Governor Inslee has ended his presidential bid with its environmental focus. Your OI Call to Action team has decided to take up the torch. As important as the many actions are that we send to you each week, none of them matter if the Earth can no longer sustain human life. With that in mind, we are going to put actions in this category that can make a difference environmentally to bring more specific focus on them. We will favor local items, where we all can have the most immediate impact, but we will bring all we can.

**Take the Thurston County Climate Mitigation Survey**

Thurston County and the cities of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater are working with the Thurston Regional Planning Council on a climate mitigation plan. Your input will be used to shape the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan priorities and actions.

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan builds on earlier work that resulted in adoption of the Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan in 2018.

*ACTION:* Click the “Take the Survey” box on the [Regional Climate Mitigation Plan page](#)

In section 3, you have to choose two top priorities.

Since the highest pollution in Thurston County comes from passenger vehicles and residential homes, we suggest you choose these two areas:

- Increase the use of **alternative forms of transportation**, such as riding the bus, walking, carpool, vanpool and biking as well as more **fuel-efficient vehicles**.
- Make our homes, businesses, and other **buildings more energy efficient and carbon smart**, for example through energy retrofits, energy-saving appliances and sustainable building materials.

**Support Helen Wheatley for Port Commissioner**

Plain and simple – Helen is the strong environmental candidate. We endorsed her, but she is running against an incumbent and has a tough uphill battle.

- We are forming an OI team to canvas for Helen and we need you!
- There’s only about 8 weeks of canvassing left, so we need to get to work. Please contact Lisa Ceazan to join the team and get started: lisa.lisaceazan@outlook.com
- Volunteer training is now every Saturday from 11 a.m. – noon, starting today. We are going to ask them to set up a special training for us before our first canvassing outing.
- Canvassing is done weekday evenings 5:30-7:30 and Saturday and Sunday, mid-day
• You will be given a list of progressive voters to talk to – you will not be out trying to convince the opposition to switch so much as working to get voters to commit to voting. It is a pretty personally rewarding activity. And fun!
• The campaign encourages people to go in groups, especially to accompany Helen. That way they can bring Helen to anyone’s doorstep if a resident is interested in asking questions directly.
• Certain local groups have a designated day to canvass, e.g. the local Green Party, which has endorsed Helen, goes out every Thursday evening. We will try to pick a regular day to go – Lisa Ceazan will send out a poll to pick the best day.
• You don’t have to go every week to make a difference. Do what your schedule allows but step up!
• Members can always volunteer independently and canvass on another day. They would just need to do the Saturday morning training.
• Canvassing will cease about two weeks before the campaign and the emphasis will be on phone banking.

ACTION: Contact Lisa Ceazan today and sign up! lisa.lisaceazan@outlook.com

YARD SIGNS: I have signs at my house! Just drop a note to indivisibletom@gmail.com to get one!

DONATE: Do that right here: https://secure.anedot.com/helenforport/donate

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint 1 Day A Week
We don't have to wait for the next election to make changes to counteract climate change. We can make changes to our own lifestyles to reduce our impact on the problem today. One of the most impactful things you can do to shrink your footprint is cut back on meat consumption.

Aside from the massive quantities of carbon and methane produced by animal agriculture, which are comparable to those produced by transportation and industry, raising livestock consumes a lot of land--four times as much as plant agriculture--and requires further and further deforestation like we see in the Amazon to keep up with consumer demand. It also contributes heftily to air and water pollution.

Now, making any big lifestyle change can be a daunting project, but we don't need the whole world to go vegan to make our diets sustainable. If we were all more conservative about the amount of meat we put in our meals and ate more meals with no meat in them at all, it would drastically extend our timeline for preventing a climate catastrophe.

Start small: go to one of the vegan restaurants in Olympia, like the Wayside Cafe downtown or Park Side Cafe on the Westside. And especially in places like Olympia, it's very easy to find meat-free options at normal restaurants and grocery stores. Pick a day one week to go vegan and feel good!

You can read more about the environmental impacts of meat consumption here. And if you're interested in finding other ways to manage your impact, or think it would be easier to change other aspects of your lifestyle rather than messing with your diet, you can use this tool to estimate your footprint and get some ideas for reducing it.

It might seem frustrating to have to consider changing your behavior to save the environment when there are big businesses that produce far more emissions than you will in your lifetime. But the hard reality is that it's not going to be possible to fix climate change if there's no change in the lifestyles of consumers. The good news is we don't have to do it all at once, and we don't have to do it alone.

ACTION: Pick a day this week to eat meatless, or better yet, vegan and then do it again next week. Consider other changes you can make to your routine to help the environment.

Thank Denny Heck for co-sponsoring The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 673)

Learn more here: https://citizensclimatelobby.org/energy-innovation-and-carbon-dividend-act/

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

Support The Student Climate Strike
STUDENT CLIMATE STRIKE (GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE)
September 20 Friday, 11 AM - 1:00 pm.
North steps of Washington State Capitol Building 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia

High school students will be the speakers at this rally. There will not be a march, just a rally. Bring signs. Bring friends of all ages.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Fair Fight: Let’s Work to Improve Voter Access in our Country

Although the majority of Americans care about reducing Climate Change, improving Health Care, sensible Gun Laws, and protecting a woman’s reproductive healthcare rights, the truth is that the GOP’s malicious use of denying voting access and gerrymandering (in addition to welcoming foreign interference), is preventing legislation that would actually reflect the will of the American people.

Voters in Washington state already have the gold standard in Voter Access: free, mail-in paper ballots. But the GOP is still controlling the majority of the state voter laws and is preventing change at the national level.

We believe that Olympia Indivisible can make a real and lasting impact in helping improve national voter laws through steady, on-going, wise actions.

This week we are asking our members to take these actions:

**ACTION:** Both the Senate and House have pending Democrat-sponsored legislation that could improve voting access on the national level. Right now, because the GOP is preventing action, the bills are predicted to have a 4% chance of passing. The GOP is afraid of a fair fight. Here are 3 simple actions to take this week:

1. **Call Senators Cantwell (253- 572-2281) and Murray (253- 572-2281):** “Our country needs voter laws that promote secure and fair voter access. Where does Senator ______________ stand on Senate Bill 549 (The Voter Empowerment Act). Will they agree to co-sponsor this important bill?"

2. **Call Congressman Heck (360-459-8514):** Our country needs voter laws that promote secure and fair voter access. Where Does Congressman Heck stand on House Bill 1275 (The Voter Empowerment Act). Will he agree to co-sponsor this important bill?


IMPEACH TRUMP

The House Judiciary committee arrived back early from their break in the other Washington to continue the impeachment inquiry of Trump. They have returned so We The People can have the legal question answered, did Trump commit obstruction of justice according to the constitution--as in "high crimes and misdemeanors”.

Thanks to the Congressional committee members that have returned to Washington and are performing their constitutional duty of oversight or known as impeachment inquiry. We all know that Trump continually is not "fit" to hold the highest office of president. But we are a nation of laws and if they are not enforced, we will become a nation in tyranny.
August 30, Friday 6-8:00 pm
**Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!**
RJ’s Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia
The resistance gathers and designs a better future. Join us!

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