

Indivisible Tucson Announcements May 11, 2025

Greetings all you wonderful Indivisibles, and Happy Mother's Day!

Outline:

1. ITAA In-person Meeting, Sat May 31, 1-3 pm - please RSVP
2. Weekly Pressure Ciscomani message
3. Upcoming Boycott & Build meeting
4. Other Upcoming Events
5. ITAA meeting with Kelly's staffers and followup memo
6. Humor: Tank vs Tesla

1. ITAA In-person Meeting, Sat May 31, 1-3 pm

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ITAA In-person Meeting

Flowing Wells Library (Multipurpose Room)

1730 W. Wetmore Road

Tucson 85705

We invite you to an in-person meeting to:

- * meet fellow ITAA activists who live in your part of town
- * partake in group discussion
- * gain resources
- * take a concrete action (contact an official, send postcards to voters, or draft a letter-to-the-editor) in a supportive environment

Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of national Indivisible's community-building fund.

Please RSVP to ITAAMembership@proton.me — room size is limited.

2. Message to ITAA from the Pressure Ciscomani Team:

The reconciliation bill with possible significant Medicaid cuts is being marked up in the US House THIS WEEK (postponed from last week), so the need for continued pressure is URGENT for those of you who live in AZ 06 (Ciscomani's district). The good news is that we see signs that pressure is working, both with Ciscomani, and nationally - BUT WE MUST NOT LET UP.

BREAKING NEWS: *(Jim Lewison writes) **The committee hearing to mark-up the actual budget bill that may determine the fate of Medicaid is now set for Tues May 13 at 2:00 pm ET.** I don't believe Ciscomani is on this committee, but given his public stance on Medicaid cuts, I am sure he can have some influence on the result*

Our team has updated the attached letters to Ciscomani, to include an additional message to NOT vote for work requirements for Medicaid in the first letter. **Please call, write, or email Ciscomani this week (preferably before May 13 2pm ET).** Our team has also created messaging for you to reach out to our state legislators and other state officials, to ask THEM to pressure Ciscomani (and other US Reps) themselves...Please send this to your AZ state reps and senators asap, regardless of where you live in AZ.

Members of our team will be at the next in-person meeting of ITAA on May 31, 1-3 PM, Flowing Wells Library, to talk about our work. We hope to see you there. And, as always, if you want to join our hard working team, e-mail Ken Minkoff at kminkov@aol.com. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

3 ATTACHMENTS

[Four-Questions-for-Ciscomani-update-5-11.docx](#) (Word doc)

[Draft-letter-for-ITAA-members-to-contact-state-reps.docx.odt](#) (Open Document format)

[Additional-Messaging-to-Oppose-Medicaid-Work-Requirements.docx](#) (Word doc)

Additional Ciscomani-related notes from Margrit:

AZPM has a new TV show and podcast called "**The Press Room**" which is local political news. The first 10 minutes of the May 9 episode were all about Rep

Ciscomani and the Medicaid cuts.

<https://originals.azpm.org/pressroom/>

Additional useful info on the budget negotiations in the House can be found in this in-depth **NPR article**:

A fight over Medicaid cuts is threatening GOP plans for Trump's 'big, beautiful bill'

<https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-s1-5392357/republicans-medicaid-trump-reconciliation-bill>

3. Upcoming Boycott & Build meeting

Lisa V (lisabehappy@gmail.com) is hosting a Boycott and Build meeting on Monday May 12, 3:30 p.m.

Lisa V says, "Look forward to seeing you all on Monday and please pass this info on to others who you know that are interested in brainstorming and strategizing about a "Boycott and Build" movement within ITAA."

4. Other Upcoming Events

As always, a really good place to go for all Tucson-area events is the Take Action Tucson calendar:

<https://linktr.ee/takeactiontucson>

Tue May 13 11:00 a.m. Ciscomani office visit and letter delivery

Organizer: Healthcare Rising Arizona Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm Location: Starbucks - 4702 E Grant Rd Are you or a loved enrolled in Medicaid? Join Healthcare Rising Arizona to hand deliver letters to Rep. Ciscomani and ask him to protect children, disabled people, veterans, and seniors by voting NO to any Medicaid cuts!

[More information and RSVP here](#)



Our Mother's Need Medicaid



Join Healthcare Rising Arizona
to deliver Mother's Day cards to
Rep. Ciscomani's Tucson Office
Mom's rely on Medicaid whether they've
just given birth, need respite care for
their child, or help covering Medicare
premiums. Bring a Mother's Day card
and let Rep Ciscomani know that all
Mother's need Medicaid and any cuts are
unacceptable!

May 13th 11am-1pm

Starbucks, 4702 E Grant Rd

Thu May 15 9:00 am Protest against Project 2025 at Ciscomani's office

9:00am: Stand Strong Speak Up - Protest against Project 2025. Stop Project 2025, end DOGE, and tell Ciscomani to honor his oath and protect our Constitution, (almost) every Thursday! Organizer: LD18 Dems

Location: Ciscomani's Office - 1636 N Swan Rd

LD18 is having its almost-weekly **protest at Rep. Ciscomani's office, 1636 N Swan Rd**. They'll have signs to borrow, a letter-writing station (you can walk your

letter right into his office), and a chillin' chair. The Ragin' Grannies will be there too!

Fri May 16 7:00-8:30 a.m. Save Our VA Rally

Southern Arizona Community Activists and Veterans for Peace are holding a Save Our VA rally at the Tucson VA, S 6th Ave/Veterans Blvd entrance.

Fri May 16 5:00 -6:30 pm Death of Due Process Protest downtown

Organizer: Independent

Location: Congress St and Granada Ave



THE DEATH OF DUE PROCESS

Join us in the fight against
human rights violations,
Supreme Court defiance, and
the constitutional crisis.

MAY 16TH • 5 – 6:30 PM
CONGRESS ST & GRANADA AVE

Sat May 17 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Tesla Dealership Protest

Organizer: Democracy Unites Us

Location: Corner of River and Oracle

Democracy Unites Us (the organization started by Phin and Mitch Anderson and friends) is calling us back to the **Tesla dealership at River & Oracle**. Bring your friends, costumes, noisemakers, music, and great signs!

TESLA PROTEST

**RIVER AND
ORACLE
TUCSON, AZ**



DEMOCRACY UNITES US!

**SATURDAY 5/17
8:30AM-10AM**

WEAR WHITE AND PURPLE

**FLAG WEVERS NEEDED!
PLEASE BRING YOUR AMERICAN
AND UKRAINIAN FLAGS!**



STAY HYDRATED AND BRING SUNBLOCK!



Sat May 17 9:00 a.m. Green Valley People Power Rally

9:00am: People Power Rally [Green Valley]

Organizer: Green Valley Dems

Date: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday unless otherwise noted

Time: 9:00am - 10:00am

Location: Corner of La Cañada and Esperanza

5. Meeting with Sen. Kelly's staffers on May 6 and followup memo.

On May 6, Bernadette Ruiz, Phineas Anderson, Amy Gosla, Margi Brooks, and Jeanne Hardie met with staffers from Sen. Kelly's office. Attached is the memo addressed to Senator Kelly's staffers. Because of Margi taking great notes and Bernadette writing the memo, we have documentation of our "ASKS".

[Memo to Sen Kelly's Staffers May 9, 2025](#) (pdf)

6. This Week's Humor: Tank vs Tesla

You do not need to have a Bluesky account to view this video:

<https://bsky.app/profile/ledbydonkeys.org/post/3loltwljm2k2t>

Video created by Led By Donkeys: Adventures in Art, Activism and Accountability - artistic acts of resistance against years of inept, corrupt and venal rule in Britain.

That's it for this week's announcements!

-- Margrit of ITAA