

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

July 27, 2025

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1. Next general membership meeting (zoom) - Mon. Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Two special guest speakers: **Jim Driscoll**, a long-time local activist, and **Phineas Anderson**, of the spectacularly successful Tesla dealership demonstrations here in Tucson.

Register in advance for the meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VANBkOsiQLelCKQrWA1WLw>



The next One Million Rising training will be Wed. July 30, 5 p.m. MST.

Sign up for future sessions here:

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

One Million Rising 3-minute video

Three-minute highlight video of last week's One Million Rising training!

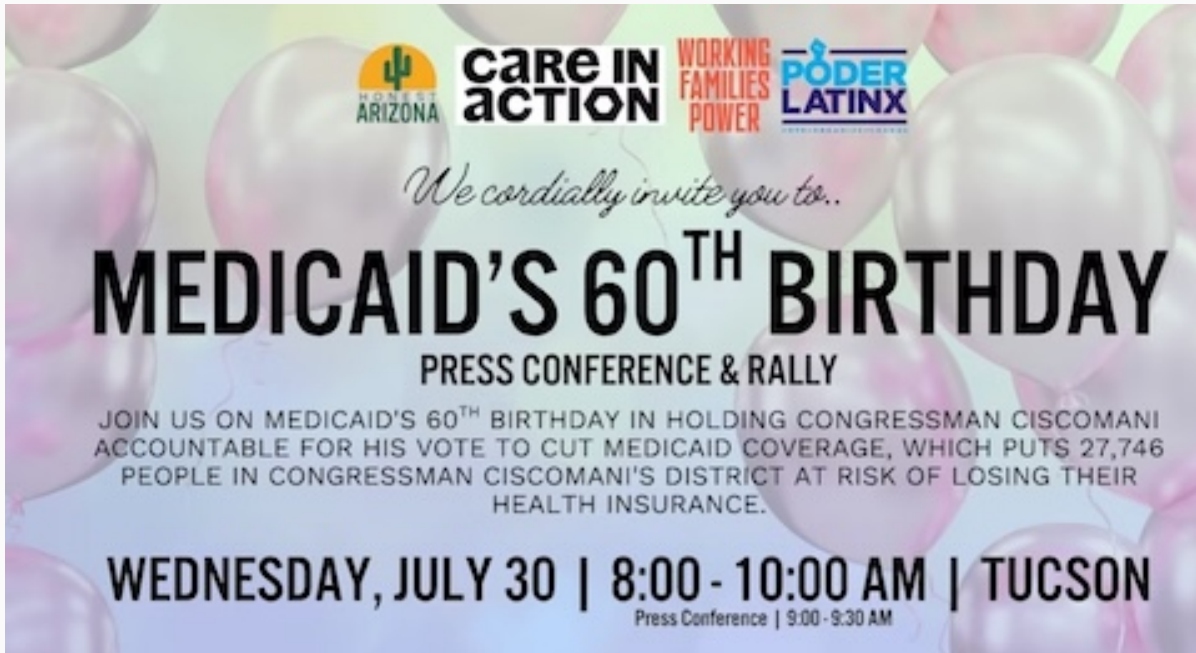
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkBNKqk76f8>

Session 1: The Moment & Your Mission - July 16

now available on Youtube:

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

2. Other Upcoming Events

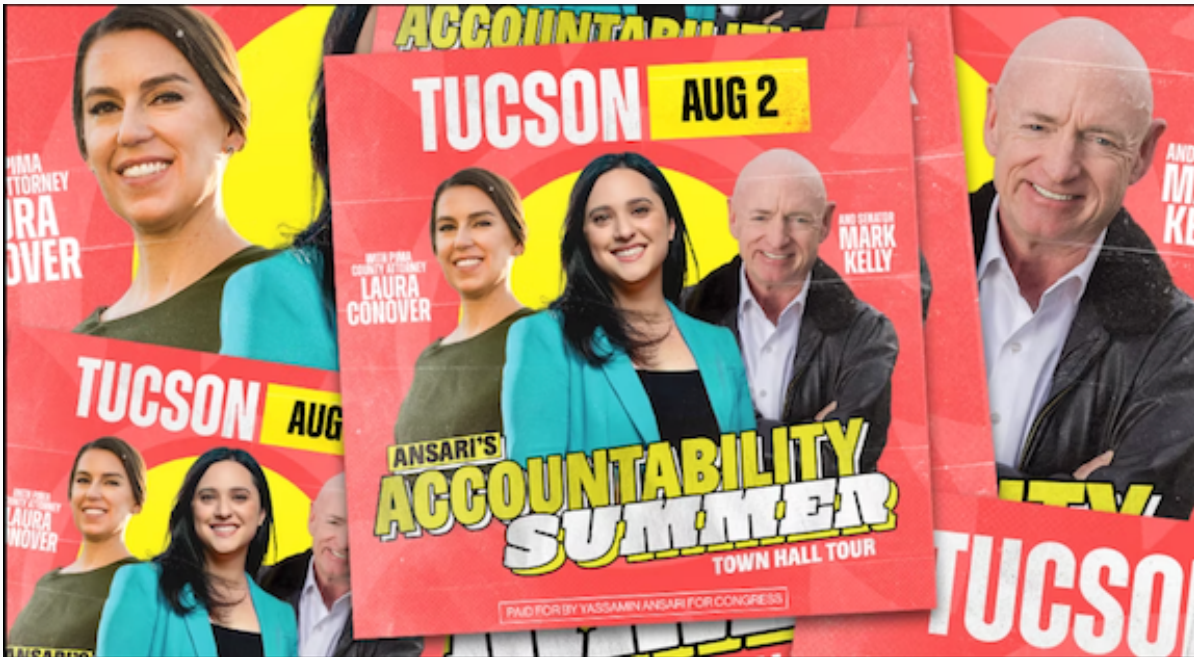


Wednesday, July 30th - Happy Birthday Medicaid! Press Conference & Rally
Wednesday, July 30, 8 – 10am MST

Outside of Congressman Ciscomani's Office
1636 N Swan Rd
Tucson, AZ 85712

<https://www.mobilize.us/honestarizona/event/808398/>

Join us on Medicaid's 60th Birthday in holding Congressman Ciscomani accountable for his vote to cut Medicaid coverage, which puts 27,746 people in Congressman Ciscomani's district at risk of losing their health insurance.



Aug. 2: Accountability Summer Town Hall (Tucson) w/ Rep. Ansari, Sen. Kelly & Pima County Attorney Conover
Saturday, August 2, 4 – 6pm MST

US Representative Yaasamin Ansari is hosting a town hall in CD6 on August 2nd - sign up here: <https://www.mobilize.us/yassaminforcongress/event/816306/>

Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre, Pima Community College, West Campus
2202 W. Anklam Road

Tucson, AZ 85713

US Representative Yaasamin Ansari has served as the U.S. representative for Arizona's 3rd congressional district since 2025.

3. Calling all lawyers

An ad-hoc group of Tucson advocates is looking for attorneys who are licensed in Arizona to help unaccompanied migrant children, on a pro-bono basis, to complete a legal process through family or juvenile court that can ultimately help them attain permanent residence in the U.S. The “Tucson Kids Team” will provide training and support. Interested attorneys can find out more by emailing TucsonKidsTeam@proton.me [note that this email address is case-

sensitive]

Article in the Arizona Daily Star: [Migrant kids on their own in court, as Arizona's legal-aid nonprofit hit by Trump cuts](#) (July 26, 2025)

4. WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP

Want to learn more about what the Boycott and Build group is all about? Join us for our next meeting Thursday, August 14th at 3:00pm on Zoom. Reach out to Lisa at lisabehappy@proton.me for the meeting link and to be added to the Boycott and Build email list.

Please be sure to sign up for the next ITAA Membership Zoom call Aug 4th at the new time of 6:30pm. Phineas Anderson will discuss his work leading the Telsa Takedown movement here in Tucson. There will be time for Q & A too.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VANBkOsiQLelCKQrWA1WLw#/registration>

HOW IS YOUR "AMAZON DRY IN JULY" GOING?

The Boycott and Build group would love to learn about alternative businesses you've found to support as you free yourself of Amazon/Jeff Bezos. Whether you have gone "cold turkey" or are just dipping your toe into the waters of an Amazon-free life, please send comments about how things are going for you to lisabehappy@proton.me.

We encourage everyone to continue to go Amazon Dry BEYOND July. Need more inspiration? Take time to read Kasia Wilczek's (an ITAA member) piece It Is Time To Step Away From Amazon posted on AZ CD-06's Substack.

<https://cd6pressureciscomaniteamofitaa.substack.com/p/it-is-time-to-step-away-from-amazon>

She provides solid reasons why we all should quit Amazon and tips on how to go about it.

**** GREAT RESOURCES FOR BOOKS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT ****

Since Amazon started as a bookseller we want to highlight a few alternatives for books, and in light of the recent calls to boycott Paramount/CBS (more on that below) we'll talk a bit about television and movies too.

GET A LIBRARY CARD - YOU WILL BE DOING YOURSELF A HUGE FAVOR!

Check out all the great resources the Pima County Library has to offer.

<https://www.library.pima.gov/>

Use the money you can save on purchasing books, streaming services and more to make a donation to the library and ensure these vital institutions to remain a part of our social fabric.

Did you know you can sign up online to get an e-card and have free access to all of [the library's Digital Media](#) and [E-Library Online Resources](#) without having to go to the library? Get access to digital and audio books, magazines, comics and more. Your library card will give you access to great resources like the Libby, Hoopla and Kanopy apps and so much more. Learn all you need to know about how to get a digital-only library card or a full-access card here:

<https://www.library.pima.gov/getalibrarycard/>

CANCEL Amazon Prime, Prime Video, Paramount+ and use the funds you save to help support our great public libraries as they work to survive cuts from the Trump administration: <https://www.library.pima.gov/supportus/>

LOCAL BOOKSTORES - YOU CAN BUY ON-LINE OR VISIT THE STORE!

Tucson is fortunate to have an abundance of independent bookstores. A trip to a bricks and mortar store is highly recommended. But if you enjoy clicking a button and having a book arrive at your door, some local bookstores can do that too. Here are just a couple of the many independent bookstores you can explore in Tucson:

[Antigone Books](#) in the 4th Avenue shopping district offers an excellent book selection for readers of all ages along with a large selection of gifts and greeting cards. And they are 100% solar powered!

[Desiertobooks in the Mercado](#) offers new, used, and rare books and a unique focus on the Southwest. They also have a collection of vinyl records.

And if you are in Oro Valley, check out [Stacks Book Club](#) (and coffee bar) at Oro Valley Marketplace offering an all genres of books paired with a full service cafe. They partner with locally owned and operated food, beverage and artisan vendors to offer locally made products and gifts too.

OTHER ON-LINE BUYING OPTIONS:

Alternatives for buying print, e-books and audio-books that pay a portion of the sale to the selected local bookstore of your choice can be a great option too. Check out [bookshop.org](#) for print and e-books and [libro.fm](#) for audio books.

TELEVISION ALTERNATIVE TO Paramount/CBS

Please cancel Paramount+ and CBS and avoid watching any of their programming (other than possibly show Stephen Colbert some love for a few more months). Sign up for PBS Passport instead.

<https://www.pbs.org/passport/learn-more/>

Trump and the GOP rescinded PBS's funding and they need our support. Why support Paramount who cares more about lining their pockets than they do about free speech, democratic principles or the law? Senator Elizabeth Warren is calling into question the apparent bribery by Paramount to receive approval for their Skydance merger from the Trump administration.

<https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-on-trump-administration-approving-paramount-megamerger-bribery-is-illegal-no-matter-who-is-president>

It is time to take a principled stand and stop supporting businesses like Paramount/CBS!

AVOID MOVIES FROM PARAMOUNT PICTURES AND MGM

Planning to go to the movies? Avoid Jeff Bezos owned MGM movies (yes he owns MGM too!)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer_films

and also avoid Paramount Films

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_Paramount_Pictures_films

- note The Naked Gun is coming to theaters August 1st so be sure to avoid that one! Seek out Independent (Indie) films instead and support local independent cinemas like The Loft instead.

<https://loftcinema.org/>

And don't forget your library card gives you access to Kanopy

<https://www.kanopy.com/>

which allows you to stream thousands of films for free.

OK SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH PARAMOUNT? WHY SHOULD I BOYCOTT THEM?

First and foremost, if you care about free speech, if you care about our democracy, and if you care about the rule of law, it is time to do something before it is too late. As more and more of our institutions cave to the whims of Trump to gain favors from his administration we are quickly sliding (if not already nearly there, according to some) into autocracy.

For those who are unaware of this last week's news, the Trump administration approved a multi-million dollar merger between two large media companies -- Paramount (parent company of CBS) and Skydance. But only after Paramount seemed to cave in to unreasonable demands by Trump, and possibly paying what looks to be a bribe by some, by settling a meritless law suit paying millions to Trump's Presidential library fund. One of the other potential demands? Firing Stephen Colbert! His successful show has been cancelled and will end next year.

Senator Elizabeth Warren has said of the FCC approval of the Paramount - Skydance merger: "Bribery is illegal no matter who is president. It sure looks like Skydance and Paramount paid \$36 million to Donald Trump for this merger, and he's even bragged about this crooked-looking deal. I've been ringing the alarm bell for months, launching a Senate investigation into possible corruption, and this merger must be investigated for any criminal behavior. It's an open question whether the Trump administration's approval of this merger was the result of a

bribe.” This article

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/fcc-approves-paramount-skydance-merger>

includes a video from Warren and more in-depth details if you want to take a deeper dive. She's calling on all of us to stand up to this type of corruption.

If we give our dollars to Paramount/CBS that basically tells them, we're OK with you acting like this

<https://www.cleveland.com/news/2025/07/want-to-fight-fascism-cancel-your-disney-paramount-streaming-subscriptions-letter-from-the-editor.html>

- throwing free speech and our democracy under the bus so that you can further enrich and empower yourselves. Please, let's all send them a different message!

One of our newest Boycott and Build members, Mike Lippman, shared with us that he has severed all ties with Paramount (with the exception he will watch Colbert for the remainder of his run). He also thought his perspective as a professor of Classics specializing in ancient comedy would be of interest and we are sharing some of his thoughts here (edited for brevity):

"In ancient Athens, birthplace of democracy, there were only two things that were absolutely necessary for a democracy to exist: Equality Under the Law and Freedom of Speech. If these two principles were not upheld, the democracy would no longer be worthy of the name. Their two rules are meant to apply to all citizens of a functional democracy. To me, as ours is so threatened, we all need to really make sure we know what it is we're fighting for when we say the word "democracy." I feel that Equality Under the Law is unraveling in many ways and that is quite a concern. For this group, it should not surprise anyone that one major factor of the lack of Equality under the Law is based on...money. The uber-wealthy have access to better versions of the law. Freedom of Speech, however, is being threatened on all sides, and it is something we should take very seriously. The attack on science, DEI, and academia in general is especially concerning. But the recent termination of Colbert's show is of a different nature, one I see also concerning, but in a particular way.

"Quashing facts is awful. But censoring opposition, especially comic opposition, is

depriving us of one of our strongest weapons! In Athens, the comic dramatic festivals offered a chance for all to laugh at any aspect of society, especially politicians who had gotten too powerful. There's strength and unification in laughter- and it need be punching down. In fact, when humor punches up, (or sideways) it's the great equalizer and the best way to ensure that those above us are reminded of our common humanity. If one claims to be a leader, one must be prepared to have their actions publicly scrutinized- and laughed at if found ridiculous. That Trump has no sense of humor when mocked is well known- and the fact that he doesn't is a sign of his autocratic leanings.

"Colbert, the highest rated late night show host, has been keeping his audience laughing, successfully, for a very long time. When CBS, as part of a merger between their parent company Paramount and Skydance, settled with Trump for 16 million dollars because of a 60 minutes interview, they basically bribed him to allow this to go through. And part of that bribe, it seems, was to sacrifice Colbert, the man who humiliated our thin-skinned tyrant on a regular basis. Attacking the news is a direct assault. Attacking comic news may be indirect, but it is making it clear that any critique of the regime is intolerable. Thus...no more Freedom of Speech. It's a slide, I worry, from using bully-tactics, to firing, to arresting. A strong and functional democracy CAN handle comedy. It's not listed as one of our separate indivisible pillars, but I'd argue it very much is."

THANKS FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING HOW ALL OF YOU ARE USING THE POWER OF YOUR DOLLARS TO DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY.

5. WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESSURE CISCOMANI TEAM

The Pressure Ciscomani Team (keyword - Relentless) is continuing to raise awareness that Ciscomani is representing Trump and Washington Republicans, NOT his constituents. Those of you who live in AZ 06: Please keep contacting his office at least once a week, to let him know you are dissatisfied, and you will

"Remember in November".

This week's topic focus is on Ciscomani's support for ICE Raids on his Hispanic neighbors. Ciscomani's votes are sending squads of masked ICE agents into our communities. As Jim Lewison, one of our pressure team members has written:

*"Ciscomani's communications are all about "border security" but he ignores the fact that the majority of undocumented being arrested by ICE raids in **his district** have no criminal record, and are being denied their constitutional rights of due process and being disappeared to locations around the country with no way for their families to contact them. Do you feel safer - leaving a grocery store after dark or at a gas station - knowing that thousands of hard working immigrants are being rounded up and sent to detention centers indefinitely? Ciscomani looks the other way when it comes to those already in the US. He cultivates a public image of an example of how the American dream can be achieved by anyone, no matter their situation, background or nationality. Since the Trump administration has taken over the narrative on immigration, stigmatizing it as a national security threat, they have effectively slammed the door shut to thousands of people like Juan and his wife Laura, both immigrants to the US. He has, as our elected member of Congress, voted lock step with the most repressive administration in US history. All MAGA – all the time. The people of AZ06 will judge Ciscomani, **not by what he says** through his public statements, photo opps and deceitful letters to Speaker Mike Johnson. They will judge him **on what he does**, through his cowardly votes and deafening silences on the atrocities carried out by this administration in his name."*

All of you: See the attached flyer about Ciscomani's support for ICE raids: Print, share, distribute in your neighborhood and on social media. Everyone needs to know what Ciscomani does and does not stand for.

WE are having our first **ITAA Vets Team Pressure Ciscomani VETS Team meeting** on 8/5. If you are a vet and interested, contact Ken Minkoff at kminkov@aol.com

The image of the flyer below links to a much higher resolution / size version of the flyer.

#JuanWatch

Masked ICE Agents

Sent to AZ by Juan Ciscomani



ICE Raids

Approves \$billions in taxpayer dollars to fund:

- Concentration camps
- Bonuses for unaccountable masked ICE agents
- Illegal detention of US citizens



Silent Juan

Silent on:

- Horrific conditions for detainees
- Violations of constitutional rights
- Raids in churches, schools, hospitals

Hold ICE + Juan Accountable

IN NOVEMBER – WE WILL REMEMBER

INDIVISIBLE TUCSON ACTION ALLIANCE

INDIVISIBLETUCSON@PROTON.ME

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



6. Inspiration and other random resources / links

Yoga Pants Mom confronts ICE in the Home Depot Parking Lot

<https://bsky.app/profile/amysiskind.com/post/3lustj4so4k26>

Here in Tucson, if you see anything that might be ICE activity, please contact the [Tucson Community Rapid Response Team](#) IMMEDIATELY, then get out your phone and start filming. Their hotline is 520-221-4077. Or, download the ICE Block app on to your newer iPhone (mine is too old) and learn how to use it.

LA archdiocese to deliver food and medication to parishioners homebound due to Ice raids

As White House continues its immigration crackdown, church steps up to assist members too afraid to leave home

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/25/los-angeles-catholic-church-ice-raids>

Why can't the Tucson Diocese do likewise??? Their phone number is (520) 838-2500. Ask them.

Why Indivisible Houston is Nonpartisan

<https://www.indivisiblehouston.org/post/why-indivisible-houston-is-nonpartisan>

[Note from Margrit: If you've ever wondered why we consider ourselves nonpartisan, even though we are fiercely opposing Trump and supporting progressives, this is the article to read and share.]

Protect Democracy: Toolkits for countering authoritarianism

<https://protectdemocracy.org/work/the-faithful-fight/>

Here's how to share sensitive leaks with the press

<https://freedom.press/digisec/blog/sharing-sensitive-leaks-press/>

Introducing the Trump Action Tracker website

A live, searchable list of authoritarian-style actions from Trump's second term (over 804 actions so far).

<https://www.trumpactiontracker.info/>

This is a free resource, provided and maintained by Professor Christina Pagel in the UK and a few brilliant volunteers.

* "Undermining Democracy" = Undermining Democratic Institutions & Rule of Law; Dismantling federal government

* "Suppressing Dissent" = Suppressing Dissent & Controlling Information

* "Civil Rights & Corruption" = Dismantling Social Protections & Rights; Enrichment & Corruption

* "Science & Academia" = Attacking Science, Environment, Health, Arts & Education

* "Foreign Policy" = Aggressive Foreign Policy & Global Destabilization; Nationalism

About:

<https://substack.com/home/post/p-168535790>

7. Humor

Yes we all need a bit of humor to lift us and keep us going, but did you know that ridiculing authoritarians in power is a tried and tested -- and surprisingly effective -- resistance tactic? See:

Not Just a Punchline: Humor and Nonviolent Action

How Comedy Can Provide Relief and Promote Resistance in Authoritarian Environments

<https://www.usip.org/blog/2019/05/not-just-punchline-humor-and-nonviolent-action>

In the span of a few weeks in April, two longtime North African dictators— Abdelaziz Bouteflika in Algeria and Omar al-Bashir in Sudan—were toppled by nonviolent movements. These successes further bolster what nonviolent theorists have long argued: nonviolent resistance is twice as effective as violence in achieving major political goals. Less understood and examined is the special, disarming role that humor can play in propelling nonviolent movements and defeating oppressive structures.

"Come Hug It Out in the Eastern Townships"

This Viral Québec Tourism Ad Sends a Heartfelt Message to Americans—and It's Working

As U.S.–Canada relations remain strained, a charming Québec tourist region has launched a campaign of reassurance and acceptance.

<https://www.afar.com/magazine/viral-quebec-tourism-ad-lets-americans-know-theyre-welcome>

(scroll down to near the bottom to watch the ad)

or watch it on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0raUwo2S70A>

‘South Park’s most furious episode ever’: the jaw-dropping Satanic takedown of Donald Trump

They’ve depicted the president’s privates. They’ve shown him in flagrante with the devil. The makers of the foul-mouthed US cartoon have certainly thrown down the gauntlet . . .

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<https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2025/jul/24/south-park-most-furious-episode-ever-the-jaw-dropping-satanic-takedown-of-donald-trump>

‘We’re terribly sorry’: South Park creators respond with humour to White House anger over naked Donald Trump

Speaking at Comic-Con on Thursday, Trey Parker and Matt Stone revealed they spent days negotiating with producers to show the US president’s genitals

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https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2025/jul/25/were-terribly-sorry-south-park-creators-respond-with-humour-to-white-house-anger-over-naked-donald-trump?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

That's it for this week! Keep it up, everyone -- and thank you!!

-- Margrit of ITAA
