

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

August 24, 2025

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"You seem to believe that cavalierly threatening criminal prosecution will result in me compromising the values of my state.

Never.

You seek to have Washington State bend the knee to a Trump Administration that, day by day, drags us closer to authoritarianism.

Never.

I am not intimidated by you or the President. I will defend our democracy, the rule of law, and the people of my state.

Always."

-- Governor Bob Ferguson of Washington State, in a letter to AG Pam Bondi

OUTLINE:

1. Next membership meeting Sept. 1 (Labor Day), 4 p.m.
2. Actions to take, local and national
3. Pressure Ciscomani weekly message
4. Boycott and Build weekly message
5. News, inspiration, and humor

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Our two invited speakers this month are:

Bennett Burke, local activist and originator of Democracy Town Criers

Francesca Martin, co-founder of the Keep Arizona Blue Student Coalition

2. Actions to take, local and national

Highlighted local action:

Labor Day Community March (Morning)

Location:

Reid Park Corner of 22nd and Country Club
E 22nd St & S Country Club Rd
Tucson, AZ 85716

Organizer: Lamplighters

We light the path—we walk together. These are peaceful marches independently organized by Lamplighters, union supporters, and allies; not sponsored, endorsed, or staffed by any union.

Join us for a slow-to-moderate pace march along Reid Park, arriving at the Pima Area Labor Federation Labor Day picnic; all ages welcome.

Time: 8:15 AM meet • 8:30 AM step-off • wrap by ~9:00 AM to coincide with PALF Picnic start Meet: Reid Park — Corner of 22nd & Country Club (subject to change)
End: PALF Labor Day picnic at the bandshell

National calls to action

Indivisible Take Action Link: Take Action Now - This is the BEST link for national calls to action - <https://indivisible.org/take-action-now>

Local calls to action

Take Action Tucson Calendar - <https://www.takeactiontucson.org/>

Tucson Kids Team

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.

3. August 24 MESSAGE FROM PRESSURE CISCOMANI TEAM

Hi everyone...As we are moving into the fall, we continue to focus on organizing as many people as possible to contribute to unseating 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!

Get ready to take action! **None of us can do everything, but each of us can do something! What will be the one thing you do this week to help unseat Ciscomani?**

You can even just focus on your own block, getting the message out by putting a flyer at every door. 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.

1. **FLYERS: This week's flyer (BELOW) is about Ciscomani's hypocrisy.** He sponsored legislation to protect "cruelty" to wild horses and burros, while he voted for legislation that promotes cruelty to immigrant families (including many who are here legally) via raids by masked ICE agents. **Let people know Ciscomani is not to be trusted by posting these flyers wherever you can.**
 - All you have to do is copy the flyers and post them somewhere in your neighborhood where it 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.
 - Put flyers on doorsteps on your block, on windshields of parked cars, or in the lobby of your apartment building. Whenever people see a flyer, they get the message that Ciscomani is NOT A GOOD REPRESENTATIVE for our district.
 - **2. Emails TO BUSINESSES AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE:** Many local businesses and Chambers of Commerce have supported Ciscomani with funding and endorsements. We are continuing our campaign for people to contact them directly to let them know that we are their customers and we want them to withdraw that support. We have also included some

bullet points that you may want to add about how Ciscomani's supposed "pro-small business" positions are only about helping his millionaire business buddies.

- Anissa Trujillo, Chief of Staff, Southern Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: anissa@soazhcc.org
- Randy Graf, President/CEO: Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce: randy@greenvalleysahuarita.com
- Metro Tucson Chamber of Commerce: info@tucsonchamber.org

Also, 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.

Script (feel free to edit): *Hi, I live in your community and believe in supporting local businesses, especially small businesses. I am emailing 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 hurt his constituents. For example, 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 because of the OBBB. And that's just one example. Arizona is one of the hardest hit states with loss of federal funding due to the OBBB (\$34 billion, or 18% of the state budget), losses that can hurt businesses by loss of services or local tax increases. I don't believe the Chamber of Commerce should support politicians that vote in ways that hurt our community, especially when they pretend to be supportive.*

3. Help with voter registration. A national organization – Field Team Six – is providing training in doing voter registration from home, through email outreach. We are hoping to generate a small team of our own to take this training together. Don Gates (don.a.gates@gmail.com, swinglefttucson@gmail.com) from our team

is coordinating this. If you sign up for the training (link below), let Don know so he can add you to the team.....

See below for more information:

The road-tested system developed by Field Team 6 tests out as highly effective. Depending on the specific campaign, we get response rates as high as 1 in 3. Because they use high quality data to develop the potential voter list, we know that the folks who respond register as Democrats 92% of the time. You can be confident that your time invested in this program will net us votes against Juan Ciscomani.

What I would like to see is have a group of 4 - 6 of us do the training at the same time, then we can vouch for the program to the rest of the group. Here's the link to register for the training --

<https://www.mobilize.us/ft6/event/405150/>

The best way to convey the voter reg action available to us is to show the end results. The link below shows a sample message you can send to an unregistered voter in AZ-6:

<https://www.openvpb.com/VirtualPhoneBank/LoggedIn/3AB816I-236079>

The next link shows the screen they see when they click the link to register:

<https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration/register?execution=e1s1>

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[2025-08-24-Juan-Watch-Wild-Horses.png](#)

[2025-08-24-Ciscomani-soft.mp4](#)

Screenshot of the Wild Horses image

#JuanWatch

Values Wild Horses – Not People



Ciscomani takes action to protect wild horses and burros from roundups...



after voting for billions to fund abject cruelty in ICE roundups and detention centers

“Taxpayer dollars should not be funding this abject cruelty”

Is Ciscomani talking about abject cruelty in ICE roundups and detention centers?

****NO! He cares more about promoting a bill to protect wild horses and burros from roundups.***

He’s all in on giving ICE billions of your taxpayer dollars, not helping Arizonans

INDIVISIBLE TUCSON ACTION ALLIANCE
INDIVISIBLETUCSON@PROTON.ME



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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP

Interested in learning more about the Boycott and Build Team? Want to join in to help us get the word out about the importance of voting with your dollars? Please join us for the Boycott and Build Team meeting Monday the 25th at 6:30pm. Email Lisa at lisabehappy@proton.me to be added to the Boycott and Build Team email list and receive the meeting Zoom link.

WHAT IS MORE VALUABLE THAN OUR DEMOCRACY?

What might seem a great deal on a product quickly delivered to our front door most likely has hidden within bitter pills not listed on the sales receipt. Things like environmental damage, worker abuses, and the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many. A bargain t-shirt made by slave labor working under grueling

conditions to further enrich a billionaire who evades taxes then buys and pressures elected officials to help them get even richer really isn't a bargain, is it?

Collectively, when we buy into this system we are voting to say that as long as we get the things we want, for the price we want, and get it now, that we care more about getting that bargain t-shirt than anything else. We are basically saying that it is ok that others suffer, that the planet suffers and that our democracy is weakened by enriching billionaires to the point that they can buy and control our government.

Is that the vote we really want to continue to be collectively making? Convenience and great prices surely cannot be worth losing the freedoms we have worked and fought so hard for throughout our country's history.

Do not fall victim to the belief that your few dollars here or there do not matter. Collectively, they have a huge impact!



Please join us in envisioning a better future for us all. Each and every time you pull out your credit card or cash ask yourself how will this help create the kind of world

that truly reflects what I deeply value -- the kind of world I want to live in and want for future generations to inherit.

Do not lose hope! None of us can afford to sit on the sidelines any longer. We do have power to stop this country's continued slide into oligarchy and authoritarianism. Speak loudly, do it now, and make sure every vote you make with your dollars is the one you really want to make. No action is too small.

The antidote to despair is action.--Joan Baez

HOW DO I TAKE ACTION?

We get it. We are all being asked to do so many things to help save our country right now. Sometimes it can feel a bit overwhelming. Don't shut down. Small actions do matter. As Nike says "Just Do It"; no matter how small it may feel.

A small place to start is with one dollar at a time. We'd like to remind you of this "One Dollar At A Time Boycott" idea.

Spark Von Plinsky, a past member of the New Hampshire State House of Representatives writes a great little Substack with some good ideas about how to take action. We encourage you to read his ["Why 'One Dollar at a Time' Boycotting Works: Ending our billionaire support system One Dollar at a Time is a game changer."](#) post.

Just to give you a teaser from Sparky in hopes you will click the link to read further and take action:

*"My personal rebellion against the billionaire class is at least a couple of decades old. Though to be honest I rebelled out of love of the planet **not because I thought the United States was in danger of becoming an oligarchy.** Yet here we are.*

Aside from a few clean breaks, my personal rebellion is what I term a 'One Dollar at a Time Boycott.'

...I was surrounded by big box retail and cookie cutter houses (including my own) that had one purpose: to turn the environment and the society it supports into money. And I was done.

I knew I couldn't continue to support the companies and indeed entire industries that were destroying us. But what could I do? That really depended on what day you asked."

Please click on the link below to learn more about how Sparky is fighting the oligarchy. Take time to peruse his entire site as he has other good entries on this issue as well.

<https://powerfultogether.substack.com/p/one-dollar-at-a-time-boycotting?open=false>

5. News, inspiration, and humor

INSPIRATION

[Letter from Gov. Bob Ferguson to Pam Bondi - pdf attached](#)

GOOD NEWS

Judge blocks White House from defunding 34 municipalities over 'sanctuary' policies

Cities that limit cooperation with immigration authorities had sued Trump administration over funding freeze

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/aug/23/sanctuary-cities-trump-administration-funding>

BAD NEWS

Flock cameras and surveillance - I heard at the latest Take Action Tucson meeting that Flock cameras have been placed all over the U of A campus. Would like to learn more about that.

(1)

Flock admits federal immigration agents have direct access to tracking data,

despite previous claims

<https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/flock-federal-immigration-agents-access-tracking-data/73-a8aee742-56d4-4a57-b5bb-0373286dfef8#>

(2)

Congress Launches Investigation into Flock After 404 Media Reporting

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi's office said this was "a formal investigation into Flock Group Inc. over its role in enabling invasive surveillance practices that threaten the privacy, safety, and civil liberties of women, immigrants, and other vulnerable Americans."

<https://www.404media.co/congress-launches-investigation-into-flock-after-404-media-reporting/>

BAD NEWS

Ciscomani asks CBP to update Border Patrol stations, checkpoints in So. Ariz. as part of new spending

Posted Aug 19, 2025

https://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/081925_ciscomani_border_funding/ciscomani-asks-cbp-update-border-patrol-stations-checkpoints-so-ariz-as-part-new-spending/

GOOD NEWS

Why Trump will fail

The iron law of grovelers and those to whom they grovel

<https://robertreich.substack.com/p/why-the-scumbag-in-chief-attracts?r=dq38e&triedRedirect=true>

[Note from Margrit: OK I'm not holding my breath for the Trump admin to come crashing down any time soon, but this is worth reading and I always like to read something hopeful.]

GOOD NEWS

Federal judge orders closure of Trump's 'Alligator Alcatraz' immigration jail

Judge's order finds jail, which has attracted waves of criticism, was causing severe harm to Florida Everglades

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/aug/21/trump-alligator-alcatraz-judge-ruling>

MORE ADVICE FROM ROBERT REICH

Robert Reich: a short video highlighting Indivisible

How YOU can fight back against Trump

People are constantly asking me — what can I do? Between now and the 2026 midterm elections, here are five practical steps you can take to make a difference.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W-IVRQQGtl>

(4:39 video)

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1. Call your representatives in Congress.

<https://5calls.org/>

2. Attend town halls.

3. Join local resistance groups or organize one yourself.

<https://indivisible.org/>

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

<https://www.fiftyfifty.one/>

4. **Boycott corporations and organizations that are caving to Trump.**

5. Protect the most vulnerable in your community.

<https://afsc.org/news/how-create-mutu...>

If you have more ideas, please share them in the comments. This fight will take all of us.

GOOD NEWS

How a Group of Michigan Parents Defeated Anti-Trans MAGA Activists

The right has swept into school boards and made bigoted policy the norm. Fighting back may be easier than it looks.

[https://newrepublic.com/article/198396/michigan-school-parents-defeat-antitrans-maga-](https://newrepublic.com/article/198396/michigan-school-parents-defeat-antitrans-maga-activists?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tnr_daily)

[activists?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tnr_daily](https://newrepublic.com/article/198396/michigan-school-parents-defeat-antitrans-maga-activists?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tnr_daily)

GOOD NEWS

Trump's move to sanitize US history gets little support with national park visitors

Exclusive: Public comments show that a crackdown on signs 'disparaging' Americans is not popular

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/aug/18/national-park-visitors-signs-trump>

As part of his administration's war on "woke", Donald Trump has asked the American public to report anything "negative" about Americans in US national parks. But the public has largely refused to support a world view without inconvenient historical facts, comments submitted from national parks and seen by the Guardian show.

HUMOR - severely deficient this week, but I offer you what I have. . .

Steal My Tesla - <https://stealmytesla.com/>

"Anonymous. Discreet.

Don't waste any more time trying to sell your Tesla.

We'll take it from here... "

Newsom bodybuilder image



Thank you Indivisibles for all of your hard work, inspiration, and dedication! You keep me going!!

-- Margrit of ITAA

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