

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

July 20, 2025

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"By themselves, rulers cannot collect taxes, enforce repressive laws and regulations, keep trains running on time, prepare national budgets, direct traffic, manage ports, print money, repair roads, keep markets supplied with food, make steel, build rockets, train the police and army, issue postage stamps or even milk a cow. People provide these services to the ruler through a variety of organizations and institutions. If people would stop providing these skills, the ruler could not rule."

- **Gene Sharp**, *The Politics of Nonviolent Action*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene_Sharp

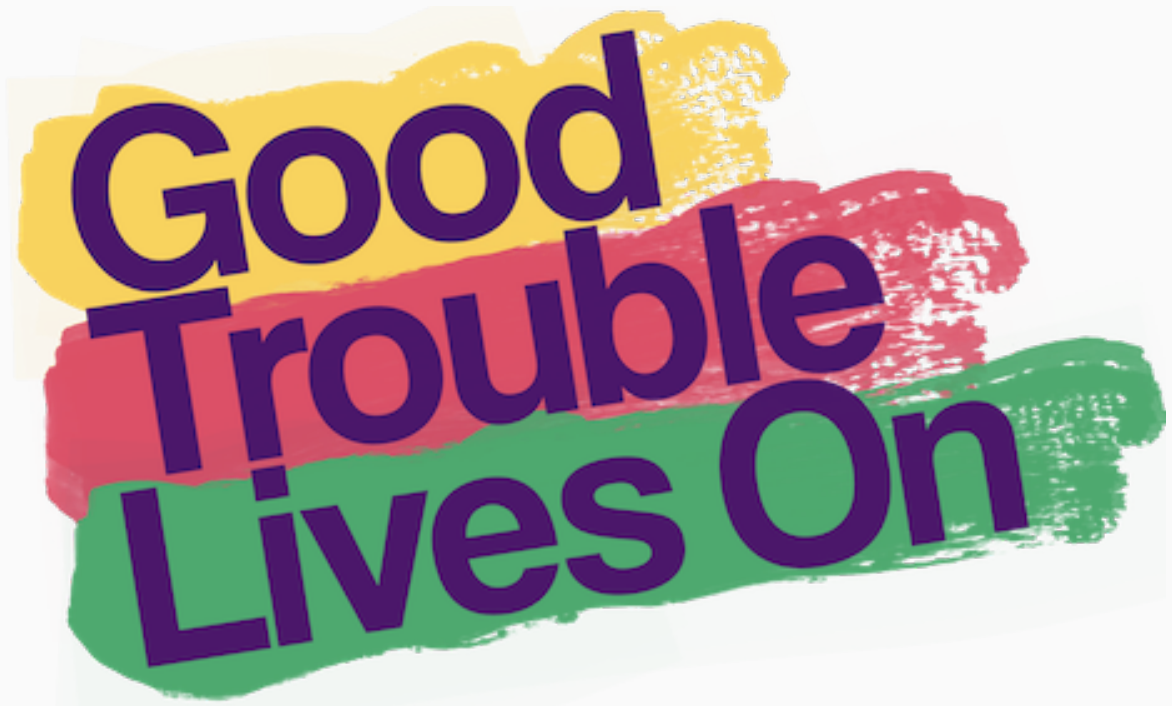
WHO WE ARE

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. Our primary method of organizing is this email mailing list. Find out more about joining our Facebook page or accessing our Bluesky account from [the "Join Us" page on our website](#).

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Good Trouble Lives On events took place on July 17 all over the country, and there were at least three events here in the Tucson area -- the largest being the rally in Reid Park.

Threads video of Good Trouble actions across the state:

https://www.threads.com/@indivisible_az/post/DMTvAqUKUng?xmt=AQF0YgUczxppXubcjDzWhcCUU2cBXST4EnS8_p2zkzi-Vg



Tucson protestors at the "Good Trouble Lives On" rally at Reid Park on July 17, 2025.



Tucson turned out in force for a rally with speeches at the Reid Park Bandshell on July 17, 2025.

Local Coverage of Tucson's "Good Trouble Lives On" event:

KGUN9 (Channel 9)

Good Trouble protest - Southside News

'We can make a difference': Tucsonans gather at Reid Park for national protest

<https://www.kgun9.com/news/community-inspired-journalism/southside-news/we-can-make-a-difference-tucsonans-gather-at-reid-park-for-national-protest>

KVOA (Channel 4 News)

Tucsonans protest during "Good Trouble" rally at Reid Park

https://www.kvoa.com/video/tucsonans-protest-during-good-trouble-rally-at-reid-park/video_eba81cfc-0a65-52e7-8e05-15b611e79c29.html

Arizona Daily Star (paywalled)

Phineas Anderson speaks at Good Trouble rally inside Georges DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center

Updated Jul 17, 2025

https://tucson.com/news/local/video_92c934a8-b60a-5e78-a3ed-d81e70ff1dd7.html

Protestors line up around Tucson's Reid Park for the Good Trouble protest

Updated Jul 17, 2025

Protestors line up around Tucson's Reid Park for the Good Trouble protest on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

https://tucson.com/news/local/video_78caca00-74aa-588c-96ae-c0dbdd0e1481.html

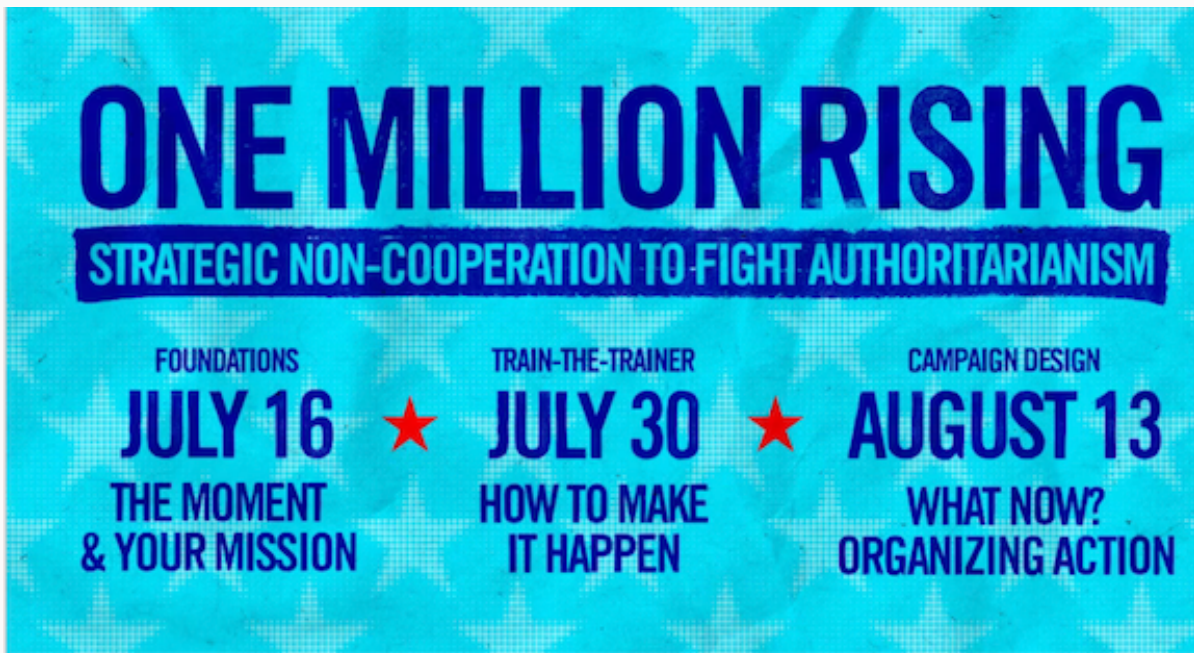
Photos: Tucsonans gather for national 'Good Trouble' protest

Grace Trejo Updated 8 hrs ago

https://tucson.com/events/collection_adabb327-f8fb-4848-982a-d7778ff6415f.html#1

Hundreds of Tucsonans gathered at Gene C. Reid Park this morning for a national day of protest to rebuke Trump and honor the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis, an icon of the 1960s civil-rights movement and a longtime Democratic congressman from Georgia.

Phineas Anderson, Bennett Burke, Tre'Davon Rhodes, Isabel Garcia, and Cecilia Valdez delivered speeches at Georges DeMeester Performance Center before moving the protest along East 22nd Street and South Country Club Road.



2. One Million Rising

This past week saw the first session of "One Million Rising", a series about strategic non-cooperation to fight authoritarianism. This is being organized by the "No Kings" people.

Session 1: The Moment & Your Mission - July 16

now available on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4496VWDjwS0>

Session 2: How to Make it Happen - July 30

Session 3: What Now? - August 13

This first session was full when I got to it, but for future reference, they had a simulcast youtube livestream, and they also taped it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4496VWDjwS0>

Sign up for future sessions here:

<https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/803953/>

First Session Agenda

1. Big Picture & why we're here
2. Authoritarianism 101 - what we're up against
3. Mass Defiance - How we fight back
4. What's Next - Community Resistance Gatherings

There are a myriad of ways to fight back against authoritarianism, ***many of which we are already doing:***

1. Protest and persuasion: raising public awareness of an issue, holding symbolic actions, lobbying targets to act a certain way.

- * Marches, rallies, demonstrations
- * Wearing of symbols
- * Educating neighbors, families, friends [including by writing Letters to the Editor!]

2. Building alternatives: offering vision, demonstrating alternative systems, showing community care.

- * Mutual aid / community funds
- * Strike funds
- * Accompaniment for communities under attack
- * Local democratic economy
- * Vision work

3. Noncooperation: not allowing the normal course of things to play out, refusing to do what is expected of you, and withdrawing cooperation from illegal, unjust policies

- * Workers refusing to carry out illegal orders
- * Refusal to participate in unjust institutions
- * Economic boycotts
- * Strikes

A great example is that we had a community member here in Tucson who took it upon herself to warn her neighbors that ICE was going around disguised as TEP

workers. Nationwide, the Tesla Takedown movement (including our protests here in Tucson) has been extremely effective at hobbling Elon Musk's economic power and driving him out of government. Many other inspiring examples were given during this first session, I recommend checking it out. And here's a new one I stumbled on:

Meet the Woman Spending Her Free Time Chasing ICE Vehicles

Published Jul 18, 2025

<https://www.newsweek.com/meet-woman-spending-her-free-time-chasing-ice-vehicles-2100273>

And here's a suggestion from AZ Indivisible's Terri Shafer:

*In the first session of *One Million Rising*, we learned about the pillars that prop up an authoritarian regime and why it's important to move those pillars from compliance to neutral to opposing the regime. One of the pillars is business, and today we saw an egregious example of compliance by **Paramount Global**, first in settling the Trump lawsuit over the 60 minutes interview of Kamala Harris and then in **cancelling the Late Show with Stephen Colbert** just two days after he (accurately) called the settlement a "big, fat bribe." If you have 15 minutes to spare, read this one-page campaign plan and copy/paste/send the email at the bottom to start putting pressure on the business pillar to stop supporting Trump.*

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W9d8Twl_f1gntTVxk-5YF31DIEe3c-aJDIJXJ9hUebw/edit?usp=sharing

Finally, here's a "NO ICE" poster that you can print out and offer to your local businesses.

[No-ICE-poster.pdf](#)

3. A message from Amy about learning to register voters

Are you interested in learning how to register voters or help voters check their current registration to make sure it's updated?

I am working with the League of Women Voters to help interested ITAA members get trained. For planning purposes and to assess whether you're available, the training will take place on **Thursday August 28th from 3pm-4:30 via Zoom.**

Please email me at asgosla5@proton.me if you would like to be added to the list.

If comfortable, include your phone number as well. The ultimate goal would be to have trained volunteers helping at ITAA tabling events. Thank you.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP

Want to learn more about what the Boycott and Build group is all about? Join us this Monday (tomorrow) July 21st at 6:30pm on Zoom. Reach out to Lisa at lisabehappy@proton.me for the meeting link and to be added to the Boycott and Build group's email list.

The Boycott and Build group focuses on how the money we spend and invest influences the world we live in, including who gets elected. We don't just buy the product or service being sold, we also buy whatever values the company and its owners hold. Buy from a business who supports Ciscomani (who voted for the big ugly budget bill) with their profits? That purchase supports the creation of the world laid out in that big ugly bill. So, the message the Boycott and Build group focuses on is: **You vote every time you spend money. Choose wisely!**

HOW DO I CHOOSE WISELY?

Making purchasing choices that align with our values begins with not getting lured into a purchase without asking a few questions first. This week we are focusing on three possible questions to ponder before you hit BUY or swipe your card at the checkout stand:

1. **CAN I LIVE WITHOUT THIS?** Many purchases are made on an emotional, spur-of-the moment decision and regretted later. Take a moment to pause

and ask if this is really a necessary purchase. If not how could the money be better spent? Possibly investing in a local start-up business, donating to a local organization or helping family, friends, or others you know in need. For some, an easier question to start with might be **DO I WANT TO GIVE MYSELF PERMISSION TO HAVE THIS?** The key is finding the question that works for you personally to be more mindful of each purchase before pressing BUY or swiping your card at the register.

2. **CAN I REPAIR WHAT I HAVE?** Can you fix what you have or know someone who can help you? Repair cafes are also a great option and we are lucky to have [Tucson Repair Cafe](#) here in town. Check out this [heartwarming video](#) that will surely inspire you to want to participate in a repair cafe.
3. **CAN I FIND IT USED, REFURBISHED OR UPCYCLED?** From finding a bargain at a thrift shop or used book store, to buying refurbished technology from a major retailer like Apple, or the B-Corp [BackMarket](#) as examples, buying used or refurbished should always be considered option before buying new.

IF YOU DECIDE TO BUY

Find the best option that can both meet your financial needs while also supporting businesses that best support democratic principles, your community and other issues you value like the environment, fair wages, worker conditions, etc. Look for companies like B-Corps that adhere to certain human rights, social justice, and environmental standards. Learn more about them here: <https://www.bcorporation.net/en-us/>.

BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL FOR THE HYPE: Feeling the pressure to buy because you think something is a great deal and won't last. Things are not always as they appear. For example some Amazon Prime deals are actually not all they are made out to be as is discussed here: <https://popular.info/p/prime-day-is-a-scam>

CHECK OUT TUCSON REPAIR CAFE JULY 26th AT FLOWING WELLS LIBRARY

As mentioned above, repair cafes are not just a great way to get something fixed versus throwing it out and buying new, but they are great community builders. And community building is an important key to resisting authoritarianism. Check out all of Tucson Repair Cafe's upcoming events and important details on attending [here](#) and then watch [this video](#) about how it all works.

GO AMAZON DRY IN JULY CONTINUES

Please keep making efforts to shift your dollars away from Amazon and toward local businesses or national chains like Costco that have been willing to stand up to Trump. You can find details on the Go Amazon Dry event (sponsored by Target Majority, an NYC based Indivisible group) on [mobilize](#). Their [toolkit](#) includes a [spreadsheet of alternatives to Amazon](#).



Boycotts have been successfully used in the past to resist. They have truly changed history! The great thing about boycotting is you can do it from the privacy of your own home, completely risk free. And you can start today and do it every day. You do not need to wait until November 2026 to make your voice heard. Vote with your dollars each day as an act of resistance against this administration's actions. Stop supporting the businesses and owners who support Trump, Ciscomani and others who are harming our country.

FOR THOSE WHO MAKE PURCHASES AS PART OF YOUR EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER WORK

If you are in charge of making purchasing decisions at your workplace or an organization you volunteer with, please use those dollars spent, if possible, to support local businesses when possible, or larger corporate businesses who stand up for the values we are fighting for at Indivisible. This is important for everyone to consider, but especially if you have decision-making power over large amounts of purchasing.

5. Pressure Ciscomani Team update

We are RELENTLESS in keeping the Pressure On Ciscomani.

As often as you can, if you are in Ciscomani's district (CD-O6) call or email Ciscomani's office, telling him that "We will remember in November", and add any content you want.

Here is some sample content: "You (Ciscomani) always say you stand for protecting Arizonans, but you ALWAYS VOTE for what the billionaires want. Your votes help the rich funders of your party more than they help us. We will remember in November."

Here is a flyer you can use and share: (the jpg image below is linked to [the pdf version](#))

#JUAN WATCH

TWO FACES OF JUAN



MEDIA JUAN

Photo opps and claims to protect constituents by supporting:
HEALTHCARE
FOOD ASSISTANCE
VETERANS

REAL JUAN

Votes **YES** on Big Ugly Budget Bill
Two Separate Times!
CUTS MEDICAID by \$800 billion
GUTS SNAP funding for families
SILENT on DOGE cuts to VA

*Juan Ciscomani is **NOT A MAN OF HIS WORD***

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ITAA IS A NON-PARTISAN PRO-DEMOCRACY GROUP THAT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY CANDIDATE



Print, post, share, distribute. Facebook, Instagram, Substack...wherever you can.

We need ALL ITAA MEMBERS to share and disseminate this information wherever you can. Voters need to know what Ciscomani REALLY stands for, and that he's not who he pretends to be.

Again, contact me if you want to join the Pressure Ciscomani

Team kminkov@aol.com

Thanks,

Ken

6. Additional resources

Take Action Tucson is a great source for local events:

<https://www.takeactiontucson.org/>

ICYMI: Adelita Grijalva Wins Democratic Primary for Late Father's Congressional Seat

After a competitive and crowded primary, the former Pima County Supervisor will face Republican Daniel Butierez in a special election this fall.

<https://news.azpm.org/p/azpmnews/2025/7/16/225597-adelita-grijalva-wins-democratic-primary-for-late-fathers-congressional-seat/>

Indivisible National on Immigration

<https://indivisible.org/campaign/trumps-anti-immigration-agenda-whats-happening-and-what-we-or-others-are-doing-about-it>

Arizona officials want ICE officers to quit hiding their identities, making arrests in courthouses

<https://azmirror.com/2025/07/16/arizona-officials-want-ice-officers-to-quit-hiding-their-identities-making-arrests-in-courthouses/>

Upcoming MoveOn.org event in Phoenix in August:

Won't Back Down - Phoenix Sun. Aug. 3, 5 - 7 PM

The Van Buren

401 W Van Buren St

Phoenix, AZ 85003

RSVP: <https://www.mobilize.us/moveon/event/812185/>

Won't Back Down - graphic in website resources folder

<https://front.moveon.org/campaigns/wont-back-down/>

This summer, we're hitting the road with outspoken leaders who are with us in the fight against President Trump and Republicans, who are selling us out to benefit the richest Americans. We'll unite and rally in key Republican-held swing House districts, where we're building an even bigger and bolder base of MoveOn members who are committed to flipping the House in the 2026 midterm elections. Are you ready to hold Republicans accountable for taking away our health care and our rights to hand out tax cuts to billionaires? Join us, and let's show them that we won't back down.

7. Humor

Here's [a pdf of a really funny article by Drew Magary](#), columnist for the online magazine SF Gate, titled, "Jeez, I wonder why Trump won't release the Epstein files."

Also, the latest hilarious video from Mamdani, Democratic candidate for Mayor of NYC:

<https://bsky.app/profile/zohrankmamdani.bsky.social/post/3lufp7ztaes2z>

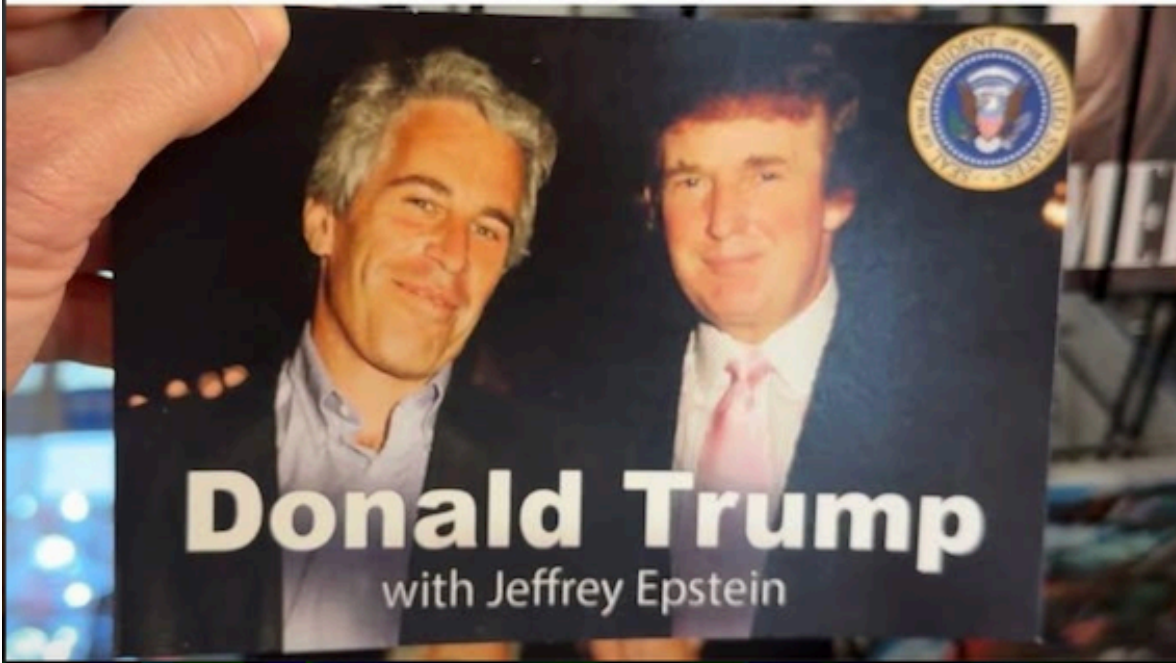
Below, two other items: a prank at Trump Tower, and a cartoon about fanning the flames of conspiracy theories.



DAILY BEAST

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Pranksters Fill Trump Tower Gift Shop With Epstein Postcards



Headline from The Daily Beast: "Pranksters Fill Trump Tower Gift Shop With Epstein Postcards." (Image shows a postcard made of a photo of Trump with his arm around Epstein, labeled "Donald Trump with Jeffrey Epstein.") Good trouble indeed!!



Cartoon showing Trump fanning the flames of conspiracy theories, only to get burned by the flames of the "Epstein Files." Copyright Nick Anderson, cartoonist.

Finally, some thoughts about about the moment we are in:

FROM ONE MILLION RISING:

"What does the wanna-be king want us to do?"

- Give up on each other, elections, the democratic dream
- Excuse his crackdowns
- Choose comfort over courage
- Stop persuading new people to join
- Fight each other
- Forget the stakes
- Believe we're alone

"We won't give him these! Together we can build the community resilience and learn the strategic action necessary to meet this moment."

Final Quote:

"If a career prosecutor can be fired without reason, fear may seep into the decisions of those who remain. Do not let that happen. Fear is the tool of a tyrant, wielded to suppress independent thought. Instead of fear, let this moment fuel the fire that already burns at the heart of this place. A fire of righteous indignation at abuses of power. Of commitment to seek justice for victims. Of dedication to truth above all else."

- **Maurene Comey**, former federal prosecutor in the SDNY (Southern District of New York), in a letter to her colleagues.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/read-epstein-prosecutor-maurene-comey-164513579.html>

That's it for this week! Stay cool and stay strong everyone, and thank you all for everything you do!

-- Margrit of ITAA
