



CALL TO ACTION – August 12

LET'S WIN ELECTIONS!!!

PRIMARIES ARE OVER - NOW WHAT?

All thirteen OI-endorsed candidate did great in the primaries, either winning their race or placing in the top two so they go on the general election in November. Additionally, challengers to Republican incumbents did well throughout the state, including Federal District 3 to our south, where OI made it our goal to help “Flip The 3rd.” (You can view the primary results here: <https://results.vote.wa.gov/results/current/default.htm>) While that is exciting progress, the real work lies ahead – getting our chosen candidates over the line to victory in November!

So what to do? Each of you needs to decide what you can fit into your life and what you are willing to do to win. My suggestion is to pick a candidate that you are really excited about and contact that campaign and see what opportunities there are to help. If you look at our [Endorsements](#) page under County, State or Federal, you will find the candidates listed with links to their websites where you can volunteer. It is rewarding work.

A second thing you can do is contact our OI [Flip CD3 Team](#), [State and County Elections/Legislation in CD10 Team](#), or [Federal Elections in CD10 Team](#). Click on any of those links and it will take you to a form you can fill out and the team will contact you. If you want to learn more about the teams just start with [the Electoral Teams Description page](#).

A third choice is read the [OI ELECTIONS ALERT](#) that comes in your email (you can also find it on our web page [here](#)). It has listings every week for opportunities to help our endorsed candidates.

If you are trying to decide which candidates need the most help, possibly the biggest factor to consider is if they are running against an incumbent. Those folks all have an uphill battle compared to some Democrat incumbents that ran practically unopposed. The challengers are:

State Rep – Legislative District (LD) 2 Pos 1: Anneliese Feld (D);
State Rep - LD 20 Pos 2: Brennan Bailey (D);
State Rep - LD 35 Pos 1: James Thomas (D);
State Rep - LD 35 Pos 2: David Daggett (D);
State Senator - LD 35: Irene Bowling (D);
Thurston County - Commissioner District 3: Tye Menser (D); and
Thurston PUD - Commissioner District 1: Andrew Saturn (NP).

Irene Bowling in LD 35 may be worth extra consideration because she is running against Tim Sheldon, who runs as a Dem but caucuses with the Republicans. Don't be fooled.

ACTION: VOLUNTEER: Life is still busy. Make time to add one more thing to your list anyway, using one of the methods above!

WE ARE COMMUNITY!!!

First Annual Olympia Indivisible Picnic

Sunday, August 19, 4-8pm - Priest Point Park Shelter #1

rsvp at olyindirsvp@gmail.com

Please save the date (Sunday, August 19th) and bring yourself, family, and friends to the First Annual Olympia Indivisible Picnic!

WHAT WILL THIS BE? An old-fashioned, family-friendly event. A great time to meet your fellow Indivisiblers!!

WHO CAN COME? Yourself, partner, children, extended family, and guests. We'll also be inviting our endorsed Federal, state, and county candidates to join us (but no speeches, just socializing!) **Please rsvp** at olyindirsvp@gmail.com so OI can bring the right amount of beverages, etc.

WHERE? Priest Point Park, Shelter #1 (2600 East Bay Drive Northeast, Olympia, WA 98506). The shelter seats up to 75 at picnic tables, has a power outlet and a sink, paved parking, and easy access to rest rooms. **NO BARBECUE GRILLS.**

WHEN? 4-8pm. Please feel free to stay for whatever time suits you best! We'll eat at 5:30pm.

WHAT TO BRING? It's a Yogi Bear picnic, so please bring your own main course for yourself, your family, and your guest; AND

- if your last name starts with the letter A-P, a potluck side dish or salad to share (please furnish serving utensils--thanks!);
- if your last name starts with the letter Q-Z, a potluck desert to share (please furnish serving utensil--thanks!).
- musical instrument (if you'd like to do some freestyle jamming before supper!)
- board games, cards, nerf balls, hoola hoops
- bug spray
- PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ALCOHOL MAY BE CONSUMED AT THIS EVENT

WHAT WILL OI PROVIDE:

- pre-supper snacks
- beverages (lemonade, water, iced tea)
- a scrumptious sheet cake with an epic message!
- napkins, recyclable cups, and reusable eating utensils and plates
- table cloths (the shelter has picnic-table seating)
- board games grown-ups
- hoola hoops, sidewalk chalk, coloring books for kids

ACTIVITIES:

- the principal activity is simply enjoying time with your family, friends and fellow Indivisiblers! In addition, we'll offer the following:
- a DIY jam session area for all you music-makers and singers (please bring your acoustic instrument and vocal chords!)
- GOTV DIY post cards for WA-03 Congressional district (we'll have all the supplies! All we need is you!)
- board games, card games, chess set for you analog gamers
- OI Swag and Team Sign-up Tables (get you a T-shirt! Yeah! And a button! Oh, yeah!) Join an OI team (Ohhhhh yeah!)

SCHEDULE:

4-5:30: snacks, games, jam session, GOTV post cards, socialize!!

5:30-6:30: supper (bring your own main course and potluck side dishes, salads, and deserts)

6:30-6:45: Entertainment (from some amazing OI members!)
6:45-7:00: OI announcements (what's shakin' at OI for the rest of the mid-term season?)
7-7:30: more socializing!
7:30-8:00: clean-up
8:00: DONE!

Please, please, please rsvp at olyindirsvp@gmail.com so we can make sure we have enough beverages, etc.!!

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

DEFEND PRESS FREEDOM

Donald Trump has been criticizing the press for years, but has escalated his assault recently, declaring the news media "the enemy of the people". This is not just empty rhetoric or bashing an opponent, this is dangerous. **We have no democracy without a free press.**

Thomas Jefferson understood the importance of a free press and commented frequently on this topic:

"The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." --Thomas Jefferson to Edward Carrington, 1787. ME 6:57

"The only security of all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted when permitted freely to be expressed. The agitation it produces must be submitted to. It is necessary, to keep the waters pure." --Thomas Jefferson to Lafayette, 1823. ME 15:491

"Our liberty cannot be guarded but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without danger of losing it." --Thomas Jefferson to John Jay, 1786

<https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Politics/ThomasJefferson/jeff1600.htm>

We have no protection from government abuse without investigative journalists and a free press. The Boston Globe is doing its part to defend the press by coordinating an "editorial response across the US" against the attacks by Trump.* But this is not enough. The press cannot defend itself alone, especially through an editorial response. Most people don't read newspaper editorials. We must stand up for the press and appeal to our MOCs to step up and defend journalism loudly and forcefully.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2018/08/10/globe-calls-for-war-words-against-trump-media-attacks/bOjknXaqL92wsnMPT5ZIVJ/story.html>

"In our time, political speech and writing are largely the defense of the indefensible". George Orwell, "Politics and the English Language"

ACTION: Call our Senators: Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281 Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636 and Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to express my outrage at Donald Trump's attacking journalists and the news media. American democracy is the foundation of our nation and without a free and respected press our democracy cannot stand, and we sink into fascism. I am calling on you to come out publicly and loudly to condemn the president for calling the press the "enemy of the people". The press safeguards our democracy; they are our security against tyranny. Also, I ask that you lobby colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do the same, to stand united in condemning the president's comments. Finally, I ask that

Congress consider a Presidential Censure to officially reprimand Donald Trump and his un-American assault on journalists.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

KEEP FIGHTING FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

As of two days ago the fate of the separated families are still in the hands of the courts, the government and the ACLU. US District Judge Dana Sabrow, San Diego, ordered the government and ACLU to come up with a joint plan for unification.

A corporate law firm in New York, along with three non-profits are heading up the ACLU's outreach mission and will attempt to make contact with each family using information culled from government sources. The families will then be counseled on their legal options so they can determine whether to reunite or to keep their children in the U.S., perhaps with relatives.

The government has handed over the family contact information. For the families ready for unification the government will provide transportation to their country of origin after the parents go through a background check.

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:

My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. We the People are calling to urge for continuing the fight for the reunification of the families that were separated by the Trump administration.

READY FOR MORE?

Americans of Conscience Checklist

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xi2STouxHE6u04M9Qyul8z6xhWW4A2qil2jYR3KBHNQ/edit>

COMING SOON

August 17 Friday 6-8:00 pm



Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

Comradeship! Connection! Curry! **RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia**

August 19, 2018 4-8pm

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

September 20 Monday 7:00pm

New Member Orientation: If you are new to Olympia Indivisible, you will want to attend the next NMO. Please mark your calendar. A formal invitation will follow in the next few weeks.

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