

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

June 15, 2025

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A king is only a king if we bow down."

- The Reverend William Barber II

NEWS HEADLINE OF THE WEEK

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WHO WE ARE

Tucson Indivisible Action Alliance is committed to an inclusive and diverse country that works for all of its citizens. We work to support progressive candidates and causes at the national, state and local levels. We have formed a community of like-minded individuals to help create "a more perfect union." We are affiliated with Indivisible (www.indivisible.org), a national organization with thousands of local chapters. This chapter has approximately 2,200 members.

Donate: <https://www.indivisibletucson.org/donate-to-ita.html>

(NOTE: Donations to our ActBlue account will be matched during June by National Indivisible up to \$500!)

OUTLINE

1. "No Kings! Tucson" recap
2. Weekly "What's the Plan?" call from Leah and Ezra 6/18 noon
3. Upcoming CD-7 Special Primary Election
4. Boycott and Build team info
5. Other Local Events
6. Next ITAA General Membership meeting 7/7, 3:30 p.m.

1. No Kings! Tucson

Strong turnout at the Oro Valley event, and a spectacular showing at the Motor March - thank you everyone!! I was especially impressed by the brave souls standing in the 109-degree heat on the street corners cheering on the motorcade!

AZPM coverage: <https://news.azpm.org/p/azpmnews/2025/6/14/225188-tucson-community-rallies-for-no-kings-protest-in-reid-park/>

KOLD coverage: <https://www.kold.com/2025/06/15/thousands-tucson-participate-nationwide-no-kings-protest/>

AZ Daily Star coverage (paywalled): https://tucson.com/news/local/article_940b61e4-b8cb-4be1-8b18-ae67f4eb219e.html#tracking-source=mp-homepage

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[Note from Margrit: And they have the receipts! (drone footage)]

Moveon.org estimates that the April 5 "Hands Off!" demonstrations mobilized 2 million people nationwide; June 14 "No Kings" -- 5 million people!

The "No Kings" national organizers are offering a **"What's Next in the Fight"** debrief Zoom call at 5pm tomorrow:

Register for our What's Next in the Fight call on Monday, June 16 at 8pm ET/5pm PT (5:00 p.m. MST Arizona). Come celebrate your hard work, hear about events from across the country, and find out what our next steps will be out of No Kings weekend.

No Kings: What's Next in the Fight? (Attendee Debrief Call)

<https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/798722/>

2. Weekly "What's the Plan?" call from Leah and Ezra is Wednesday of this coming week (instead of the usual Thursday):

What's the Plan? A Weekly Discussion with Indivisible's Co-Founders

Wed. June 18, noon MST
<https://mobilize.us/s/EKUXbd>

3. Upcoming CD-7 Special Primary Election



This is the House of Representatives seat that became vacant when Raúl Grijalva died earlier this year (see map above). It is considered a "safe" Democrat-held district, so whoever wins the Democratic Primary will be the next Congressional Rep. for CD-7. We hosted presentations from both Deja Foxx and Adelita Grijalva at our last General Membership meeting, but ITAA is not endorsing anyone for the Primary. We do however encourage EVERYONE to VOTE in the Primary! Here are the relevant dates:

- June 16 - Last day to register to vote
- June 18 - Early voting begins / Early ballots mailed
- July 7 - Last day to request Mail ballot
- July 8 - Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot
- July 15 - Election day (vote or drop off early ballot)

You can find the video of the 1-hr debate held last week by AZPM at:

<https://azpm.org/>. (scroll down to "LATEST VIDEO")



Register at
★ [**iwillvote.com/AZ**](http://iwillvote.com/AZ) ★

Have questions about voting?
Call the Arizona voter hotline at
1-833-868-3429

4. A message from the Boycott and Build Team:

The Boycott and Build group is up and running! Have an interest in joining us? We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays on Zoom at 3pm. Send an email to Lisa <lisabehappy@gmail.com> to receive the zoom links.

Your Wallet = Your Vote

The Boycott and Build group believes "wallet activism" is a critical component to building a sustainable democracy, an equitable economy, and a healthy planet.

Your decisions about what you buy, where you buy and what businesses you support can help save our democracy – or continue to support the billionaire oligarchy. You vote with your wallet.

Boycott and Build will begin providing weekly information to help educate and inspire us all to use the power of the purse in addition to our voices to make positive change and influence decision-makers whether they be elected officials, CEOs or other shoppers.

HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION

- 1) Buy only what you need; resist the impulse to buy everything you want.
- 2) When you do make purchases, support companies whose values align with yours, preferably a local business to help support our community.
- 3) Consider shopping at companies like Costco that have both reaffirmed their commitment to DEI despite political pressures and have taken steps to maintain their DEI programs.
- 4) Contact businesses to let them know why you have decided to shift your dollars elsewhere.

Full information in the attached PDF:

[ITAA-BOYCOTT-BUILD-UPDATES-JUNE-14th.pdf](#)

5. Other Local Events

Friday, June 20·7:00 – 8:15am

Save Our VA (VFP, SACA)

Tucson VA Medical Center, 3601 S 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85723, USA

Every Friday unless otherwise noted.

Bring signs to S 6th Ave entrance to show support to VA workers.

Please note: this information is provided as a convenience for our readers. We do not research, endorse or validate these listings.

6. Our next ITAA General Membership meeting will be Monday July 7, at 3:30 p.m.

Link to register for this meeting will be in your email, if you are subscribed to the email mailing list.

Finally, below the signature, I am pasting in an email from Leah, one of the co-founders of Indivisible, about "Why Demonstrate?"

I will just add, the MASSIVE and PEACEFUL "No Kings!" demonstrations nationwide puts the lie to the Right's narrative that we are just a few, violent, paid commies.

In solidarity,

Margrit of ITAA

A letter from Leah Greenberg (sent before "No Kings!"):

Over the last six weeks, we've gotten the occasional question about why Indivisible, together with our coalition of incredible partners, called for No Kings Day on June 14.

Why another protest? What is it going to accomplish? Shouldn't we be [insert alternate tactic] instead?

These are good-faith questions, and they stem from very reasonable fear. The speed, scope, and scale of the MAGA assault -- on our rights, our neighbors, our democracy -- is staggering. The stakes are enormous. There are days when nothing we're doing feels sufficient to the magnitude of the horrors we face.

Protest is a tactic. And with any tactic, there's a danger of tactical freeze, of it getting stale, of deploying it without a real strategy in mind. And it's easy to look at any single protest and ask, "what did that even accomplish? What was the point?"

So I want to take a step back and talk about the role of a peaceful mass mobilization like No Kings in the context of our strategic analysis.

If you've been listening to us over the last few months, you've heard us talk about the idea of autocratic breakthrough -- a period when a would-be dictator basically sprints to consolidate their power, crush the institutions and people who could push back, and create a chilling climate for everyone else.

For the would-be dictator, success depends on projecting power and creating an aura of inevitability. They need you to believe that Trump is the new normal, that the MAGA movement will be in power for the long haul, that the only rational move is to go along, keep your head down, and protect your own interests.

We've seen over the last six months what happens when this aura of inevitability goes unchallenged. Institutions -- from state governments to businesses to civil society to higher education to media -- start to fall in line, do what Trump tells them, and/or go silent.

Here's the thing: The aura of inevitability is a lie. It's all a lie. Power in American society doesn't derive from the top down. Trump's grasp is brittle, and he's overreaching dramatically. He will only succeed if everyone agrees to believe the lie.

Or, as our friend Reverend Barber says: A king is only a king if we bow down.

Countering the aura of inevitability requires a hundred different tactics and strategies. It looks like making an example of Target for obeying in advance and getting rid of its DEI policies. It looks like protesting and toxifying Elon Musk until he bows out of government. It looks like students at Georgetown making a list of Big Law collaborators and organizing their peers to steer clear. It looks like federal workers refusing to obey illegal or unethical orders. It looks like building the muscles and the relationships for collective action.

In short, it requires a countless number of people in a countless number of places to do something that the Trump regime doesn't want them to do, or to NOT do something the Trump regime wants them to do. That's how we shake off the aura of inevitability and halt the autocratic breakthrough.

For that to happen, people need to feel like we're part of something bigger. We need to understand that we're part of a movement. We need to feel like we will win.

That's where No Kings comes in. With 1,800 events nationwide, in every state, this will be the single largest protest of this Trump administration.

[A map of No Kings events across North America]

A single mobilization won't turn this ship around. But it can do a few very important things:

Change the narrative. A massive show of popular opposition everywhere in the country can disrupt Trump's effort to project strength. It shows that resistance is big, powerful, growing, and everywhere.

Bring in new people. A mobilization of this scale and scope reaches people who aren't yet engaged, and -- if done right -- helps to draw them into a cycle of action and relationships on the ground.

Foster community. When you show up, you realize that not only are you not alone -- you're actually part of something enormous. And that helps to build the shared sense of identity we'll need for the path ahead.

Spread courage. After Hands Off!, we heard from people in positions of power within institutions -- law firms, universities (one big university, in fact), and elsewhere -- who told us they were emboldened by the protests to push back on pressure from the Trump regime. As we often say, courage is contagious.

And No Kings comes at an absolutely crucial moment.

Trump and Stephen Miller's vicious anti-immigrant crackdown has been escalating over the last few months. The scale of the cruelty and terror they've created is almost impossible to put into words. And they have been cynically, intentionally sending their masked, unaccountable ICE forces into blue cities and states, communities where no one wants them. They've been working overtime to manufacture chaos, so that they have a pretext to deploy military forces to crack down on dissent for all of us.

Trump's birthday parade and his attack on LA are all part of the same agenda of fascist theatrics, divide and conquer politics, and the consolidation of power.

Trump wants to look strong. What he doesn't understand is that true power comes from the people. And on June 14th, we're going to prove it.

If you haven't found your closest No Kings protest, please check out our map, register, and then help us get out the word by sharing with friends and family.

In solidarity,

Leah Greenberg
Indivisible Co-Executive Director
Pronouns: She/her