CALL TO ACTION – August 26

STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS

THROW THE BASTARDS OUT!

WA Conservation Commission Special Meeting - Thurston CD Item

We’ve been telling you about the unethical members of the Thurston Conservation Commission for some time and the reports on their unacceptable behavior. This Wednesday at 8:30AM is a meeting to move the county to take action against them. YOU need to be there!

The background:

Staff for the Washington State Conservation Commission began investigating complaints against board members late last year. In a report released the week of July 18, 2018, staff recommended the commission remove Eric Johnson, the board’s chairman, and Richard Mankamyer, its auditor.

“(Thurston Conservation District) has seen significant deterioration in fiscal health, accountability and its standing in the community. This deterioration is the result of the actions of Johnson and Mankamyer in their attempts to ‘take back control of the District,’” according to the report.

The report finds Johnson and Mankamyer failed to respond to a public records request, delayed or refused to sign district checks, and prevented the release of board meeting minutes to the public, taking as long as 14 months to approve minutes for release.

The WSCC will be holding a public hearing in Lacey on Wednesday, August 29 to take public comment as to whether to hold a public hearing about Johnson and Mankamyer. (Frankly, we don't know what the heck the WSCC is waiting for--their own staff recommended the removal of Johnson and Mankamyer--our guess is that they are too cowardly to take this step on their own). That meeting starts at 8:30am and they are allotting only 15 minutes for public testimony (3 min. max each, so five folks). This is a public meeting and we urge OI members to turn out big! Wear your Oly Indivisible shirt! Please register in advance so they get a big enough room for us. (see link below).

Johnson and Mankamyer are clearly trolls and the WSCC needs to be pressured to throw the rascals out...NOW.

One of our OI members writes:

“We have attended many board meetings of the TCD and the behavior of the 2 named people is atrocious. Mankmayer is a member of an offshoot of the tea party and as far as I can tell, they seem hell bent on destroying an organization that helps farmers. Otherwise, they display willful stupidity and disrespect. They obviously meet ahead of the board meetings and collude with a third member, Linda. I haven't seen such coordination of effort since watching a synchronous swim team. Paul Pickett and Doug Johnson are doing their best but they are only 2. They/we need help.”

**ACTION:** Here is the website address which includes the meeting notice, agenda, and how to register to attend for the Aug. 29 meeting. Contact them and make you reservation for Wednesday morning!

http://scc.wa.gov/commission-meetings/
ASK GOVERNOR INSLEE TO STOP INVESTING IN FOSSIL FUELS

This week, the Olympia City Council approved a resolution urging the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) to evaluate the carbon footprint of their portfolios and commit to divesting from fossil fuels. Earlier this year, New York State made history by announcing plans to divest state funds from fossil fuels, as did the entire country of Ireland. We at OI feel Washington State is running a little late to hop on this trend, especially given how vocal Governor Jay Inslee has been about fighting climate change.

**ACTION:** Call Governor Inslee’s office (360-902-4111) and ask him to direct the Washington State Investment Board to divest from the fossil fuel industry.

Script for Governor Inslee:
Hello, my name is __________, and I’m a member of Olympia Indivisible. I’m calling to express my agreement with the Olympia City Council’s recent resolution urging the Washington State Investment Board to withdraw its investments from the fossil fuel industry. These companies are becoming riskier investments and continue to profit from the destruction of our environment. Please direct the investment board to divest itself of fossil fuels, and take the lead to give Washingtonians green pensions and save our planet. Thank you.

More information

Want to do even more to fight climate change? Rise for Climate will be holding a Day of Action in cities across America on Saturday, September 8, including Tacoma! If you’d like to join the fight and make your voice heard, come to 1548 Commerce Street at 9 am. There will be a rally and a march. For more details as they become available, check the Action Network website.

**ACTION:** Save the date! Put the Rise for Climate Day of Action on your calendar, then attend it in person on September 8.

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LET’S WIN ELECTIONS!!!

CALLING ALL OLYMPIA INDIVISIBLE CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Convention & Strategy Session
Here is an opportunity for involvement in campaigns - in particular, for OI, for candidates we have endorsed. The event is not specific to those candidates, necessarily, but what a chance to learn more! This is not an Olympia indivisible event, but rather a conversation, information and strategy session sponsored by LD22 Dem Coordinated Campaign Field Organizer that is expanded beyond just OI candidates. Any opportunity to learn, share and converse is grand! Please consider attending. The invite:

My name is Dennis and I’m the Field Organizer for the 2nd and 22nd LDs for the Coordinated Campaign this election cycle. I want to let you know that I will be holding a Volunteer Convention and Strategy session on Saturday, September 1st at 11:00 am at the Lacey Library (500 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503). This Convention is for any and all who wish to help elect Democrats up and down the ballot in the 2nd and 22nd Legislative District. I will be going over the Primary results, what the Coordinated Campaign is doing in the 2nd and 22nd LDs leading up to the General in November, and how you can get involved and help Democrats up and down the ballot achieve victory this November.

People can sign up online using this link https://www.wa-democrats.org/npvvanforms/14789 or they can contact me directly by email at Dennis@wa-democrats.org or by phone at (253) 693-2545.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

STOP TRUMP’S RUSSIAN PALS FROM RIGGING OUR ELECTIONS!
In December of 2017, Senator James Lankford, R-OK introduced the Secure Elections Act. It is co-sponsored by Kamala Harris, D-Calif., and Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and supported by Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Susan Collins, R-Me among others. But according to Yahoo News the White house has blocked the bill.

“Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., was set to conduct a markup of the bill on Wednesday morning in the Senate Rules Committee, which he chairs. The bill had widespread support, including from some of the committee’s Republican members, and was expected to come to a full Senate vote in October. But then the chairman’s mark, as the critical step is known, was canceled, and no explanation was given.

“Lankford, a rising young Republican legislator, vowed to press on. 'The issue of election cybersecurity is very important and more must be done now,' he said in a statement. 'Congressional inaction is unacceptable.'”


**Secure Elections Act**

This bill gives the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) primary responsibility within the federal government for sharing information about election cybersecurity incidents, threats, and vulnerabilities with federal entities and election agencies.

DHS shall award election system cybersecurity and modernization grants to states to implement the advisory panel's guidelines. Grants shall be awarded to: (1) remediate vulnerabilities identified by a cybersecurity evaluation, (2) replace electronic voting systems that are not optical scanners that read paper ballots, and (3) reimburse states for the inspection of marked paper ballots.


Watch a 7 minute video of Sen. Lankford explaining the bill and why it is needed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lzw3GQ_zJAU

Watch a 3 minute video on Russian trolls work.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psmpWVuCb8s&feature=youtu.be

**ACTION:** Contact our MOCs

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

My name is _______, a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to express my support for Sen. Lankford's bill, S 2261, the Secure Elections Act. The blocking of this bill by the White House is more evidence of Trump's involvement with the Russians and his enabling Putin to interfere in our elections. It is unconscionable that the White House would promote voter ID laws under the guise of stemming voter fraud and then oppose the Secure Elections Act.

I am calling on you to support the Secure Elections Act and demand that it go to Markup and continue to the floor for a vote. And also ask that you lobby colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do the same; to stand united in condemning the president's attempts to aid the Russians in interfering in our elections.

**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.

This Thursday, Aug. 30, at 5:30 pm, 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
The Violence Against Women Act was passed in 1994. This law has increased accountability for perpetrators of sexual violence against women. While this legislation received bipartisan support for three previous renewals, none of the Republicans have signed on as co-sponsors this year. The scope of the legislation has been increased to include the importance of removing firearms from domestic abusers because guns are the most common weapon used in domestic homicides. The new version of the act also addresses sexual violence that targets Native American women, LGBTQ people, immigrant women, and people with disabilities. Republican Senators are opposed to these added protections.

**ACTION:** Call Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: My name is ____________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to thank Congressman Heck for co-sponsoring H.R. 6545 the “Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” This legislation has increased accountability for perpetrators of violence against women. We must reduce sexual violence that puts so many women at risk. We need immediate reauthorization of this act. Thank you.

528 KIDS STILL SEPARATED FROM PARENTS

So what about the children separated at the border from their parents? Since June 26, 2018 (61 ones days) there are 528 remaining separated children, with 23 under the age of 6 still to be reunited with their parents. Parents of 343 of the children have already been deported, with 6 of the children under the age of 6 according to court filings. Keep them in your thoughts.

**ACTION:** Speak up for people abused in US immigration detention. [h/t](from Americans of Conscience)

Write: Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO, JP Morgan Chase Bank

Script: By [financing private prison companies](https://www.americansofconscience.org), JP Morgan Chase Bank supports our administration’s [unethical and harmful](https://www.americansofconscience.org) detention practices. [As an account holder,] I oppose profiting off vulnerable people, and I urge you to cut financial ties with [GEO Group and CoreCivic](https://www.americansofconscience.org). Thank you. [Name, address]

Address: 270 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y 10005.
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