



CALL TO ACTION – April 28

Tuesday April 30, 7:00 pm All Member Meeting

Speaker, Judith Bendersky, who will be addressing national healthcare proposals and how to evaluate them.

Judith is a U/W Certificated Gerontologist, holds a Masters in Public Health, has worked in the field of healthcare for decades at both the federal and state level covering infant through aging populations and has lived abroad where she experienced first-hand the universal healthcare programs of several European countries.

TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (please arrive by 6:45 pm)

WHERE: Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive, Room 152

RSVP to: olyindirsvp@gmail.com

FEATURED ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Hold Trump Officials Accountable

Action: call Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514 or (202) 225-9740

Ask what Rep. Heck and the rest of the House are going to do if trump administration officials defy subpoenas and refuse to testify. Emphasize that Congress absolutely must respond with fervor or risk losing support from their base. If trump gets away with this the Democrats will look so weak that they will lose even their most ardent supporters.

(read more below)

STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS

Stop Hate Now by Removing Rep. Matt Shea

Representative Shea has a long history of unethical and vocal support for dangerous right-wing militia, anti-LGBTQ, and racist groups. Most recently Shea participated in conversations that advocated violence against those with dissenting opinions and offered to do background checks on opponents. The Seattle Times editorial board, Governor Inslee, Lt. Governor Habib and WA Democrats are among those calling for Shea to be removed and condemned.

[WA Democrats Open Letter to GOP](#)
[Shea Activities since 10/2018](#)

ACTION:

Demand Rep. Matt Shea be removed from the House Republican caucus .

Contact Minority Leader Rep. J.T. Wilcox
Email: JT.Wilcox@leg.wa.gov

Phone: (360) 786 - 7912
Address: Rep. J.T. Wilcox
335C Legislative Building
P.O. Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Subject: Representative Matt Shea

Script: I am contacting you in your role as Minority Leader asking you to remove Representative Matt Shea from the House Republican Caucus.

Talking points:

- Shea participated in conversations that advocated violence against those with dissenting opinions and offered to do background checks on opponents.
- How does Pam Roach's history of personal 'hostility and anger' get her kicked out of the caucus, but Matt Shea's years of support for white nationalist extremists and planning surveillance and violence against peaceful protesters get a pass?
- Investigate the background checks run by Shea in the last 4 years looking to see the makeup of his targets. Shea claims they were 'leftists' out to harm him and his family. Other reports say they are only people opposed to his far-right extremism.
- Shea circulated a manifesto about killing non-Christians that justifies murder in 'biblical warfare'.
- Shea calls journalists "godless, hateful people"
- In addition to the conversations about violent attacks on political enemies Shea has a history of support for dangerous right-wing militias, anti-LGBTQ and racist groups which shows a pattern of fascist behavior.
- Hatewatch found that Rep Matt Shea funneled campaign funds to far-right groups in AZ and CO.
- Shea's Patriot Radio show is often based on reports from InfoWars and the far-right World Net Daily, both of which the Southern Poverty Law Center lists as anti-government conspiracy and propaganda sites.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Hold Trump Officials Accountable

President Donald Trump, while portraying himself as the victim in a political war, is foiling an aggressive House Democratic majority's investigations with historic fervor by refusing to comply with many subpoenas and other oversight requests. On one level, this is nothing new. Prior Congresses and White Houses have certainly found themselves at odds over how much information to disclose. But the blanket defiance of the Trump administration has reached a new level of obstruction in recent days....

According to **Politico**, citing House Democratic sources, the Trump administration has denied or delayed the release of information sought by Democratic committees on more than 30 occasions, and half a dozen administration officials have refused to appear before House panels. The dispute went to the court this week when Trump's personal attorneys sued Oversight Committee Chair Elijah Cummings over Cummings's subpoena of Trump's accounting firm seeking his personal financial records. The next day, the administration missed a deadline to turn over Trump's tax returns requested by the House Ways and Means Committee, and the president himself called **the Washington Post's Robert Costa** to say he didn't want White House aides — like former aide Carl Kline, recently subpoenaed and now at risk of contempt of Congress proceedings — to testify before a House panel.

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/4/25/18514161/president-trump-sues-congress-subpoena-don-mcgahn-carl-kline>

Attorney General William Barr directed a Justice Department official to defy a congressional subpoena to testify before a House committee, according to a letter obtained by *Newsweek*, a move that is likely to heighten the tension over the ongoing investigations of the Trump administration by Congress.

Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd told the House Oversight and Reform Committee in a letter on Wednesday that John Gore, the principal deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Rights

Division, would not provide a deposition, which was scheduled for Thursday, regarding the Trump administration's push to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

<https://www.newsweek.com/william-barr-doj-congressional-subpoena-1404879>

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PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Protect The Salish Sea/ Olympic Peninsula Environment

We need to stop a plan by the US Navy to begin treetop high training missions over the area from the Hood Canal to the ocean over some of the most sensitive and significant areas in our state. These training runs will disrupt all living things in a huge area of the Salish sea, the Olympic Mountains and Park and the ocean. This threatens the Orca and their food sources too. [Conservation Statement](#)
[Navy Statement](#)

ACTION:

1. Submit a substantive public comment to the Navy until 6/12/19.

[Use This Comment Form](#)

Script:

Form your script from the talking points and fact sheet. Include 'I am opposed to a plan by the US Navy to begin treetop high training missions over the area from the Hood Canal to the ocean over some of the most sensitive and significant areas in Washington State.'

[Talking Points](#) , [Fact Sheet](#)

Idaho and Nevada training areas were designed for warfare training, the Olympic Peninsula was not.

There is no reason the Navy cannot continue electronic warfare training in Idaho and Nevada as they have done for decades.

It will disturb visitors to, and the wildlife of, Olympic National Park which is the eighth most visited park in the National Park System; 3.4 million visitors to the Olympic National Park in 2017. It includes International Biosphere Reserve and a World Heritage Site.

Noise causes and aggravates

- High blood pressure
- Heart disease
- Hearing impairment
- Increases or creates mental health problems

The 2011 World Health Organization report titled 'Burden of disease from environmental noise' documented health problems. The studies analyzed environmental noise from planes, trains and vehicles, as well as other city sources, and then looked at links to health conditions such as cardiovascular disease, sleep disturbance, tinnitus, cognitive impairment in children, and annoyance. The WHO team used the information to calculate the disability-adjusted life-years or DALYs—basically the healthy years of life—lost to 'unwanted' human-induced dissonance. See <https://www.science.org.au/curious/earth-environment/health-effects-environmental-noise-pollution>

The sound profile of the Growler is not only loud but includes a low-frequency vibration that travels farther and vibrates objects in its path. This aspect creates a deadly combination beyond annoyance that impacts human health.

Impact to our economy:

People spent \$279 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 3,556 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$385 million.

In this EIS the Navy is asking NOAA for a continuation of their 2015 NOAA permit which states "reauthorization of incidental takes of marine mammals under the MMPA and incidental takes of threatened and endangered marine species"

2. Contact Senators Murray and Cantwell

Email Murray at <https://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/mobile/contactme>, Cantwell at <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/email/form>

Phone: Murray at [1-202-224-2621](tel:1-202-224-2621) , Cantwell at [1-202-224-3441](tel:1-202-224-3441)

3. Contact Denny Heck

Email Heck at <https://dennyheck.house.gov/contact/email-me>

Phone Heck at [1-202-225-9740](tel:1-202-225-9740)

Script:

Subject: U.S. Navy Plan missions over WA

Please stop a plan by the US Navy to begin treetop high training missions over the area from the Hood Canal to the ocean over some of the most sensitive and significant areas in our state. These training runs will disrupt all living things in a huge area of the Salish sea, the Olympic Mountains and Park and the ocean. This threatens the Orca and their food sources too. Please read more information from the conservation group here: <https://olympicparkassociates.org/>.

The Navy Statement is here: <https://www.nwtteis.com/>

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 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.

May 3, Friday 6-8:00 pm

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

Solve all the worlds problems, one at a time! **RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia**

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". 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.