



CALL TO ACTION – JULY 29

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OI ENDORSEMENT VOTE RESULTS!

This week OI membership endorsed 4 additional candidates:

State Senator Legislative District 35: Irene Bowling (D)

State Representative Legislative District 35 Position 1: James Thomas (D)

State Representative Legislative District 35 Position 2: David Daggett (D)

Thurston Public Utility District - Commissioner District 1: Andrew Saturn (NP)

Please get out and support these candidates - Primary voting ends August 7.

OI endorsed candidates can be found here: <https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/endorsements.html>

ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL – LET’S WIN THE PRIMARIES AUGUST 7!

Primaries end August 7 and if you’ve not voted yet do it right now - don’t delay! Primaries tend to have low turnouts, so your vote is even more powerful than usual.

Here’s how to make your vote even more powerful yet. Get your personal contacts ready and:

1. Call up at least 10 of your progressive friends and neighbors that vote in the races where we have endorsed candidates. Ask them if they’ve voted in the primary and encourage them to do so if they’ve not. Right now is a good time.
2. If they would like more information on the candidates we have endorsed, send them to <https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/endorsements.html>

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Save the Supreme Court of these United States

Trump’s nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court is still an issue that we dare not neglect. Realistically, any Trump nominee is going to oppose Roe vs Wade, as all the nominees on Trump’s list do. What sets Kavanaugh apart from them is his writings declaring that a president should be immune from prosecution while in office. Ironically, he did not feel this way when he worked for Kenneth Starr in investigating Bill Clinton and accusations of sexual harassment.

Kavanaugh wrote in an [article for the Minnesota Law Review from 2009](#) that Congress should pass a law “exempting a President—while in office—from criminal prosecution and investigation, including from questioning by criminal prosecutors or defense counsel.”

“I believe that the President should be excused from some of the burdens of ordinary citizenship while serving in office,” Kavanaugh wrote. “We should not burden a sitting President with civil suits, criminal investigations, or criminal prosecutions.” Furthermore, Kavanaugh opined that the “indictment and trial of a sitting President” would “cripple the federal government.”

<https://www.vox.com/2018/7/9/17551584/brett-kavanaugh-president-criminal-investigation>

“I believe it vital that the President be able to focus on his never-ending tasks with as few distractions as possible. The country wants the President to be ‘one of us’ who bears the same responsibilities of citizenship that all share. But I believe that the President should be excused from some of the burdens of ordinary citizenship while serving in office,” argued Kavanaugh in the law-review article. He then asserted that “the indictment and trial of a sitting President, moreover, would cripple the federal government, rendering it unable to function with credibility in either the international or domestic arenas. Such an outcome would ill serve the public interest, especially in times of financial or national security crisis.”

<https://www.thenation.com/article/brett-kavanaugh-argued-sitting-president-law/>

In an [earlier article published in the Georgetown Law Journal in 1998](#), Kavanaugh wrote, “The Constitution itself seems to dictate, in addition, that congressional investigation must take place in lieu of criminal investigation when the President is the subject of investigation, and that criminal prosecution can occur only after the President has left office.” In the same article, Kavanaugh wrote later on, “Whether the Constitution allows indictment of a sitting President is debatable.” (Emphasis his.)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2018/07/11/does-brett-kavanaugh-think-the-president-is-immune-from-criminal-charges/?utm_term=.65b0a3e8dd01

It is important to note here, that there is no benefit to the public to allow Trump's corruption to continue and then to prosecute him after he has left office. If it is determined by the Mueller investigation of his wrong doing and/or the cases now in court regarding Trump's violations of the emoluments clauses of the Constitution, then he should be prosecuted, thus ending the continuation of those violations.

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

Script for Murray and Cantwell:

My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to express my deep concern about the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. I appreciate the Senator's vocal opposition to this nominee, but also to ask that she lobby her colleagues in the senate, both fellow Democrats – especially those in states which Trump won – and moderate Republicans who recognize how vital it is for our democracy to have a Supreme Court that regards all citizens as accountable to the law. Thank you.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Oppose Kathy Kraninger for CFPB Head

Kathy Kraninger has been nominated to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). She has no record of consumer protection and her fingerprints are likely all over President Trump's policy tearing children away from their families at our southern border and the administration's disastrous response to the crisis in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.. 'We the People' deserve to know about her record.

It's a huge red flag that the Trump administration is hiding Kathy Kraninger's record from the public. Kraninger refused to answer even the most basic questions from Senators about her role in these policy blunders.

The American people want someone they can trust to stand up to powerful Wall Street special interests, not someone who refuses to answer simple questions about their own record. Allied Progressive has submitted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to learn more about Kraninger's involvement in policies responsible for

tearing families apart at the border and the administration's disastrous response to the crisis in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. The American people want someone they can trust to stand up to powerful Wall Street special interests, not someone who refuses to answer simple questions about their own record.

ACTION:

Call our Members of Congress to urge them to push for the reunification of migrant parents and their children.

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

Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: "We the People" of Olympia Indivisible oppose Kathy Kraninger as the head of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Protect us from this unqualified CFPB nominee.

Denounce the Trump Administration Failure to Reunite Families

The Trump administration failed to reunite all the separated parents and children who were supposed to be reunited by last Thursday. The administration claimed that at least 900 children could not be reunited with their parents because they were "ineligible." In addition, the administration is pressuring parents to agree to be deported as a condition of being reunited with their children. In many cases, after agreeing to deportation, the parents are deported without their children.

There is evidence that many of the children separated from their parents are being treated very badly. Younger children have been told not to touch any adult or other child and have not been given any reassurance as to their situation. Many have been told that their parents abandoned them, when in fact they were taken forcibly from their parents.

The administration keeps making up new rules to stop immigration. Now the administration is proposing to end the use of "ports of entry" at the border as legal sites for migrants to apply for asylum. The administration has already said that migrants cannot apply if they do not apply at ports of entry. Then the only option for asylum seekers would be abroad, where they would remain in danger for long waits while their cases were considered.

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Script:

My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to urge _____ to stand up and fight for the reunification of the families that were separated by the Trump administration. These asylum seekers need legal advice and protection from the efforts to force them to abandon their asylum claims. The separation of children from their parents has turned the children into hostages. This immoral action must be stopped. Please oppose the new rules restricting applications for asylum and demand the reunification of families.

READY FOR MORE?

IS IT TIME TO DUMP THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE?

We had several OI members email us last week at indivisible.action.oly@gmail.com and share their thoughts on the Electoral College. Here's a worthwhile article on the topic: <http://harvardpolitics.com/united-states/the-case-against-the-electoral-college/> Drop us a line.

COMING SOON

August 3 Friday 6-8:00 pm



Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

Peace, love, understanding and Indian food! **RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia**

ADVANCE WARNING – Mark Your Calendar

OI FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC: Priest Point Park, Shelter #1

August 19, 2018 4-8pm

This week's Call to Action brought to you by Mindy Allen, Joni Brill, Josh Haymond, Karen Lichtenstein, and Tom Dyer. Interested in joining our team? Contact indivisibletom@gmail.com.