

Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance
Zoom Meeting 3:30 p.m.
January 10, 2022

Minutes of January 10, 2022 Meeting
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- **Sign on and welcome to participants by Dana Offerman.**

Dana asked those who are attending the meeting for the first time to identify themselves. Bets Craig joined as a new member invited by Mary Lee.

- **January 6 Vigil**

Dana discussed the vigil held on January 6, 2022, and how the event solidified what work ITAA will need to continue going forward. Member participation at the event demonstrated the commitment of members to continue to do the work. The event was mentioned on the KVOA 10:00 news and Karen Harris was prominently displayed with her wonderful sign.

- **Eileen Hollowell**

State Team Update – A Zoom meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2022, at 4:00. Topics will include RTS training and an update on the process. Please register at the following link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsfuuprTwjHtB_L2xhAFFQSSugKQsUXTXF)

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Please note that there will be field trips to visit the legislature during the upcoming session as no virtual participation will be available.

To sign up for Legislative Weekly Updates visit this website: Civic Engagement Beyond Voting: www.cebv.us. Melinda Iyer provides information on what is happening in the state legislature on a weekly basis. Legislative Weekly link: <https://secure.everyaction.com/J0eeRFWxbEeE9fiySEM-Og2>

A link to the Request To Speak refresher is on the ITAA website or you can attend the state team meeting on Thursday.

Changes to the operation of ITAA – It has become apparent that ITAA needs to incorporate and thanks to Margo Nichols for all her work on drafting by-laws and making the transition possible. The process is complicated and is a work in progress. The goal is to have the organization continue to operate as it does now, which is consensus decision making and talking to the members about major decisions. The steering committee feels this incorporation

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will protect members and board members from lawsuits. Sam Coppersmith, an attorney in Phoenix, will review the by-laws and help with the process. He will be compensated by using money from the distributed funds the group receives from national Indivisible and member contributions.

Election of Officers – Eileen nominated Dana Offerman for ITAA chair. Motion was seconded by Ken Proper. Nomination passed unanimously. Margo Nichols was nominated by Eileen as vice-chair. Motion was seconded by Bill Yohey. Nomination passed unanimously.

Sally Simmons & Misty Atkins – Independent Redistricting Commission Report

- The commission was not independent. It consisted of two Democrats, two Republicans and a chairperson who was supposed to be independent. However, she consistently voted with the Republicans. The final congressional maps have 3 Democratic districts, 4 Republican districts and 2 highly competitive districts that lean Republican. The final LD maps have 12 Democratic districts, 13 Republican districts, 5 highly competitive districts which lean Republican. LD 11 is now LD17. Not a good map for Democrats. There is another IRC meeting on January 18th to have a constitutional review of the districts. There will be some administrative changes to address minor details, but no major changes are anticipated.
- These changes amplify the work that needs to be done by electing Democrats to state and national offices. These maps are in effect for 10 years. You may view the maps on the ITAA website, www.indivisibletucson.org.

Dana Offerman - led the discussion on electing a Democratic governor to affect who is appointed on the commission as well as what judicial appointments are made.

- **Dana Offerman - ITAA Strategic Plan. The main goal is to elect Democrats and independent progressives. We'll also focus on continuing to pressure the Arizona legislature on voter suppression bills and tax cuts to the wealthy. Here are the actions that will support our goals:**
 - Participate in Voter Registration drives
 - Bring forth candidates to speak at ITAA meetings
 - Get out the vote initiatives such as post cards, text banking, phone banking and neighbor to neighbor events. Elizabeth Packard will be the liaison between TAGG and Indivisible. She will provide more information later on the neighbor to neighbor initiative.
 - Recruit new members. Rick Bramhall, Bobbi Zimmer, and Kay Schriener are members of the outreach team who will investigate other organizations we can work with..
 - Challenge members to participate in at least one activity a month. A survey of a list of possible activities will be sent to members who will be asked to respond and

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commit to one action each month. One example of an activity that members can easily do is to sign a candidate petition and/or donate \$5.00 clean money through the Clean Elections website: <https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>

- **Karen Harris – Social Media**

- ITAA Facebook page is a private internal group. You can see what ITAA is discussing internally.
- Twitter is an outreach site. Karen has tag teamed with other organizations across the state. ITAA messages are taking off. Views of the site as well as comments have been growing. Karen is asking members who are interested to email her so she can add them to twitter.
kwharris1979@gmail.com

- **Chris Hawkins – Stop Dark Money (Formerly Outlaw Dirty Money)**

- Chris is the coordinator for Southern Arizona. This is the third time the Right to Know Initiative is being presented. Voters need to know where the money to fund candidates is coming from. Chris would like the LTE group to write letters that address this issue. Chris is looking for circulators (people who take petitions to get them signed). Contact Chris at: chrisazorganizer@gmail.com, or 650-766-4257. The website is: www.azcleelections.gov/E-Qual.

- **Jacolyn Marshall – LTE Team**

- In calendar year there were 85 opinion pieces/letters published. In addition, one editorial cartoon was published. So far in 2022 two letters have been submitted and are waiting to be published. These have also been posted on Facebook and Twitter. Tricia Sauer, Indivisible Arizona coordinator, has also shared the letters with other Indivisible groups.
- Jackie is always looking for new members of the team. You can send her an email if you are interested. Jacolyn@comcast.net The mission of the team is to inform the public of the truth as we know it to counter untruths that appear in print and on the news on a daily basis; persuade the public that Republicans must be voted out; to inspire others to get their voices heard and convince them to vote to save our state and the nation from authoritarianism and preserve democracy.
- All letters can be found on the ITAA website.

- **Dana Offerman – Voting Rights Rally**

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Arizona Indivisible is encouraging member to attend a rally in Phoenix on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 9:00. The Martin Luther King family will be speaking, and Ezra Levin, founder of Indivisible, will be speaking. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dana through the indivisibletucson@gmail.com email.

The most current Facebook page for ITAA is: www.facebook.com/groups/179770817226870

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2022, at 3:30. The speaker will be Dana Allman who is running as an independent for the Arizona state house from LD17. Dana is a veteran who was on Sinema's advisory board who resigned recently. She will discuss her policies, background and why she is running as an independent.