



CALL TO ACTION – April 21

FEATURED ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Congress Must Investigate Trump Now!

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(read more below)

STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS

Your Washington State Legislature Is In Session

The Legislative Team Has Selected the Top Actions for the Week Of 4/22/19.

Monday 4/22/19

Thurston Environment/Transportation

The Port of Tacoma is in the process of selling the 745 acres they own known as Rocky Prairie near Maytown. It's currently a permitted gravel mine. The out-of-state purchaser is requesting that the zoning be changed to Industrial for the whole site to allow for a huge warehousing complex.

Such a use would mean 24 hour noise and lights, vastly increased truck and train traffic, and of course disaster for all the at-risk species on and around the property.

ACTION: Deadline 4/22/19!!

Write our 3 Thurston County Commissioners asking them to protect the Maytown site and reject the request to change its zoning to Industrial.

Script: Please reject the NorthPoint rezone docket request and keep rural South County rural. Do not allow a huge industrial park next to Millersylvania State Park.

Sincerely,

Your name and address

Additional talking points:

- It makes no sense to change a rural area that's next to a wildlife preserve to industrial use.

- Protect the rural character of South Thurston County.
- Industrial use would mean 24 hour noise and lights, vastly increased truck and train traffic, and of course disaster for all the at-risk species on and around the property.
- South Thurston County would be forever changed, including the tranquility of nearby Millersylvania State Park and the protection of the adjacent Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's West Rocky Prairie Preserve.

Tuesday 4/23/19

WA State Environment

Prevent a budget end run around failed legislation. HB 1611 and SB 5626 would have authorized the use of imidacloprid to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor for the 2019 treatment season. These 2 bills failed for the good reason that imidacloprid is dangerous and should not be used. [Mounting evidence affirms decision to deny use of neonicotinoid pesticide](#)

ACTION:

Prevent the destruction of our ecology. Ask the Governor to use his line item veto power.

e-message: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/send-gov-inslee-e-message>

Mailing Address:

Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002
Phone:
(360) 902-4111

Script:

Please veto the budget item of \$534,000 for a "study" to use imidacloprid in Willapa Bay. This is a toxic insecticide and was banned for use by Ecology last year and we must not allow it to destroy our fragile ecology.

Additional talking points:

- Mounting scientific evidence confirms the harm from this neonicotinoid pesticide poses too great a risk to Washington's environment.
- The European Union voted to ban three neonicotinoids, including imidacloprid, due to similar issues.
- It is very likely that any permit issued under this statute would be challenged. DOE
- Imidacloprid use has been linked to higher mortality rate in Dungeness crabs

Wednesday 4/24/19

Homeless In Thurston County

May 7, Tuesday 3:00 pm

Public Hearing On Community Planning Titles 20, 21, 22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations

All Hands On Deck!

At 3pm, Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Room 280.

The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is holding a PUBLIC HEARING on "Community Planning Titles 20, 21, 22 and 23 amendments - Emergency Housing Ordinance Interim Regulations".

ACTION:

If you are able, please show up for this hearing to support waiving code requirements which would allow the County to more effectively respond to the homelessness crisis AND to encourage the BoCC to add funding and make land available for this purpose. Additionally follow the script to send comments to the BOCC in support of the homeless.

Script: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQKF9YrZmQ9Ikj0b_IGVZeI-9WK4JxJzEm5Dj0SriY6T9R0i_WINWwI81P96FRmmkbL5XjeIDQfnSx/pub

Information on the meeting and proposed ordinance may be found here:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/planning/Pages/comp-plan-eho.aspx>

Comments may be emailed to the BoCC via this link

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/bocc>

Thursday 4/25/19

Environment

[EHB 2009](#) Establishing a healthy environment for all by addressing environmental health disparities.

ACTION: Comment on the bill or call/email Senator Sam Hunt and ask him to get HB 2009, the HEAL Act for environmental justice, passed.
Senator Sam Hunt, [\(360\) 786-7642](tel:3607867642), Sam.Hunt@leg.wa.gov

Friday 4/26/19
Environment

ACTION: Call/email Jay Inslee to ask that the budget fully fund salmon recovery.
Call his office at (360) 902-4111.
Or send an e-message: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/send-gov-inslee-e-message>

Tim Sheldon Lied to Sam Hunt to Stop HB1195

On Monday during a floor vote on an amendment to House Bill 1195, for the posting of financial affairs statement on line, Tim Sheldon told an untruth story about an elected official wife being kidnapped while in Mexico. While there was an unfortunate kidnapping it did not unfold as Sheldon professed to his fellow Senators. The untruthful testimony influenced Sam Hunt to urge the other senators to keep the financial statements offline. The amendment was for the posting of financial statements which are designed to disclose potential conflicts of interest from being posted online.

https://crosscut.com/2019/04/how-wa-lawmaker-used-fake-kidnapping-sway-vote?fbclid=IwAR1DVamJt_PEIEjBgW5c5mZ00xVg1JVSKRK5Z8GjG3rdLkxJX-eO4RO3HTU

[How a WA lawmaker used a fake kidnapping to sway a vote](https://crosscut.com/2019/04/how-wa-lawmaker-used-fake-kidnapping-sway-vote?fbclid=IwAR1DVamJt_PEIEjBgW5c5mZ00xVg1JVSKRK5Z8GjG3rdLkxJX-eO4RO3HTU)

Sen. Tim Sheldon cited a Mexican kidnapping as an argument for keeping certain info about state and local politicians offline. One problem: it never happened.

crosscut.com

ACTION: Tim Sheldon should be reprimanded or censored for telling a lie in his testimony about House Bill 1195, the posting of financial statements on line. The amendment is for posting of the truth in financial statements. The senators in their testimony should also uphold that standard during debates in our house. Contact the Washington State ethics board or attend the meeting on May 9.

Next Meeting:

May 9, 2019
12:00 PM
Senate Rules Room

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SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Congress must investigate now

It's our turn to put in the work to urge Congress to use their oversight powers to investigate Trump. Members of Congress (especially those who sit on relevant committees like Judiciary or Intelligence) should continue using their

subpoena power to uncover the full Mueller report, as well as pursuing investigations related to Trump's corruption, both during and before his time in office. **There are a few ways we're going to do that:**

1. **Call to support Rep. Rashida Tlaib's impeachment resolution.** Make a call to your MoC and tell them to co-sponsor Rep. Tlaib's resolution (H.Res. 257) and begin investigating whether Trump should be impeached.
2. **Send an email to support Rep. Tlaib's impeachment resolution.** Write up an email (or use our suggested text!) and we'll send your letter to your MoC urging them to co-sponsor Rep. Tlaib's resolution.
3. **It's still recess -- show up at a town hall.** It's still April recess until the 26th and your MoCs are in your home turf. That means that you can still show up to their scheduled events and ask them to support Rep. Tlaib's resolution.

There is no longer "nothing we can do" about Trump's antics. Democrats have taken over the House, and there's no need for them to limit themselves to the same narrow scope as the Mueller investigation. We will demand that they prioritize using their new powers to hold Trump accountable. **Nobody is above the law, and we're going to make sure that Trump hears that loud and clear.** Indivisible Team

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Here's the link to the Timothy Snyder piece:

<https://threader.app/thread/1117433512863371267>

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Demand Support for Medicare for All Legislation

In late February, Representative Pramila Jayapal introduced a "Medicare for All" bill in the House of Representatives and more than 100 Democrats co-sponsored the legislation. Now Senator Bernie Sanders has introduced a new "Medicare for All" proposal in the Senate, but only 14 Democratic Senators have signed on as co-sponsors. Many Senators are hesitant to support the legislation because pharmaceutical companies and insurance companies oppose the legislation. Our Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray have received substantial donations from pharmaceutical companies and insurance companies. Senator Murray received \$ 1,638,853 since 1991, and Senator Cantwell received \$935,453 since 1991. It is time for our Senators to stand up to this pressure and support a government funded national healthcare plan. Medicare for All would fully cover all primary care, hospital stays, and prescription drugs for every single American. There would be no copays, premiums, or deductibles. Recent polls show that 70 percent of Americans support Medicare for All, including 85 percent of Democrats. Now it is time for our Senators to add their support for Medicare for All.

ACTION: Call our Senators and ask them to support Medicare for All.

Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636 Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281

Script: My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to ask Senator _____ to co-sponsor the Medicare for All bill recently introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders. I know that pharmaceutical and insurance companies may oppose this legislation, but it is time to support universal healthcare for all Americans. Thank you.

COMING SOON

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

Great Courses: Investigating American Presidents

The president of the United States can shape not just a nation but the entire world. But what limits are there—if any—on presidential power? Join us each Wednesday at 2:00 pm for Great Courses: Investigating American Presidents, to unpack the history of how institutions and procedures were set up to curb the powers of the executive branch. Contact Glen Hubbard for location: glen.f.hubbard@gmail.com

April 26, Friday 6-8:00 pm

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

The Immortals assemble! **RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia**

April 30, Tuesday 7:00 pm

All Member Meeting

Room 152, Thurston County Courthouse. Topic: Healthcare-For-All including the programs of Canada and a few in W. Europe. RSVP to: olyindirsvp@gmail.com

May 2, Thursday 7:00 pm

New Member Orientation

Join a riveting presentation on how to change the world with other Olympia Indivisible members. RSVP to olyindinmorsvp@gmail.com. Location to be sent once you RSVP.

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