



CALL TO ACTION – September 2

LET'S WIN ELECTIONS!!!

So how can you volunteer?

Lisa Ornstein says: There are two easy ways. First, If you are passionate about a particular candidate or an issue, just go to the [Elections Alert on the Calendar drop-down menu on the OI webpage](#), where you will find a complete schedule of campaign volunteer opportunities for the current week, complete with contact information.

A second way to volunteer is to join one of OI's five electoral teams. If you want to get involved, but would be more comfortable being part of an established team, just go to the Olympia Indivisible webpage and click on Electoral teams on the About drop-down menu on the home page. <https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/electoral-teams.html>

There you will find descriptions of the five teams and live links to join them.

A third way to get involved is to contact a campaign directly. Contact information for our endorsed candidates and initiatives is listed on the Olympia Indivisible website under the Endorsements tab. If you want to volunteer for a campaign but are unsure of where your energy might make the biggest difference, the endorsees that are challenging incumbents probably need the most help. Those include Tye Menser for County Commissioner, Andrew Saturn for PUD District Commissioner, Irene Bowling, Dave Daggett and James Thomas, all running for legislative seats in the 35th, Brennen Baily in the 20th, plus Anneliese Feld in the 2nd LD. You can find their contact info at: <https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/endorsements.html>

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

FREE CRYSTAL MASON

Crystal Mason cast a provisional ballot in the 2016 presidential election despite having a past felony conviction for tax fraud that prevented her from voting. In March, she was convicted of illegal voting; she says she did not know that she was barred from casting a ballot in Texas due to her criminal record. Her supporters argue her conviction was racially biased, and point to the case of Terri Lynn Rote, a white woman in Iowa who was convicted of the same crime after she tried to vote for President Trump—twice. Rote was sentenced to two years' probation and fined \$750.

Mason received a five-year prison sentence. Worse, her recent appeal led to [10 additional months](#) in federal prison. Our neighbor needs help. [Voter suppression](#) hurts us all. #Justice4Crystal

ACTION: Ask Texas governor to pardon Crystal: [Sign the petition](#).
Donate to Crystal's legal fund <https://www.gofundme.com/2p6d338>.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Oppose Kathy Kraninger's Nomination to Head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

President Trump has nominated Kathy Kraninger to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, but she has no experience in consumer protection, financial regulation, or the banking industry. As associate director for general government at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Kraninger oversaw the budgets of agencies that developed and implemented the child separation policy at the border and the government's bungled response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Senator Elizabeth Warren called Kraninger's tenure at OMB disastrous with devastating results for poor and vulnerable people. The Republicans are eager to see Ms. Kraninger reduce the bureau's authority and scale back enforcement efforts. We don't want that.

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

Script: My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling because I want Senator _____ to reject the nomination of Kathy Kraninger to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Kathy Kraninger oversaw the budget of the current administration's inhumane, zero-tolerance immigration policy, leading to family separation. I would like the Senator to reject this unqualified, unfit nominee. Thank you.

Trump threatens Canada over new NAFTA deal

Trump has not lessened in his bombast in the slightest, even against our closest ally Canada. Now he is threatening Canada that HE will leave them out of NAFTA rather than negotiating in good faith. Trump tweeted, "There is no political necessity to keep Canada in the new NAFTA deal. If we don't make a fair deal for the U.S. after decade of abuse, Canada will be out. Congress should not interfere with these negotiations or I will simply terminate NAFTA entirely & we will be far better off." He and other senior U.S. officials have indicated a willingness to replace NAFTA with a bilateral Mexico deal in the event Canada and the U.S. can't resolve differences. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-says-canada-will-be-out-without-fair-deal-on-nafta-1535816122>

Trump claims there is a trade imbalance and that the US, a country 10 times the size of Canada is on the losing end. According to Gordon Richie, a former ambassador for trade negotiations, "Nothing could be further from the truth. We're by far the biggest and best market for American goods and services. We do \$2 billion worth of trade every single day. More than 99 percent of that trade comes in duty-free - 99 percent. And in the remainder, the amounts are small, and the balance - the trade balance is in favor of the United States. <https://www.npr.org/2018/09/01/643922005/u-s-and-canada-to-continue-trade-negotiations>

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he was optimistic about reaching an agreement, but, "that more work must be done and warned that he will walk away from discussions if he thinks the deal doesn't line up with Canadians' best interests." https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/top-canadian-official-touts-progress-in-nafta-trade-talks/2018/08/29/f0bea0a6-ab96-11e8-a8d7-0f63ab8b1370_story.html?utm_term=.ba8549c71789

Trump seems to believe he is a king, as is clear by the "off record" remark he made to a journalist. "Here's the problem. If I say no — the answer's no. If I say no, then you're going to put that, and it's going to be so insulting they're not going to be able to make a deal. ... I can't kill these people." https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-nafta-canada-insulting_us_5b899261e4b0cf7b0035c3aa

Trump cannot do this unilaterally. He needs congressional approval and lawmakers and business groups oppose a bilateral trade deal that excludes Canada.

ACTION: Contact our MOCs and the Republican leadership to remind them of the importance of keeping our relationship with Canada strong.

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

My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to express my deep concern about Trump threatening Canada over the NAFTA negotiations. That is no way to negotiate, Canada is our closest ally and we need Congress to step in now and correct this problem before Trump does too much damage.

You may also want to contact Senate Republican leadership:

Mitch McConnell 202-224-2541

Committee Chairs:

Senate

Bob Corker,	202-224-3344	Foreign Relations
John Thune Transportation	202-224-2321	Commerce, Science and
Orin Hatch	202-224-5251	Finance

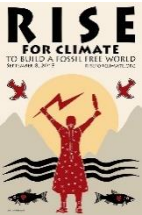
COMING SOON

September 7 Friday 6-8:00 pm



Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

So much winning, you'll get tired of winning! **RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia**



Saturday, September 8, 9 AM - 2 PM

Rise for Climate Rally and March

Tollefson Plaza, 1548 Pacific Ave. Tacoma, WA

September 17 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, Karen Lichtenstein and Tom Dyer. Interested in joining our rollicking team? Contact indivisible.action.oly@gmail.com.