



CALL TO ACTION – May 19

STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS

Stop Dismissed TCD Supervisor Richard Mankamyer Immediately

As you recall, Richard Mankameyer was recently dismissed as a supervisor of the Thurston Conservation District. We worked hard to help move that action forward.

As you further recall regarding the outcome: The Findings from the State Conservation Committee said that because of the Supervisor's wrongful conduct, the "district is at risk of losing [insurance] coverage completely because of this conduct." The Findings also said that the Supervisor "failed to maintain a workplace free from perceived harassment." Both of these create liability concerns that I believe should factor heavily into whether it would be appropriate to re-appoint this individual to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. The findings against him included malfeasance and neglect of duty.

Well Mankameyer is back. Next Tuesday May 21, on the agenda for the Thurston County Commissioners meeting, is a motion to give him another public office.

From the [BoCC agenda](#):

Description: Reappointment to the Agriculture Advisory Committee Contact: Ramiro Chavez, County Manager
Action: Move to reappoint Richard Mankamyer to the Agriculture Advisory Committee for the term of May 12, 2019 to May 12, 2021.

He is being put forward by Commissioner Gary Edwards. This is simply unacceptable.

ACTION: Monday contact the Commissioners and tell them that as Thurston County citizens you do not want this malfeasant former TCD supervisor put back in a position of public trust.

If you can, attend the Tuesday 2:00 PM public Board meeting at the Thurston County office *Building #1, Room #280*. At the beginning of the meeting there is a scheduled "Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board." Tell them this is unacceptable.

Commission phone: 360-786-5440

Email Contacts

John Hutchings: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/email/pages/default.aspx?List-ID=287>

Gary Edwards: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/email/pages/default.aspx?List-ID=286>

Tye Menser: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/email/pages/default.aspx?List-ID=256>

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

It's Time to Call for Impeachment

Why call for impeachment now? We weren't doing it earlier. The answer is that several issues are coming into clearer focus, calling previous strategies into question. With Democrats assuming control of the House after the

2018 elections, there was hope that their efforts to exert greater oversight over the Trump administration might bear fruit. It is becoming clear that, in spite of their efforts, the administration is intent on stonewalling them. Also, there was hope that the Mueller report would force the administration to greater accountability. That isn't happening, most Republicans are hiding behind the administration's claims that the Mueller report vindicated them! The third factor is that the Trump administration is actively considering military interventions in Iran and Venezuela, starting wars to divert attention from their crimes. The political landscape has become even more perilous, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi recently described the US as in a "constitutional crisis".

The calls for impeachment, contempt of Congress, or other actions have escalated greatly in the last few weeks. Some examples:

- Last week, House Judiciary Committee Chair Adam Nadler (D-NY) said: "This is the White House saying that the Justice Department said they can't hold the president accountable because you can't indict a president and now they're saying neither can Congress. So the president is totally unaccountable and above the law. No president, no person in the United States is above the law. This is preposterous."
- Two weeks ago, over 450 former federal prosecutors, who worked in both Democratic and Republican administrations, signed a letter saying there was enough evidence to charge Trump with obstruction, if he were not President.
- Treasury Secretary Mnuchin has refused to provide Trump's tax returns to House oversight committees, and just refused to comply with a subpoena to do so. It is now abundantly clear that the Trump administration will block all House efforts at oversight, the list of administration officials who have refused to cooperate with House oversight has grown long.
- And, the first Republican voices have just called for impeachment. GOP Representative Justin Amash has spoken in support of impeachment, a move that GOP Senator Romney called "courageous" but declined to support. At present, he is the only GOP member of Congress to take this stand, but it is further evidence of the seriousness of the situation.

ACTION: Call or email our MOCs:

Representative Denny Heck Phone: 202-225-9740
Website: <https://dennyheck.house.gov/contact/email-me>

Senator Patty Murray Phone: (202) 224-2621
Website: <https://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contactme>

Senator Maria Cantwell Phone: (202) 224-3441
Website: <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/email/form>

Script:

Rep. Heck version: My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. Speaker Pelosi recently described a "constitutional crisis" and House Judiciary Chair Nadler described the current stalemate with the Trump administration as "preposterous". I agree, and I believe that the time has come for the House to begin impeachment proceedings against Trump, as well as Attorney General Barr who has lied to protect him. House oversight is not working, Trump has stonewalled every effort. He is becoming ever more dangerous; his administration seems to be ready to start wars in Iran and Venezuela to deflect attention from his legal troubles. Trump is starting to talk as if he is an Imperial President, openly considering claims that he should be able to serve an extra two years. Impeachment now seems to be the only real opportunity to block this slide into autocracy and war mongering. I urge Rep. Heck to publicly call for impeachment proceedings against Trump and some of the most corrupt members of his administration.

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PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

No War! No US Intervention in Iran or Venezuela

The US has deployed an aircraft carrier to the Middle East to send a "clear and unmistakable message" to Iran. National Security Adviser John Bolton said the administration was acting "in response to a number of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings". The deployment of the warship was based on claims of a possible attack on US forces stationed in the region, unnamed US officials are quoted as saying. Mr. Bolton added that they would counter any attack with "unrelenting force".

In a statement, Mr. Bolton said: "The United States is deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the US Central Command region to send a clear and unmistakable message to the Iranian regime that any attack on United States interests or on those of our allies will be met with unrelenting force."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-48173357>

Meanwhile:

Venezuela's U.S.-endorsed opposition has asked the Pentagon's regional military command to support the Latin American nation's efforts to overthrow its government and expel the forces of foreign allies.

In a letter dated May 11, addressed to U.S. Southern Command chief Navy Admiral Craig Faller and shared Monday to Twitter by Republican Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó's U.S. envoy Carlos Vecchio said their self-proclaimed administration "welcomes the support of the United States and confirms our government's willingness to begin discussions regarding the cooperation that has been offered."

<https://www.newsweek.com/venezuela-opposition-guaido-military-support-1423619>

In 1973 Congress put into place this legislation to prevent a president from involving the US in a war without justification. We have seen no evidence of threats by Iran against the USA only suspect accusations. Instead, this looks rather like the Bush administration's false claims of WMD in Iraq. There is no such claim about Venezuela and clearly, there are no threats against us by Venezuela.

Trump's moves, more than anything, look like attempts to distract attention away from the many investigations into his shady dealings by starting a war or two.

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

Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Demand that our MoCs stand up for peace and justice by invoking the Wars Powers Act*. Tell them to make it clear to Trump that they will not authorize, support or fund any war.

*<https://www.britannica.com/topic/War-Powers-Act>

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

May 24, Friday 6-8:00 pm

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia

June 17 Monday 7:00pm

All Member Meeting

Plan to attend the June 17, 2019 Monday, 7:00 pm meeting in Room 152 at the Thurston County Courthouse. Talk presented by the OI Protect the Environment Team. Featured Speaker: Port of Olympia Commissioner E.J. Zita on how the Port impacts our community, including the Port's environmental mission and mandates. RSVP to:

olyindirsvp@gmail.com