

Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance

Minutes of February 3, 2025, Meeting

Dana Offerman called the meeting to order at 3:30. There were 123 participants. Dana explained the history and organizational structure of ITAA and told members of some of the tools Indivisible provides. She noted that activities have included speakers at many meetings, including candidates for state or local offices, participation in demonstrations and rallies, calls to action for events, text banking, phone banking and other activities. Successes include a Democrat in the governor's office and passage of both the Abortion Access Act and the Voters Right to Know Act. The question is where we go from here.

We need new leadership as both Dana, as chair, and Jan Counts as vice-chair will be stepping down as of March 3. They both have served on ITAA's leadership team since its inception in 2017. Jeanne Hardy, current treasurer, Kathleen Mayer, leader of the oust Ciscomani efforts and Joe Alexander, leader of the state team, will continue to serve.

Dana then introduced Tricia Sauer and Isabel Hiserodt from the state Indivisible team. Tricia thanked all ITAA leaders, and particularly Dana, for their help the last 8 years. Tricia noted that there are 24-30 Indivisible groups across the state. She then presented a Google document with links to various resources. The link to the Google doc is at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xg_mjKxXlmSl4bMOQcFlxILm65lcsFIXJd94IULpSo4/edit?tab=t.0

Tricia told the group that all Indivisible members get weekly emails and group leaders get an additional email. She suggested members find 3 places to check for information every day. Suggestions include the Indivisible website, Bluesky (a new social media group), and the Contrarian. Many other places were suggested by members. Tricia also suggested you bookmark the Take Action link and that everyone check their email as Google is sending some sources to Spam.

She said that it is good to call Senators and Representatives as their staff keep a tally of all phone calls on each issue. Try the DC office first, then the Tucson office and then the Phoenix office. You should only talk about one issue for each call but there's no need to wait between calls. One person noted that Gallego's voice mail has been full.

Tricia recounted that one member tagged Gallego on Bluesky when the member couldn't leave a message because the voice mail was full; the member got an immediate response from Gallego. Tricia finally told us to call not just Kelly and Gallego but also to call Rep. Ciscomani.

Everyone can sign up for Indivisible emails (Sign up here: <https://indivisible.org/> (yes right there on the front page). And if you are a team leader, sign up here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/KfVodgRAU0Ka1AeFOTYZmg2> .

Karen Harris reported on an event that was announced for Wednesday at the Joel Valdez Library. The event announcement has since been removed. Karen will report back to the members when she has discovered what is happening.

Dana then thanked all the existing leadership team and had them introduce those who would be working with them and succeeding them.

Karen Harris introduced Amy Gosla who will lead the Social Media Team, assisted by Margrit McIntosh. Social media includes work on Facebook, Twitter (X) and Instagram. We also will be working with Bluesky. Amy suggested that we have training on Bluesky at an Indivisible meeting. Here is ITAA's Bluesky account: @indivisibletucson.bsky.social

Joe Alexander reported for the State Team which he will co-lead with Marlene Gibbons. They plan to concentrate on LDs 17, 18 and 20 this year and maybe on county and local elections. Areas of particular interest will be water, democracy, education and LGBTQ+ issues. The team's first meeting is February 25 at 3:30 by Zoom. Andrea Hoag suggested they also follow CEBV which the team has used in the past. Billie Jo Vonhoff is also a member.

Misty Mellor announced that Margrit McIntosh will take over the IT duties. These include Mail Chimp, website, emails and zoom.

Dana reported for Eileen Hollowell that the Membership team will now be led by Deena Angely and Andrea Hoag. Andrea reported that they are looking at civic projects for which ITAA can volunteer as a group as well as other ideas. Andrea sent out 88 letters to new members.

Jackie Marshall will continue to lead the Letters to the Editor Team.

Jeanne Hardie, who will continue as treasurer, announced that we have \$4,282 in our distributed (restricted) funds which are used for general expenses, like the website, Zoom and Mail Chimp, as well as for approved activities for federal candidates. We have \$442 in our unrestricted funds which can be used for state candidates and activities which

may be affiliated with a political party. We used some of those funds for postcards that advise people of their immigration rights.

Dana asked for general announcements.

Veda Andrus is working with the Southside Presbyterian Church which has a clothing drive going on. The church also is holding a Rapid Response training for immigration issues this Sunday, although with over 100 people signed up they may be full. Susan Gallegos reported that the First Christian Church also hold a training on this issue.

Andrea Hoag said that the membership committee will plan a social event soon, and let members know. Drop off clothes on SUNDAY, FEB 9th, at my house: 6325 N. Camino Pimeria Alta Tucson.

Tricia said that Save Our Schools and Progressive Arizona may be able to help the IT team develop a program to make it easy to respond when a Take Action alert is sent out.

Postings in the chat:

“My name is Eph. I am organizing the building of a community garden on the east side of Tucson. I am an active volunteer in my community. I'd like to help with the clean-up crews, youth reach out, and LGBTQ reach out. I would also like to work in homeless outreach. My email ephforsocialdemocracy@gmail.com.”

“Become a member of the Letters to the Editor team and make a difference. Our 215 LTEs prior to election did just that. Here in Pima County Kamala, Gallego, ACC and our county candidates won the vote. Interested? Email me at Jacolyn@comcast.net.”

“To the New ITAA Team.... When you're ready to start some collaboration with LD 17 Democrats, contact me ... Sue Anderson svanderson227@gmail.com or 520-437-1303 I was first vice chair 2022 to 2044, but my new role is Partnership Director.”

“My email address is marlenegibbons93@gmail.com if you want to join the February 25 State Team zoom meeting at 3:30 just contact me.”

“The “Elected Officials” page on the website has been updated with the state reps and senators for LD17, LD18, and LD20: <https://www.indivisibletucson.org/elected-officials-2025.html>.”

“ From Jude Glass: Can everyone please call Treasury Committee Members about Musk's takeover? You can reach them through the Capitol Hill switchboard at (202) 224-3121 or look up individual offices for email and regular mail contact information.”

The next meeting will be on March 3 at 3:30 pm by Zoom. We discuss more plans for transition then. We need a volunteer to take minutes for that meeting.