CALL TO ACTION – September 29

Watch for an OpaVote on OI 2020 Strategic Plan – coming to you within a day.

STOP CLIMATE CHANGE

Support Helen Wheatley for Port Commissioner

YouTube Action

Spread the word about Helen. We have shot and posted 5 short videos from elected (and former) officials about why they have endorsed Helen. We will be creating several more videos for Helen over the next few weeks. Helen’s budget is tight and she is counting on supporters to get out the word.

ACTION: Share them with your Thurston County friends on Facebook via email or any other means – be sure and like her Facebook page or subscribe to her YouTube page for the latest video action. Here’s the links!
EJ Zita https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMzOiV5i95c&t=12s
TJ Johnson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNB5Y8gJoSA
Jim Lazar https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAo69kFh1UA&t=1s
Carolyn Cox https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC99Q87Ym4M
Helen Messmer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50LUHdEo2BA
Helen Wheatley speaks https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j96ZdlTO-nY

ACTION: OI canvassing dates: Every Wednesday for the next 3 weeks. 10/2, 10/9, 10/16. Contact Lisa Ceazan @ lisa.lisaceazan@outlook.com. If those dates don’t work, email campaign manager Tye Gundel @ yegundel1994@gmail.com for more info on how you can help. Phone banking will occur the last two weeks before the election, TBA. Like Helen’s FB page, ‘Helen Wheatley for Port of Olympia.’ Donate if you can – funds needed for flyers.

ACTION: Postcards to Voters Parties for Helen Wheatley
Help turn out the vote for OI-endorsed Port Commissioner candidate Helen Wheatley! Save the date for one of OI Membership Team’s fabulous postcard parties!
Details to follow in the coming weeks!
October 2 Weds 6-8pm
Oct 4 Fri - 6-8pm at OI’s TGIF gathering at RJ’s Gourmet Grill
Oct 5 Sat 1-3 pm
Come to one; come to all. Just be sure to RSVP for each party you plan on attending. Since space is limited, if you RSVP, we will expect to see you there. RSVP to: olyindiptvrsvp@gmail.com

Support The Protectors of the Salish Sea

From The Olympian: Protectors of the Salish Sea, an indigenous-led group that walked 46 miles to the Capitol from the Tacoma area, has had a presence outside the Washington state Legislative Building since Tuesday to make their voices heard on environmental issues. The group will not leave until Gov. Jay Inslee meets its four demands:
• That Gov. Inslee declare a climate emergency in Washington state;
• That he issue an executive order to stop fossil fuel expansion projects in the state — such as the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility being built at the Port of Tacoma;
• That he convene a special legislative counsel; and
• That he honor the treaties by meeting these demands.

The Protectors will have a protest event Declare Climate Emergency Jay Inslee! Saturday Oct 5, 11:00-2:00pm at the Leg. Building steps – let’s be there in force!

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Thank Denny Heck for Supporting a Formal Impeachment Inquiry

We want to thank Representative Denny Heck for supporting the formal impeachment inquiry and holding Trump accountable. In the next two weeks, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will be taking depositions from key State Department officials to obtain documents related to the impeachment inquiry.

ACTION: Call Representative Denny Heck to thank him for supporting the impeachment inquiry.

Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: My name is _________________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to thank Representative Heck for his leadership in pursuing the formal impeachment inquiry. I appreciate the important role of Congressman Heck as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Thank you for staying in Washington, D.C. to investigate Trump’s actions that jeopardized our national security when Trump pressured the President of the Ukraine to interfere in our 2020 election.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Support Social Security Fairness Act of 2019 and the National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Nonimmigrants Act (the NO BAN Act)

H.R. 141 – Social Security Fairness Act of 2019
To amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.
Introduced in House (01/03/2019) by Rodney Davis, R-IL-13
It has 203 cosponsors, 154 Dems. and 49 Reps. Including 4 WA Dems, but not Denny Heck

Companion bill:
S.521 — 116th Congress (2019-2020)
Introduced (02/14/2019) By Sherrod Brown D-OH
It has 34 cosponsors 28 Dems, 4 Reps, 2 Ind.
Patty Murray is a cosponsor, but Maria Cantwell is not.
Under current law public employees in 15 states cannot collect their Social Security if they are also receiving a state pension. This is unjust! This policy only applies to workers in 15 states and denies them insurance that they have earned. Also this is not uniformly applied, if firefighters, police officers and teachers collect their state pension they are denied the SSI benefits that they may have earned before, after the public service job or as second jobs while also working in the state job. This does not apply to retire military, postal workers or members of Congress who can collect their federal benefits and SSI. Furthermore, these benefits are also denied to spouses when the beneficiary dies. This is unfair and un-American.


National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Nonimmigrants Act or the NO BAN Act
Introduced in House (04/10/2019) by Judy Chu D-CA
182 cosponsors all Dems, 6 from WA, but not Denny Heck

S.1123 NO BAN Act
34 cosponsors, including both WA senators

This bill imposes limitations on the President's authority to suspend or restrict aliens from entering the United States and terminates certain presidential actions implementing such restrictions. It also prohibits religious discrimination in various immigration-related decisions, such as whether to issue an immigrant or non-immigrant visa, with certain exceptions. The President may temporarily restrict the entry of any aliens or class of aliens after the Department of State determines that the restriction would address specific acts that threaten US interests such as security or public safety.

https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2214?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr+2214%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1

Ask Rep Heck to cosponsor H.R. 141 - Social Security Fairness Act of 2019 and H.R.2214 - NO BAN Act

ACTION: Call Representative Heck: Phone: 360-459-8514
Script: My name is ____________and I'm a member of Olympia Indivisible and I'm call to ask Congressman Heck to cosponsor two bills: H.R. 2214 – No BAN Act limits the President's authority to suspend or restrict aliens from entering the United States. Trump has shown his deep seeded racism and disregard for humanity, but especially for people of color. Congress must right this wrong and restore some compassion in our immigration and refugee program. Both our Senators are cosponsors, Regarding HR 141 – Social Security Fairness Act: Workers should not be punished economically for dedicating their lives to public service. We don’t impose this egregious penalty on military personnel, postal workers or US Congress-members, why do we impose it on those serving in the most vital roles in society? We must stop this injustice to those working daily to make our states better.

Ask Senator Cantwell to cosponsor S.521 – Social Security Fairness Act of 2019

ACTION: Call Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281
Script: My name is ____________I'm a member of Olympia Indivisible and I'm call to ask Senator Cantwell to cosponsor S. 521 Social Security Fairness Act. Workers should not be punished economically for dedicating their lives to public service. We don’t impose this egregious penalty on military personnel, postal workers or US Congress-members, why do it to those serving in the most vital roles in society? We must stop this injustice to those working daily to make our states better.

Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser Is Coming to OI
County Commissioner Tye Menser will speak at our All Member meeting in the evening of Thursday October 24 7:00 PM about key Thurston County matters. Reserve the date. More information to follow.
October 2, Wednesday 6-8:00 pm
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Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
RJ’s Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia
Postcards to Voters Parties for Helen Wheatley

October 5, Saturday 11-2:00 pm
Declar[ ]e Climate Emergency Jay Inslee!
Leg. Building steps

October 5, Saturday 1-3:00 pm
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October 24, Thursday 7:00 pm
All Member OI Meeting with County Commissioner Tye Menser
Thurston County Court house