



CALL TO ACTION – June 16

June 17 Monday 7:00pm

OI All Member Meeting

Plan to attend the June 17, 2019 Monday, 7:00 pm meeting in Room 152 at the Thurston County Courthouse More meeting info below. Please RSVP to: olyindirsvp@gmail.com

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Impeachment: The Time To Act is Now!

It is illegal to take campaign information from foreign powers. This week Mr. Trump told George Stephanopoulos in a televised interview that he would do just that if given the opportunity.

"It's not an interference, they have information -- I think I'd take it," Trump said. "If I thought there was something wrong, I'd go maybe to the FBI -- if I thought there was something wrong. But when somebody comes up with oppo research, right, they come up with oppo research, 'oh let's call the FBI.' The FBI doesn't have enough agents to take care of it. When you go and talk, honestly, to congressman, they all do it, they always have, and that's the way it is. It's called oppo research."

— *President Trump to ABC's George Stephanopoulos*

ACTION: Call Denny Heck Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Ask him to join the other members of the House in favor of an Impeachment Inquiry NOW. The continued lawlessness of this president needs to be called out and WE the People demand the truth of Special Council Report be exposed through House Hearings.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

No War in Iran! We STILL say No US Intervention in Iran or Venezuela

It looks like this administration is using the old George W Bush strategy of claiming, without evidence, that a country they want to attack is a threat to our security. War can mean big profits to the military-industrial complex, but for the average American it just means high costs in the lives and money. So we need to increase the volume when we tell our MoCs NO WAR!

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.

Tell Denny Heck to support H.R. 1046 to bring down prescription drug prices.

House Democrats are very likely to act on legislation to lower prescription drug costs this summer, and they are currently considering two competing proposals for doing so.

Prescription drug prices are [substantially higher in the United States](#) than in other high-income countries, and as a result Americans spend more on prescription drugs than residents of other countries. Despite this, the government is not allowed to use its position as the largest purchaser of prescription drugs in the world (through Medicare Part D) to bargain for lower prices for patients. House Democrats have pledged to work on lowering prescription drug prices now that they are in the majority, including by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices, but it isn't yet clear which bill they will bring to the floor to accomplish this.

Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) has introduced the Medicare Negotiation and Competitive Licensing Act (H.R. 1046) to give Medicare the power it needs to effectively negotiate with drug companies and bring drug prices down. Rep. Doggett's H.R.1046 is a much stronger approach than the alternative bill that weakly relies on arbitration.

<https://indivisible.org/resource/hr-1046-act-now-bring-drug-prices-down?>

ACTION: call: Rep. Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Call Rep. Heck and strongly encourage him to co-sponsor H.R.1046, the Medicare Negotiation and Competitive Licensing Act and reject any bills that would use arbitration to bring down drug prices

Reject Money for Trump's Deportation Machine

The House Appropriations Committee has approved the Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security funding bill. There is good news and bad news in the bill. The good news includes new restrictions that will limit the Administration's ability to transfer funds for purposes other than those intended by Congress. The bad news is that the bill includes a \$387 million slush fund that Trump can use to fuel his inhumane policies on immigration. We oppose this slush fund, and we want Congressman Denny Heck to reject this section of the bill.

ACTION: Call Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514 and ask him to reject the slush fund included in the Homeland Security funding bill.

Script: My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am concerned because the Homeland Security funding bill includes a \$387 million slush fund that may be used to support inhumane immigration policies. I am asking Congressman Heck to reject this section of the funding bill. Thank you.

Save the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Antiquities Act.

President Trump's recently proposed budget virtually eliminates funding for America's most successful conservation program.

This attack would have catastrophic consequences. Without funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, many of our country's most revered national parks and wild lands simply would not exist.

We need activists like you to put as much pressure as possible on Congress to fight this devastating budget cut and pass legislations to protect public lands, permanently.

Follow this link to act: <https://secure.tpl.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=609>

Fund Secure US Elections

The House of representatives is poised to approve \$600 million for the states to upgrade and secure the upcoming elections. We will need to push hard on the Senate to approve these funds as well.

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Sample letter:

Date
The Honorable Senator Name
Name Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Senator Name:

Our national elections systems remain vulnerable to interference from foreign actors. Special Counsel Robert Mueller declared in his widely viewed statement on May 29 of this year that in 2016

“Russian intelligence officers who are part of the Russian military launched a concerted attack on our political system [...] there were multiple, systematic efforts to interfere in our election.”

More than twenty states’ election systems were violated. In the 2018 elections, at least one state, Florida, is known to have been penetrated by rogue actors. Today many states are using election equipment that is outdated while many government officials repeat that we are still under attack.

The federal government needs to do more to protect our election infrastructure. While most of our states and localities are working hard to improve the situation, they do not have sufficient resources to protect our election systems and our citizens.

This an issue that goes beyond partisanship: where foreign election interference favors one party today, it may well favor another tomorrow. Free and fair elections are at the root of our democracy. Interference in elections threatens all Americans, and should be viewed as a matter of national security and nothing less.

Congress must act. States cannot replace their outdated equipment without the support of funding from the federal government We urge you to support the \$600 million allocated by the House of Representatives to the states to update and secure their voting equipment, to improve cybersecurity expertise and systems, and to counteract manipulation of our media by foreign powers. Our democracy depends on it.

Sincerely,

STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS

Get Ready for Port of Olympia Commissioner Endorsement Vote!

Joe Downing (incumbent) is being challenged by Helen Wheatley for the Port of Olympia Commissioner election for District #1. The OI Endorsement Team developed questionnaires for these candidates and the candidate responses are available below.

- [Joe Downing questionnaire](#)
- [Helen Wheatley questionnaire](#)

The OI Protect the Environment team will be hosting an informative meeting with Port Commissioner E.J. Zita on June 17th, also at the Thurston County Courthouse 7:00-8:30 to better inform you about the port's functions and obligations. The Port of Olympia has a huge impact on our local environment and in the community in general, so it is important that we seriously engage in this election to try to elect a commissioner that will reflect our core values on the commission.

COMING SOON

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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.

ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR PORT OF OLYMPIA!

Come hear Port of Olympia Commissioner E.J. Zita speak about the Port, its financial responsibilities (including the Westman Mill Project on State St., taxpayer subsidies of private company use of Port facilities, and transparent accounting for various projects) and its mandate for environmental sustainability (including estuary restoration, shoreline management, stormwater runoff into Budd Inlet, and legacy contamination.)

Please RSVP to: olyindirsvp@gmail.com

June 20, Thursday 6:00 pm

Thurston Conservation District, Rates and Charges meeting.

Attend the public hearing Thursday 6/20/2019 at 6 pm - 8pm at Thurston Conservation District, 2918 Ferguson St. SW Ste A, Tumwater, WA 98512 and ask the Thurston County Commission to extend our Rates and Charges for many more years., 2918 Ferguson St. SW Ste A, Tumwater, WA 98512 and ask the Thurston County Commission to extend our Rates and Charges for many more years.

June 21, Friday 6-8:00 pm

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia

June 23, Sunday 11:30am

Pride March

Meet us at the Capitol at 11:30 a.m. to march in the parade. Look for our banner between the Legislative and Insurance buildings. AND WEAR YOUR OI T-SHIRT! (Check in with Registration if you arrive earlier and want to know where we are launching from.) And then visit the OI table at Heritage Park. Our GOTV team will be registering new voters and our Membership team will be recruiting new members.

June 26, Wednesday/June 27 Thursday: 6:00pm

Democratic Presidential Debates

River's Edge Restaurant, at the Tumwater Golf Course, 4611 Tumwater Valley Drive SE, Olympia

Let's Party! Democratic Presidential Candidate Debates. Join us for dinner and to watch and discuss the candidate debates on June 26 & 27. RSVP to: demdebatesrsvp@gmail.com. See our website for more information.

<https://www.olympiaindivisible.org/presidential-debates.html>

August 18, Sunday 4-8pm

Second Annual Olympia Indivisible Picnic

Priest Point Park 2600 East Bay Drive NE, Shelter #1

Please save the date and bring yourself, family, and friends to the Second Annual Olympia Indivisible Picnic!
WHAT WILL THIS BE? An old-fashioned, family-friendly event. A great time to meet your fellow Indivisiblers!!