

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

August 10, 2025

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed." - *Abraham Lincoln*
(*cough* PROJECT BLUE *cough*)

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1. Upcoming final One Million Rising presentation

<https://www.nokings.org/rise>

One Million Rising Watch Party

Location: Tucson City Council Ward 6 Office, 3202 E 1st St

Organizer: Take Action Tucson

Join us for a watch party of the final installment of Indivisible's One Million Rising training followed by a group discussion and updates from Take Action Tucson.

This meeting will be at the Ward 6 Office. Please make sure to enter through the south door. If closed, please ring the doorbell and we'll assist you!

A key element of One Million Rising is targeting the "Pillars of Support." Here is an adjacent project on the topic worth checking out:

Pillars of Support project

<https://horizonsproject.us/pillars-of-authoritarianism/>

In both the United States and abroad, political leaders have undermined democratic institutions and norms as part of a nearly two-decade global trend of rising authoritarianism. To challenge these threats, research shows we need social

movements involving broad, diverse coalitions that are tactically innovative and united around a shared strategy of success. These movements also need a clear understanding of the complex systems they are challenging.

One valuable approach for comprehending this complexity is the “Pillars of Support” framework. The pillars framework can be summarized in a simple image: a roof held up by several pillars. The roof represents a political system’s leaders, while the pillars represent the key organizations or institutions that give those leaders the resources and legitimacy they need to exercise power. The model rests on two insights: power in any social or political system is something that flows up from below, and this flow almost always takes place through specific institutions. If we can identify those institutions and the resources they provide to the authoritarian system, then we can understand how power operates in that system and be better equipped to change it.

- Learn more about how we applied this framework to individual states*
- Develop your personal strategy for taking pro-democracy action with our defections toolkit*
- Keep up to date with pillar-specific acts of acts of protest and noncooperation happening in the US today, and follow Choose Democracy’s Resist List.*
- Find caselets from around the world illustrating the impact of pillars in different movements*
- Go deeper with detailed reports and articles about the pillars of support*
- Visualize the diverse array of potential tactics each pillar could adopt with the table on this page*

Back to One Million Rising, there is a handout about the pillars of support for use during small gatherings:

[Noncooperation-and-Pillars-Handout One-Million-Rising.pdf](#)

2. Project Blue Update

Bye, Bye, Project Blue

Tucson City Council members voted unanimously to reject the controversial "Project Blue" data center.

<https://news.azpm.org/p/azpmnews/2025/8/6/225888-bye-bye-project-blue/>

Public pressure works!!

3. Upcoming local events (for a full list, visit takeactiontucson.org)



Thu. Aug. 14 - Social Security's 90th Anniversary Silver Sit-In at Ciscomani's office

Thursday, August 14, 9 – 10:30am MST

1636 N Swan Rd

Suite 200

Tucson, AZ 85712

RSVP: <https://www.mobilize.us/allianceforretiredamericans/event/821647/>

Join us to Sit or Stand in Solidarity as we mark 90 years of Social Security and call out Rep. Juan Ciscomani for turning his back on seniors.

He voted to cut the Social Security benefits we earned. We're showing up to say: not on our watch!

Please be sure to bring your own chair if needed.

Organized by: Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans and also Honest Arizona



Saturday, August 16th - Protect Our Checks Rally in Tucson, AZ

Saturday, August 16, 8 – 10am MST

Outside of Congressman Ciscomani's Office

1636 N Swan Rd

Tucson, AZ 85712

<https://www.mobilize.us/protectourchecks/event/817483/>

On Saturday, August 16th, we are gathering across the country to urge our members of Congress to safeguard one of their most vital sources of income for families: Social Security. Protect Our Checks calls on elected officials to keep these offices open instead of prioritizing tax breaks for billionaires. Join us outside of Congressman Ciscomani's office to stand up for Social Security and your community. We must let Congressman Ciscomani know that Social Security is a promise, not a handout.

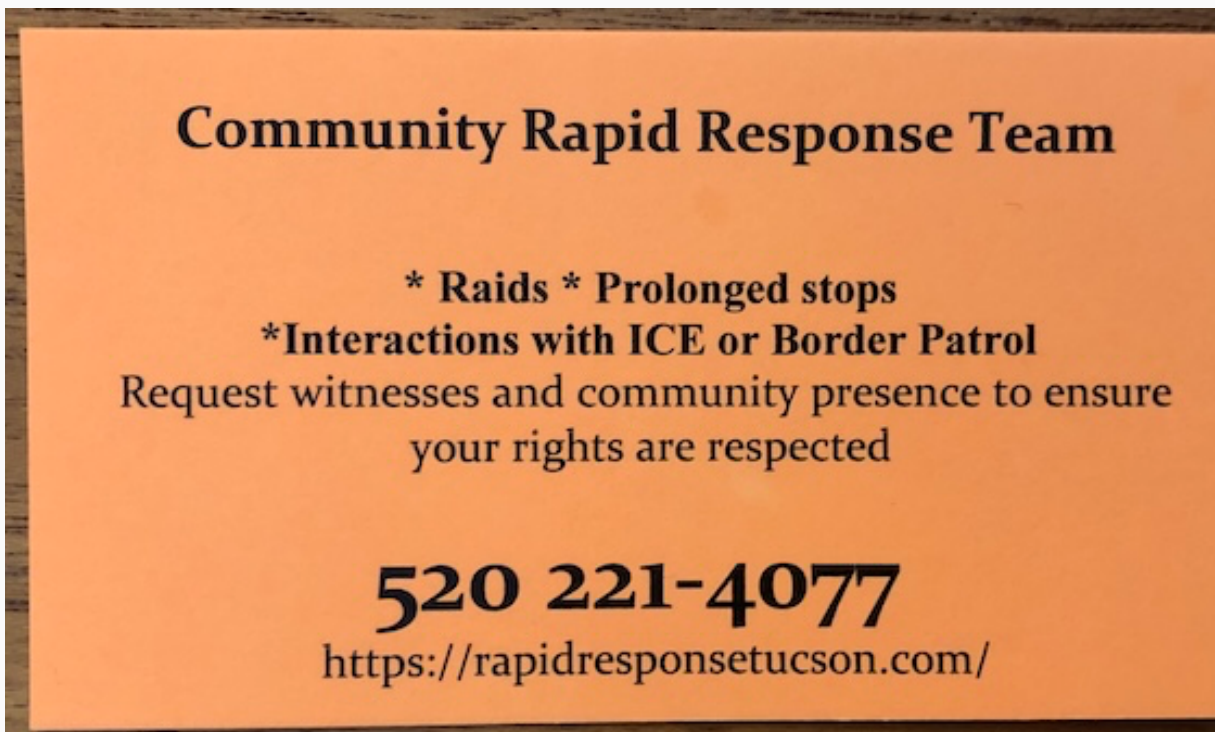
4. Calls to Action

i. BLOCK ICE

When it comes to fighting back against ICE, two avenues of approach are

- a) Rapid response to ICE action as it is happening and
- b) Support for vulnerable migrants in our community

For Rapid Response here in Tucson we have our own **Rapid Response Team**, **hotline to call is 520-221-4077**. There are also orange "Rapid Response" cards to hand out, available at [the Gloo Factory](#) - they will give you a handful for free, but please consider donating to support this if you can. Spanish on one side, English on the other. (These are different from the red "Know Your Rights" cards.)



There is also the "**ICE BLOCK**" app, available for newer iPhones.

For the support groups, there are several initiatives building locally, for helping immigrants in all circumstances -- such as those who are unable to go to work, buy food, or seek medical care for fear of being snatched by ICE. I have heard of individual "Go Fund Me" type efforts, but if anyone knows of any **organized** efforts to help folks impacted by the ICE raids -- these could be from Churches,

organizations, groups, neighborhoods, etc. -- please send the information to ITAA at indivisibletucson@proton.me, and we will try to coordinate.

Along these lines, please consider volunteering for the **Tucson Kids Team**, which assists unaccompanied unrepresented children in immigration court. Lawyers especially welcome, but there are multiple roles available, not just for lawyers. Laypersons can be trained to help children fill in asylum paperwork. Please email TucsonKidsTeam@proton.me [CASE SENSITIVE EMAIL ADDRESS] if you can help.

ii. Voter Registration:

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

iii. Democracy Town Criers - an initiative by Bennett Burke

"If you're in Tucson and would like to be involved in some street theater protests, performance art pieces which will also carry our message of Civil Resistance to those who are NOT already in the choir, DM me to learn more. They'll be strictly nonviolent, legal, with zero risk of arrest, but briefly disruptive in public places. If you're not in Tucson and would like to try something like this where you are, DM me too."

Bennett

<firemandonn@gmail.com>

Signup form:

https://c91391c2.sibforms.com/serve/MUIFAMyj_Wbxii-gD-VXvLjnxUBXWcvUqkiJKvYkRg-172rxv3JyAm5S9W-kFjr2b6opU-YAoMXoOH020UxK9_jox9PdyEtOYbprMCVqRzbPZsOJ7V-m6pldrwGUAbkt1n5oBKKPWfac_pBwGTgfBuPTiUHg_sWv3O0WTBFw4hn58seol

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iv. Postcards

We need to get postcards out to remind voters in CD-07 to vote! Early voting begins on August 27 so we have a pretty short turnaround time. If you're interested, please send an email ASAP to Nancy Atherton at ncatherton@gmail.com or Ann Paulson bellgal@q.com to see where we are in the process and to see if you can still join in. If there is still time to join in, Nancy and/or Ann will need to know your name, contact information, what side of town you live on, and how many postcards you can write. If that ship has already sailed, know that there will be MANY postcarding opportunities coming up!

v. Door-Knocking Bootcamp

Base Building for Power and Blue Future are launching a series of one-all-day IN PERSON Door Knocking Bootcamps in 10 swing congressional districts around the US, and Canada starting August 8! Sign Up to Get More Info to Participate or support this effort financially [HERE](#) (100% of donations go to stipends for swing district working class participants)

Schedule:

[list of numerous cities including:]

***** August 17 Tucson AZ-6 *****

The program will include one virtual training, one full-day of in-person “in the field” training through door knocking, and Organizing Tutorials on YouTube. We will talk with voters about how Trump policies are hurting working class communities and urge people to fight back by volunteering for local organizations. Any individual or organization can participate in this training program free of charge. We will also have a limited number of stipends for working class organizers living in or near to these districts.

Harley Augustino

Executive Director, Base Building for Power

<https://www.basebuilding.net/>

Upcoming Base Building Trainings.

https://www.basebuilding.net/upcoming_training_programs

vi. comment on proposed changes to the AZ state Elections Procedures Manual (EPM)

Because of several horrible laws passed by the AZ State Legislature, our good Secretary of State Adrian Fontes has been forced to make changes to the Elections Procedures Manual (EPM) per a preliminary injunction court order, pending an appellate court ruling.

The public comment portal is open until August 31.

<https://azsos.gov/webform/epm-public-comments>

All the information you need is in this Democracy Docket article:

<https://www.democracymatters.com/news-alerts/arizona-releases-revised-election-procedures-manual-with-court-ordered-changes/>

5. Weekly message from the Pressure Ciscomani team

Hi everyone...As we are moving into the fall, we are focusing more and more on organizing as many people as possible to contribute to unseating Ciscomani. Our work with ITAA has gotten national attention, and the size (2100 +) of the ITAA membership that we represent is part of the reason. More and more national organizers are getting involved with us in working to unseat Ciscomani. AZ 06 is in the top tier of flippable districts nationally, and we only need a net gain of 3 to take back the House!

But we need your help! The power of our movement is in the power of each and every one of you to make a contribution. Even though what you do may be small, if you all do ONE THING EACH WEEK, it all adds up. This is especially true if you live in AZ 06, but even if you don't, there are still things that you can do.

This week, as we do every week, we are going to give you some very concrete ideas about how to take action.

FLYERS: This week's flyer (SEE BELOW), building on last week's

messaging, is about ICE. Ciscomani pretends to be an ally of the Hispanic community but he has turned his back on his own immigrant roots. He votes for "border security" that really means funding for ICE agents ripping people with legal status away from their families. This is CRUELTY. NOT SECURITY.

TAKE ACTION WITH FLYERS: All you have to do is copy the flyers, and post them somewhere in your neighborhood that is legal to do so. This could be a bus stop, a phone pole, a church or supermarket bulletin board. Don't worry if someone takes it down, we will keep sending you more to put up. Whenever people see a flyer, they get the message that Ciscomani is NOT A GOOD GUY TO VOTE FOR.

LETTERS AND CALLS TO BUSINESSES: Many local businesses have supported Ciscomani with funding and endorsements. We are starting a campaign for people to contact them directly to let them know that we are their customers and we want them to withdraw that support. Below is a short list of names, addresses, and phone numbers, along with a sample letter or phone script. We have also included some bullet points that you may want to add about how Ciscomani's supposed "pro-small business" positions are really only about his millionaire business buddies.

1. Paul Dias franchise holder for 20+ McDonalds locally...his office is at 6422 E Speedway Blvd UNIT 124 and his number is (520) 577-0476
 2. HSL PROPERTIES AND FOUNDATION BOARD: Big local real estate developer (Dove Mountain, etc.) (520) 322-6994 / 3901 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85711
 3. Jim Click Auto: Alex Pflug, Marketing Director, Apflug@jimclick.com, 520-407-4886 DIRECT. Write to any Jim Click dealership (addresses on line)
 4. You can contact any local business you want. If you know they are against Ciscomani, just thank them for that. If you believe that might be pro-Ciscomani, use the script below.
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Script: Hi, I live in your community and am a potential customer of your business. I am calling/writing to ask you to no longer support Juan Ciscomani. His recent votes have shown that he is not a "Pro-small business moderate" as he pretends to be, but votes for agendas made up in Washington that are designed to help billionaires and that actually hurt his constituents. (Include if you wish some examples from the list below about how his votes will hurt business). We don't want to support businesses that support politicians that hurt our community.

List of bullets you might use

- - Small businesses won't take advantage of retroactive R&D expense deduction.
- - Business that have electric or hybrid vehicles will pay higher registration fees.
- - Small business owners with health insurance purchased through ACA will face more barriers to enrollment and doubling of premiums due to expiration of federal premium support.
- - Due to rising public debt, the borrowing rates will go up. A small business that needs a loan will pay more for it and it might not qualify for a loan.
- - Business expense deduction will rise from 20% to 23% of business income, but this rise will not offset higher costs in other areas.
- - It will be harder to qualify as a small business by the gross receipts test. The qualification will be based on 5 tax years, instead of 3 tax years.

Thanks so much. Every little bit helps.....If you want to join us, contact Ken Minkoff at kminkov@aol.com.

And thank you all for responding to our request for vets to join us: We had our first meeting of our Vets Team this past week, and we are looking forward with allying with other vets organization in AZ 06.

Attachment: [JuanWatch-Franciscos-Story-v3-2025-08-10.jpeg](#) (2.8 MB)

This is a large-format flyer, here is a smaller screen shot so you can see what it

looks like:

#JuanWatch Tucson Family Torn Apart by Juan Ciscomani's Votes



Photo: Gage Skidmore

Father arrested Juan turns his back

Francisco is in the US legally – not a criminal.

- Employed, sole support of wife and young children.
- Detained by Border Patrol when returning to Tucson from Nogales, AZ

ABRUPTLY SENT TO DETENTION IN ELOY AZ.

- Juan Ciscomani and family emigrated from MX to AZ
- He has voted for massive increases to ICE and border security while closing the door to legal immigration.

This is not "BORDER SECURITY" it's outright CRUELTY

Hold CBP + Juan Accountable

More info at AZ Luminaria:

<https://azluminaria.org/2025/07/30/being-an-immigrant-is-risky-ice-enforcement-drives-arizona-families-to-online-fundraising-platforms/>

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INDIVISIBLETUCSON@PROTON.ME

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



Other Pressure Ciscomani links:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/16crSbJwGg/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

<https://www.instagram.com/holdciscomaniaccountable?igsh=MXR3N2R2MWwzeGZ2cg==>

<https://cd6pressureciscomaniteamofitaa.substack.com/>

6. MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP

Please join us for the next Boycott and Build meeting on Thursday, August 14th at 3pm. Email Lisa at lisabehappy@proton.me to be added to the Boycott and Build Team email list and receive the Zoom information for the upcoming meeting.

DID THE “VILLAINS” BUILD IT OR DID WE?

In a world that seems to be motivated into action by having a villain to hate (e.g. [Elon Musk - the most hated man in America according to a new Gallup poll](#)) it is important we all take responsibility for our own individual roles in creating those billionaire villains we may love to hate.

Many of you may be familiar with the **20-minute The Story Of Stuff** that became a viral hit 15+ years ago. The short film explains how our current over-consumeristic system, one where Americans' primary identity seems to be consumer, was designed and did not just happen by accident. Yes, big business and our government have often colluded to keep us shopping all the time, in what the film describes as the **Golden Arrow of Consumption!** We've been taught that consumption is necessary to keep the economy growing, almost a patriotic duty. Overconsumption has not just been normalized, but prioritized over being good citizens.

"Our enormously productive economy...demands that we make consumption our

way of life, that we convert the buying and use of goods into rituals, that we seek our spiritual satisfaction, our ego satisfaction, in consumption... We need things consumed, burned up, replaced, and discarded at an ever-accelerating rate."

--retail analyst Victor Lebow (as quoted in 'The Story of Stuff')

Though corporations and government helped build this system--this playing field--it is we, the consumers, who came to play on their field. Isn't it time we build our own field? Isn't it time we take our collective economic power to envision a democratic economy that works for us all? Isn't it time we use our collective purchasing and investing power to build it?

[Watch The Story of Stuff here.](#)

Don't have time for the full 20 minutes, then check out just the [6 minutes about the "Golden Arrow of Consumption" here.](#)

SO WHAT DO WE WANT TO BUILD?

The Boycott and Build Team has often talked about boycotting, but now we ask you to think about what vision of a future economy would be compelling enough to spur you into action to build it? What would inspire you to give up some of the convenience, instant gratification and cheaper prices we've all become accustomed to?

This week we encourage everyone to put some focus on the word build and what that means to you personally. What kind of economy would you like to help create and what can you do to help create it? We hope you will take some time to research some of the ways people are working to build an economy right now that is democratic and equitable.

If you need a little inspiration you can start here:

We've previously mentioned B-Corps (businesses certified as having met high standards of verified performance, accountability, and transparency on social and environmental factors). This article describes the rise in these types of corporations. They are rising because consumers are demanding these types of

certifications. Collectively we can and are having an impact. Never think your few dollars don't matter (and please never use it as an excuse not to do something). How you vote with your dollars absolutely does matter!

<https://www.inc.com/chloe-aiello/the-number-of-b-corps-in-us-keeps-climbing-heres-why.html>

This video by Laura Flanders, though a few years old, interviewing the authors of the book **The Making of a Democratic Economy: How to Build Prosperity for the Many, Not the Few** provides some insights on creative ways people are already working to build a democratic economy and some of the challenges.

Watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87ly4qFqD_g

Check out the book here: <https://bookshop.org/p/books/the-making-of-a-democratic-economy-how-to-build-prosperity-for-the-many-not-the-few-marjorie-kelly/11211057>

There are many, many more resources out there -- too many for us to share here, but we are working on building a Boycott and Build webpage to share more in the future. Please share any resources you find inspiring and useful with us so that we can include them on that page.

As Socrates said, *“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”* As we are all out there fighting the good fight against the current (hopefully soon to be old) system, let's also be sure to devote a good chunk of our mental headspace and time envisioning and building a truly new and better economy. Let's escape the 'billionaire villain's" Golden Arrow of Consumption game and build something better. In the process we'll be helping to topple the players who are serving as [pillars of support of authoritarianism](#).

7. Inspiration and humor

Following ICE Raid, Mill Town Fights Back Against Local Police Cooperation
A recent raid by ICE working in conjunction with local police has angered many residents and raised important questions about how even small municipalities like

Ambridge can resist Trump's attack on immigrants.

<https://paydayreport.com/following-ice-raid-mill-town-fights-back-against-local-police-cooperation/>

A message from Tricia, AZ Indivisible organizer

From the AZ Indivisible Slack - Group Leaders Channel

Warning: Sappy Tricia post ahead: *The last few days I've been at Netroots Nation, a political progressive training conference associated with the Daily Kos. I've come to this several years, it's full of information.*

This time, I can't find any new ideas/actions that AZ Indivisible groups are not already doing!!! That's impressive.

Avelo airlines?

Tesla takedowns?

College alumni organizing?

Know your rights trainings?

Business awareness of ICE?

ICE Eyes and ears reporting?

DACA renewal support?

AMP team/social media platform building?

Pride events?

Off year elections?

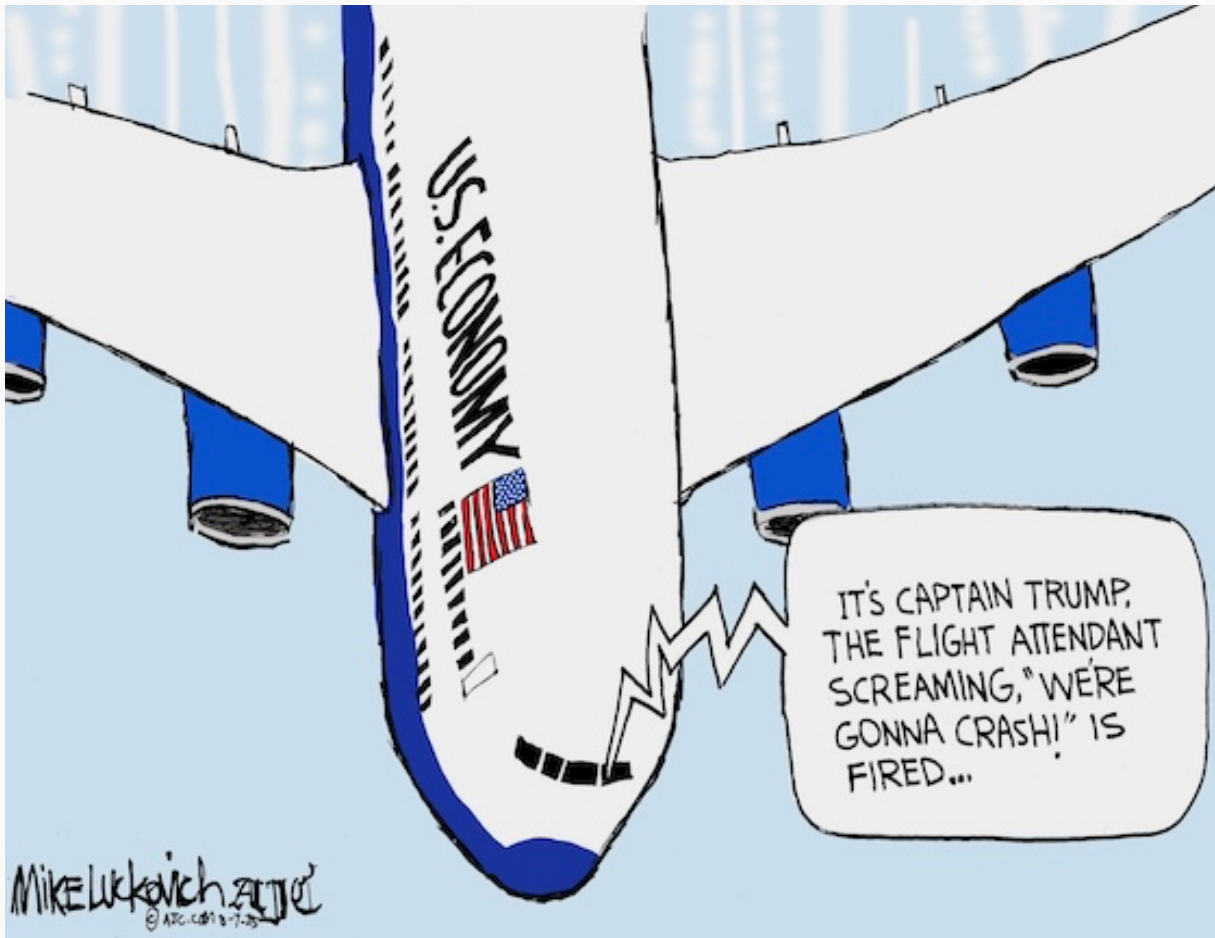
Hands Off, May Day, No Kings, Good Trouble Lives On?

I'm telling you, AZ is truly the most organized, diverse in its actions, together place in the country right now. Be proud!! What you are doing is impressive AND making a difference. Everyone does a little bit and it adds up to a lot. Keep going and keep sharing your efforts with each other.

**EVERYBODY
WANTS
TO HAVE
SEX WITH ME**

**DONALD
THATS NOT
WHAT "FUCK TRUMP"
MEANS**





I also saw this on Bluesky, but can't find it now -- you know those photos of Trump on the roof of the White House with his aides, looking over the proposed site for his obscene ballroom? The best caption I saw was something like this: "Mr President! Your detractor claim that you cannot fly! How do you respond to them??"

OK that's it for another week in the hot desert!

-- Margrit of ITAA





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