amendments were added by Republicans to obstruct the passage of the bill. Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest statement: “These are disingenuous amendments, ranging from ‘no curricula that includes bingo or games’ to ‘exempting parents from certain property taxes, or giving them a voucher if they excuse their child from comprehensive sexual health education’ that have one intent: to stand in the way of progress on a critical issue for our young people.

Republicans had more than a year to work on revising the bill, but this is how they decided to ‘work together’ on this issue.” Rep. Matt Shea was the first GOP speaker on sex ed, promoting abstinence-only education.

Action:
Thank lawmakers who stood up for communities on this vote: Representatives Sharon Shewmake, Dave Paul, Laurie Jinkins, Monika Stonier, and Marcus Riccelli, bill sponsor Senator Sam Hunt and Senator Mona Das who gave impassioned personal testimony on the Senate floor.

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Sample Script:
Subject: SB 5395 Sex Education
Thank you for standing up for every public school student in our state by ensuring that they get age appropriate, medically accurate information.

OMI Hosting Event with Indivisible Tacoma, Indivisible Puyallup and Gray Resistance March 18

Moving Toward More Progressive State Leadership
Tahoma Universalist Unitarian Church, 1115 So. 56th St, Tacoma

Meet Mike Pellicciotti and Gael Tarleton

Wednesday March 18th 6:30 PM
Unitarian Church
1115 South 56th Street
Tacoma WA

Hosted By: Indivisibles Tacoma, Puyallup, Olympia & Olympia Gray Resistance

COMING SOON
Thursday, March 12, 10:30-noon
Grey Resistance Indivisible (GRI) is hosting Victor Minjares, Chair of the TC Democrats
Attorney Minjares will share their plans for 2020 and how we might collaborate to achieve our joint goals.
In the lower level of the Quinault Auditorium, Panarama City. Open to OI members, not the general public.

Friday, March 13, 6:00
Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
All Members Welcome! Let the Resistance foment!
Ramirez Brothers on 4th 318 4th Ave E, Olympia

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30
Moving Toward More Progressive State Leadership
Gael Tarleton, Candidate for WA Secretary of State, Mike Pelliciotti, Candidate for WA State Treasurer
Sponsored by Indivisible Tacoma, Olympia Indivisible, Indivisible Puyallup and Grey Resistance
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