



CALL TO ACTION – August 19

LET'S WIN ELECTIONS!!!

IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK!

Our OI-endorsed candidates are fighting hard to win their elections, and they need your help! This week we are featuring two of our endorsees who are up against incumbents and would especially benefit from your love:

Thurston County - Commissioner District 3: Tye Menser (D) Tye is a first-time candidate running against incumbent Bud Blake, who used to be a republican but is now an "independent." He did well in the primary but came in behind Bud – there is work to do.

You can read Tye's responses to OI questions here:

https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/uploads/2/0/5/9/20595614/menser_redacted.pdf

You can contact him here to get opportunities to help his campaign. <https://tyeforthurston.com>

State Senate - LD35: Irene Bowling (D) Irene is running against Tim Sheldon in the #5th. Sheldon runs as a Democrat, but he caucuses with the Republicans and is listed on the Republicans for state senate web page. Irene ran against him last election and nearly won. She beat him in the primary but if you count Sheldon's votes and all the Republican candidates votes, that total number is more than Irene's votes. Work to do!

We have temporarily lost Irene's questionnaire but will get it back up on the OI site shortly:

<https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/endorsements.html> Look under WA Senator Leg Dist 35.

Irene's website: <https://irenebowling.com>

Note that one of the aforementioned candidate (Irene Bowling) was endorsed by OI after collecting people's original campaign participation preferences, so if you'd like to receive updates for how you can help Irene, fill out the [Campaign Participation Survey](#) again, being sure to include Irene name in the Comments field; or just email Carolyn Barcliff at OfcrMom@gmail.com.

ACTION: Check the Campaign Opportunities Calendar for something you can do to help OI's endorsed candidates win their elections--especially Irene Bowling and Tye Menser.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

ATTEND INSIDE THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE WITH REP. DENNY HECK

Presented by World Affairs Council Tacoma: Denny Heck is the congressional representative for Washington's 10th Congressional District and a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

On Aug. 30, at 5:30 p.m., in the Rotunda on the University of Puget Sound campus, Rep. Heck will offer an insider's perspective on the state of the Russia investigation and the threat posed by Russia to our democratic institutions.

Thursday, August 30, 2018 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
University of Puget Sound, The Rotunda, 1500 N Warner St, Tacoma, WA 98416

Registration is required. **RSVP here:** <http://www.wactacoma.com/event-3019731>

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Oppose Brett Kavanaugh's Nomination to the Supreme Court

Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court poses an extreme threat to our judicial system. If Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed, the Supreme Court will have a majority favoring more deregulation and fewer protections for consumers and for the environment. The constitutional protections women have had for four decades could be lost. Women have the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions. We must fight to preserve these protections and regulations by defeating this nomination. National Indivisible has written a script to fight this nominee and save the Supreme Court. We should thank our Senators for opposing Kavanaugh's nomination and ask them to do everything in their power to stop his appointment.

ACTION:

Call Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636

Call Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281

Or use the toll-free number provided by Indivisible: Dial 1-844-778-3056

Script for our Senators:

My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to thank Senator _____ for strongly opposing the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. This appointment would radically shift the Supreme Court and cause damage for generations to come. He ruled in the past to block women from having abortions and to sabotage the Affordable Care Act. He is also considered one of the most anti-environment judges in America. Please do everything in your power to oppose Kavanaugh's nomination. Thank you.

PROTECT THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

With the start of the Trump Administration in January of 2017, they have continued the drip drip of eroding the environmental regulations that the Obama Administration enacted. Starting with mountain tops being dump into water shed and into the streams of the Appalachia and now proposing a plan to weaken pollution rules for coal power plants that release carbon dioxide. Leaving the regulating to the states. So We The People need to comment about the Trump administration trying to weaken the public input process within NEPA and public comments are needed by Aug 20th.

ACTION: Contact the link below to voice your comments, the deadline is very short notice.

Script: I am concerned about attacks on National Environmental Policy Act protections. Requiring the federal government to thoroughly review the environmental impacts of projects before approving them stops environmental disasters before they happen. NEPA also helps the federal government make better-informed decisions, preventing

waste of taxpayer money.

The environmental review process also ensures that the government is transparent and takes into account concerns from the public. The only people that benefit from limiting environmental review and weakening NEPA are companies that want to ram forward destructive projects with as little scrutiny as possible.

I am strongly opposed to any changes to NEPA that would restrict meaningful and inclusive public input, limit consideration of project alternatives, establish hard deadlines for project approval, or narrow or eliminate federal agencies' obligations to consider a project's climate impacts.

Some of the potential changes to the NEPA process that concern me are: arbitrary deadlines and page limits, limiting the scope of environmental review, and restricting the ability of the public to give input. These changes will diminish the quality of environmental review and limit public input, and I therefore urge you to abandon this arbitrary and capricious effort. Instead, please seek to make the NEPA process more robust with greater opportunities for meaningful public participation to fulfill the statute's purpose: "to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation..."

Here is the link for online comment submission:

<https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=CEQ-2018-0001-0001&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=61b5e56d-28cd-4468-b147-4bcff1d83e6b>

COMING SOON

August 24 Friday 6-8:00 pm



Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

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

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, Karen Lichtenstein and Tom Dyer. Interested in joining our team? Contact indivisible.action.oly@gmail.com.