CALL TO ACTION – September 16

LET’S WIN ELECTIONS!!!

Today the Action Team spent a lot of time discussing what are the most important things we should be conveying to our 600 plus members to make positive change in America now. We decided we wanted to focus on voting. In the primary 38.6% of voters (68,740) in Thurston County voted. If all our 600-plus members all vote, that is a powerful engine. Get your friends to vote, the engine roars!

TAKE THE OI PLEDGE TO VOTE

Definition: Pledge - a solemn promise or undertaking.

The most important thing we can do in this upcoming election is vote. And we on the Action Team are encouraging 100% of our members to commit to vote.

That is why we are asking each of you to Take the Pledge that you will vote in the November 6, 2018 election. We are going to keep count and post the totals to raise everyone’s spirits as the number climbs.

To do this, just you send us an email that you are pledging to vote and we will add you to the count. It’s that simple.

Pledge by sending us an email at: indivisible.action.oly@gmail.com

Thank you, from the Action Team

ACTION: Send in your email today!

Script: I pledge to vote in the November election. Olympia Indivisible can count on me. Sincerely, (your name)

POWER UP YOUR VOTE

We The People (that’s you, fellow Citizen) can reach out to two or three like-minded friends or family and Power Up Your Vote.

Simply contact them and discuss the November election. Ask them to commit to vote.

If they need register, give them our voter registration info below. Heck, walk them through it. If they need info to help them decide on candidates, direct them to our OI Endorsements page https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/endorsements.html, where there is plenty of info. Then check back with them and see what they think.
Your individual votes can count for more by committing to vote with friends. In an “off year” election there is power in even small numbers when done in combined effort to achieve the outcome desired. So, 1) find your Power Up the Vote buddies, 2) form a plan to get together and fill out your ballot and 3) celebrate the event of mailing or dropping off you ballots at an official ballot box.

Here’s information on voting in Washington State that you can share.

**General Election**

- **October 8**: Deadline for online & mail-in voter registration, all address changes, name changes, and other updates. In-person voter registrations for new voters accepted up to 8-days prior to Election Day.
- **October 6-13**: State Voters’ Pamphlets are mailed to every household in Washington State.
- **October 19**: Start of 18-day voting period (through Election Day). Deadline for ballots to be mailed out and Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) are available at voting centers. County Elections Departments may mail ballots before this date. Expect delivery of your ballot no later than October 25th.
- **October 29**: Deadline for in-person new Washington State voter registration.

**November 6 General Election** - Drop boxes close promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Washington Secretary of State - Elections

elections@sos.wa.gov

1-800-448-4881

**ACTION**: Call your Power Up team today!

**BECOME A VOTER REGISTRATION EXPERT!**

Do you still need to register to vote? Do your three “Power Up Your Vote” family members still need to register? Your action item this week is to learn these 3 easy ways to register before the crucial November 8th elections!

Memorize these easy steps and then practice teaching them, so you are ready to help other potential voters. Small numbers will make a difference in this election. Who do you know that might not be registered?

**First, Are you eligible to vote?**

You need to be at least 18 years of age, a US citizen with a Washington state place of residence and not a felon who is under the authority (in prison or on community custody) of the Department of Corrections (DOC). Once felons have been released from prison/custody, they must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.


**Ready to register?**

There are 3 ways:

- Online (with Washington State Driver’s License or ID) https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/MyVoteOLVR/MyVoteOLVR

- By Mail (with at least a social security number) https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/register-mail.aspx

- In person at the Thurston County Courthouse 2000 Lakeridge Drive S.W. Olympia (with at least a social security number)

**Deadlines before the November Election?**

Oct 8th for Online or Mail in registration

Oct 29th for In person registration at the courthouse.

Everything you need to know can be found right here: https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx

**ACTION**: Get registered! Register others!
Supreme Court Nominee Brett Kavanaugh Must be Questioned

Yesterday the woman who has accused Brett Kavanaugh of sexually molesting her during high school has come forth publicly. Her case is credible and must be allowed to be heard before the Senate is allowed to vote on his nomination.

Whether this accusation, if true, should disqualify him from the nomination, the Senate has absolutely no business moving ahead with Kavanaugh’s nomination until he testifies, under oath, regarding this matter.

**ACTION:** Call Senator’s Murray and Cantwell today with this simple request:

“I am a voter from District 10 and member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling today to request that Senator _____ speak out publicly today to insist that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh be required to testify under oath regarding the allegation of sexual abuse by Christine Ford. There is absolutely no excuse for moving ahead with his nomination until this matter is brought to light.”

Senator Maria Cantwell: (253) 572-2281 DC: (202) 224-3441

Senator Patty Murray: (253) 572-3636 (DC) 202-224-2621

Want to help flip the House to Blue?
Spend a few hours every Sunday afternoon in Centralia to help elect Democratic candidate Carolyn Long in CD3.

**ACTION:** Meet at 1:00 the Santa Lucia Coffee House, 202 S. Tower Avenue. A group of organized volunteers will plan the canvassing routes using “turf lists” provided by the Democratic Party. They will walk through neighborhoods to call on Democratic voters in the area.

Sign up for Phone Banking with Indivisible National

Register for an upcoming phonebank!

We’re making calls to #StopKavanaugh and calling out the vote for IndivisiCandidates across the country! Sign up right now for one of our upcoming shifts, and we’ll send you everything you need to take part.

Sign up to phone bank from anywhere! We’re calling out the vote for IndivisiCandidates across the country, and we need your help to reach as many votes as we can. Sign up for an upcoming shift (or two, or four…) at indivisible.org/phonebank

First time calling with us? Sign up for our training webinar on Wednesday, September 12 and we’ll review best practices for your calls and how to use our call platform, Hubdialer.

**September 17 Monday 7:00pm**

**New Member Orientation:** This month’s New Member Orientation will be held on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Attend, and you’ll go home with all you need to know to be a Great Citizen Activist and an engaged member of our band of local heroes. RSVP to olyindinmorsvp@gmail.com. Location address will be sent to you upon registration. Brought to you by the OI Membership Team.
September 21 Friday 6-8:00 pm

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
Yes, yes and yes! RJ’s Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia

September 30 Sunday 3:00pm

Fundraiser for Irene Bowling for State Senate
Elizabeth Hummel and Band
Prosperity Grange, 3701 Steamboat Is. Loop NW, Olympia
$20 suggested donation refreshments served
Please RSVP: Sophia@IreneBowling.com
Note: this is a campaign event and not an OI sponsored event.

September 25 Tuesday 7:00pm

Thurston County Prosecutor Candidate Forum with Jon Tunheim and Victor Minjares
Hosted by Justice not Jails
Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation 2315 Division St. NW (enter off East End St.)
The forum will feature questions asked by the moderator, Carol McKinley, and then an audience Q&A session.

October 11 Thursday 7:00pm

Thurston County Commissioner Candidate Forum with Bud Blake and Tye Menser
Hosted by Justice not Jails
At the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation 2315 Division St. NW (enter off East End St.)
The forum will feature questions asked by the moderator, Carol McKinley, and then an audience Q&A session.

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