

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

Sept. 7, 2025

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

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-- Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes

See this article for the story and context:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/07/arizona-democrat-expulsion-republicans-ice>

OUTLINE:

1. Save the date: Oct. 18, No Kings 2
2. One Million Rising group facilitators training and support: Sept. 15
3. Highlighted upcoming local actions
4. Pressure Ciscomani weekly message
5. Boycott and Build weekly message
6. News and inspiration

1. Save the date: Oct. 18, No Kings 2



Local Tucson groups are working furiously behind the scenes planning this MASS EVENT (there will likely be multiple events in the area), so do not be distressed that there is not yet a dot for Tucson on the national map! Do not worry, it will all come together and we will let you know the details as soon as they are finalized! The first No Kings event saw 5-6 MILLION people across the US and the world stand up to the would-be dictator Trump; all organizing groups are fully prepared for this event to be EVEN LARGER! So save the date!!

2. Sept. 15, ITAA training and support for One Million Rising group facilitators

Mon. Sept. 15, 1:00 - 3:00 PM (location to be announced upon registration)

"One Million Rising is a national effort to train one million people to resist authoritarianism - together. Through a series of trainings and local gatherings, we'll build the strategy, skills, and people power it takes to stop Trump and his enablers from seizing more power. This is how we get organized. This is how we win."

Amy and Tina are hosting a meeting for people already facilitating a group, or wanting to form one. It's a time to share what groups are doing, answer questions, learn how to get started, and brainstorm ideas following the One Million Rising structure. **If you have watched [the three One Million Rising training videos](#), and have not yet but would like to form a group, this is the right place for you.**

To register, send an email of interest to Amy by September 12th. She will reply with the location and the agenda.

Amy's contact: asgosla5@proton.me

Subject heading: One Million Rising Facilitator

Let's keep the Resistance going!

3. Highlighted upcoming local actions

The information below is provided as a convenience for our readers. We do not research, endorse or validate these listings.

Sept. 15: Coalición de Derechos Humanos Volunteer Fair

OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. INTO THE STREETS!

GET INVOLVED. STAY ORGANIZED.
RESIST FASCISM.

**UA RESIST
INFO MEETING**



9/16, 5:30-7:00 PM

Scan the QR code to register, or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/UAResistInfo>

**ORGANIZING
101**

9/30, 5:30-7:00 PM

Scan the QR code to register, or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/UAResistOrg101>



UA RESIST - Sept. 16, 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Get involved, stay organized, resist fascism!

<https://tinyurl.com/UAResistInfo>

Sept. 20 - Showing Up Safer - Protest Safety Workshop

SHOWING UP SAFER

Being safer together in the streets

When your conscience calls for you to stand up and protest—*How do you keep yourself and others safe?*

Saturday, September 20, 2pm - 5pm

Led by Rae Strozso, a Tucson artist, writer, educator and activist

In this workshop you will learn to safely engage in public events like protests and marches.

The program covers bias awareness, risk assessment, and understanding local social concerns with the goal that faith leaders and communities can participate in activism more safely and effectively.

Register Here



Available In-Person or Online
at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Sat. Sept. 20, 2:00-5:00 PM - Showing Up Safer - Protest Safety Workshop

Location: Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation

3235 W Orange Grove Rd

Tucson, AZ 85741

Organizer: Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Link for more info and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/showing-up-safer-led-by-rae-strozso-in-person->

[event-tickets-1626766645829?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](https://www.eventtickets-1626766645829?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

There is an in person maximum of 30, and there is also an online option.

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FOR ALL LOCAL EVENTS SEE:

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

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>

4. Pressure Ciscomani weekly message

PRESSURE CISCOMANI TEAM MESSAGE

1. Release the Epstein Files

Today's focus is to request every ITAA member to contact Ciscomani to pressure him to have the courage to sign Republican Thomas Massie's Discharge Petition. Only a few more signatures are needed to have it pass. The Discharge Petition will require Mike Johnson to hold a vote on legislation to require the immediate release of the complete Epstein files, with only the names of victims redacted. Mike Johnson does not want to have that vote, because the Trump Administration opposes that release, against the explicit wishes of the victims who publicly testified last week. A vote would force Republican Congressmen to be on record about whether they support transparency and accountability for Epstein, Maxwell and their enablers. The Republicans have introduced a sham bill that is intended to sound like it supports transparency but really just provides cover for

continuing limited release of the files.

The time for the signatures is this coming week, so your calls and emails to Ciscomani are timely now. SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER (BELOW) TO HELP YOU WITH MESSAGING.

Draft Script: (Best action: Call **Ciscomani's Washington Office: 202-225-2542**)

I am a constituent of Rep. Ciscomani and am calling to urge him in the strongest possible way to sign the Discharge Petition to bring the proposed bipartisan legislation on full release of the Epstein files to a vote. Rep. Ciscomani needs to show us that he has the courage to stand up to Trump and stand FOR the victims of Epstein and Maxwell. He needs to make it clear that he will NOT protect child sexual predators and their enablers. There is no way around this – his signature (or lack of it) and his vote will tell his voters in no uncertain terms which side of this issue he is on.

2. Uniting SE AZ Indivisible Chapters to Unseat Ciscomani

On Saturday, ITAA convened a first meeting of SE AZ indivisible chapters to begin to coordinate how to share resources and capacities to unseat Ciscomani. The meeting included Indivisible representatives from Green Valley/Sahuarita, Rural Voters of SE AZ (Sonoita/Patagonia), Douglas, and Portal. The meeting was successful and energizing and led to some concrete next steps for us to continue to work together. We are planning a follow-up meeting for September 20, so that representatives of other Chapters in our area can join in. Stay tuned!

3. Ciscomani Team is 40 strong and welcomes your participation!

If you feel you would like to contribute to unseating Ciscomani, we want you to join us. We have just developed a plan to identify a range of actions that anyone can take in their spare time, without leaving the house. We have a plan for orientation of new members to help you choose your activity. We also are arranging social media training for those that would like to put anti-Ciscomani messaging on social media, but don't know how. Keep in mind about social media: "It's so easy a child

can do it!”



If you want to help, contact Ken Minkoff at kminkov@aol.com

Flyer: [Juan Watch Epstein](#) (png file)

Screenshot:

#JuanWatch

Why does Rep Ciscomani want to hide the truth about Epstein and Trump?



Silent Juan: Epstein and Trump


- Presents himself as a solid family man, yet is **silent about investigating child predators**
- Dodged the issue by voting against releasing the Epstein files

Call Juan and tell him to vote with Rep Massie to release ALL of the Epstein Files

SILENCE IS COMPLIANCE

INDIVISIBLE TUCSON ACTION ALLIANCE

INDIVISIBLETUCSON@PROTON.ME



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5 Boycott and Build Weekly Message

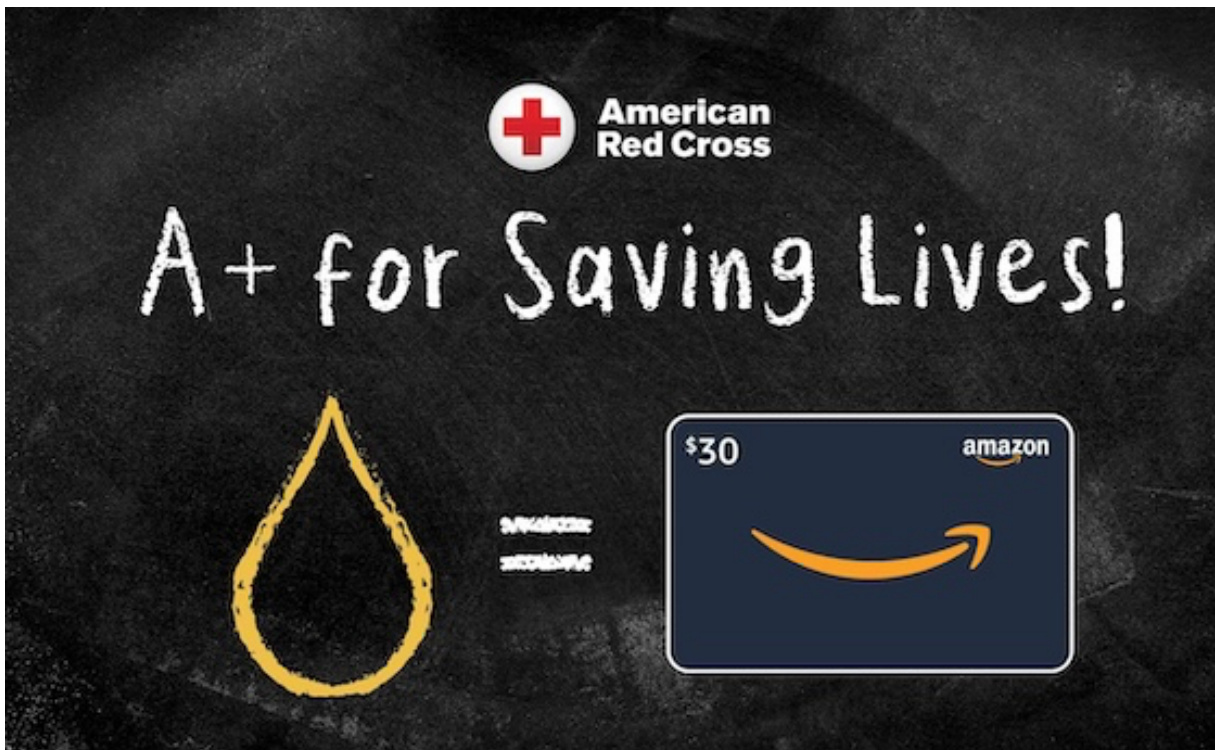
MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP

Please join us for the next Boycott and Build meeting on **Thursday, September**

11th 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.

**HOW MANY OF YOU DONATE BLOOD TO THE RED CROSS?
ARE YOU UNWITTINGLY SUPPORTING AMAZON?**

Who would have guessed that making a blood donation would be helping put money into the hands of Jeff Bezos? One of the ways the tentacles of Amazon's monopolistic business practices creeps into the compassionate act of handing over our precious, life-saving blood is by allowing the Red Cross to continue to entice donors to give up their blood with ads like this:



(graphic from a Red Cross e-mail sent to donors on their list)

For those of you already avoiding Amazon (and those trying), we wanted to bring this issue to your attention because it is not always clear how insidious the reach of Amazon is. Allowing something as precious as a blood donation to be bought for a lousy \$10, \$20 or \$30 dollars is something we must stop from happening. These

gift cards are ultimately used to add to the profits of Jeff Bezos, and also provide a platform for Amazon to do some “reputation-washing” (take a few minutes to [read this article](#) to understand that term) by being seen as aligned with the wonderful mission of the Red Cross. Even if the Red Cross pays something for the gift cards, the impression is that Amazon/Jeff Bezos is so wonderfully generous that they are helping to ensure the Red Cross gets needed blood.

First, though hopefully it need not be said - don't take the bait! But also please consider how you can use your influence as blood donors (or financial donors or volunteers) to help pressure the Red Cross (and organizations like them) to stop their support of Amazon and the outright free promotion they do for Amazon in so many of the e-mails they send out.

If you are a Red Cross donor and on their e-mail list, you probably just received yet another e-mail this week letting you know to give blood and receive a \$10 Amazon gift card with a flashy graphic and the tagline: *“Help patients heal, then treat yourself to something special. You deserve it!”*

Part of the Red Cross’s mission is this:

“Our mission is more than words. We always aim to prevent and relieve suffering with every action.”

Please take time to contact the Red Cross and let them know you don’t “deserve” to be constantly bombarded with reminders that they are actually contributing to suffering by constantly promoting Amazon and further enriching Jeff Bezos so he can then donate to people like Trump. Please let the Red Cross know you will find other ways to donate your blood until they stop promoting Amazon. Ask them to take a stand and vote with their dollars and massive influence they have as a large non-profit with global reach. Ask them to stop supporting businesses who use their profits to cause suffering. Let them know that Amazon uses its profits to further enrich themselves, curry favors from our government, and support an administration that is creating some of the very problems that the Red Cross fights to solve.

Please call or write them today:

Red Cross National Headquarters

Ombudsman@RedCross.org

202.303.5399 (Main Line) - 1.866.667.9331 (Toll Free)

And yes, we do know, this can all feel overwhelming. Amazon has embedded itself into just about every corner of our world. But don't let that stop you from taking action. The more we all become aware of how it is not just our dollars, but our time, and yes even our blood that we can use as leverage to help topple businesses who support Trump, the better. None of us will be able to be perfect, but we can all keep trying -- one dollar, one hour, and yes even one drop of blood at a time, to build a better world.

And that leads to the following thoughts one of our Boycott and Build Team members wanted to share with us all this week:

DON'T LET THE PERFECT BE THE ENEMY OF THE GOOD

"Okay, I can't avoid Amazon completely, not as long as I continue to use the Internet. Amazon Web Services has gotten its tentacles so far into the Internet that disabling it will mess up a lot of sites.

(Ah yes, the Internet. Remember whose tax dollars built it? Yes, ours. Arpanet was a product of the US Department of Defense, and it morphed into what we now know as the Internet. Which now seems to be morphing into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jeff Bezos.)

So I can't do it perfectly. I can't do it all. But I can do something. Spending less than I used to on a problematic site is good. Finding a local source for something I used to buy from an Online Behemoth is good. Starting to think more about how & where I spend my money is good.

Yes, I can do this. A little here, a little there. Something is better than nothing. And knowing that I'm in good company is encouraging.

Here's to good company!

Mary H.

If you want to learn more about actions you can take and why you should, please check out our Boycott and Build Team's "work in progress" webpage at:

<https://www.indivisibleucson.org/boycott-and-build.html>

6. News and inspiration

Analise Ortiz

Arizona Republicans seek to expel lawmaker who reposted ICE raid information

Democrat Analise Ortiz shared post warning of ICE activity near school; critics say she endangered federal agents

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<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/07/arizona-democrat-expulsion-republicans-ice>

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[Margrit adds: I would suggest expressing support both to Senator Ortiz and to AG Mayes.]

Phone Sen. Ortiz: (602) 926-3633

Email Sen. Ortiz: Use this

form: <https://www.azleg.gov/emailazleg/?legislatorId=2384> or email her directly at Analise.Ortiz@azleg.gov.

Phone AG Mayes: (602) 542-5025

Soft Secession: How Blue States Are Rewriting American Federalism

Michael Pardus

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<https://newresistance.substack.com/p/soft-secession-how-blue-states-are>

"Blue states are no longer waiting for federal permission to govern. In 2025, federalism has morphed into something far more assertive—quiet, coordinated defiance.

Governors are stockpiling abortion medication, drafting lawsuit templates, and meeting daily over encrypted calls. They're not just reacting to Trump; they're building independent systems: digital sovereignty, state banking, climate policy, even guarded supply chains.

This isn't secession with bayonets and barricades. It's soft secession: states refusing to enforce federal directives, rejecting cooperation, and constructing realities where D.C. has little say. It's rooted in legal precedent—ironically, written by conservative justices—and reinforced by a money map that shows blue states paying billions more into the system than they get back.

Massachusetts refuses to assist in deportations. California is considering locking out federal flights. Illinois is investigating how to cloak visitors from digital surveillance. And all of it is legal—so far.

As the federal government grows weaker, the states grow bolder. The question is no longer if this quiet separation will deepen, but how far it will go—and how long it will hold."

[NOTE: This is inspiring; of course, AZ is not a Blue State.]

[Mark Elias on voting rights: Democracy Docket for Sept. 5, 2025 \(pdf\)](#)

"We must prepare for Trump to ignore the Constitution and federal law, and to attempt a direct seizure of election administration — including ballot counting and certification."

[Comment from Margrit] So start brainstorming now, HOW are we going to prepare for this, and stop it before it is too late? I'm also very concerned about recent talk about "using ICE to monitor and protect polling places" -- a crystal-clear tactic for voter suppression. How do we prepare for that, and prevent it from happening? I wondering about new techniques and strategies, apart from the usual BUT STILL CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT tactics:

- * registering people to vote
- * get out the vote efforts
- * -- ?? What can we do to counter a federal takeover of ballot counting and certification, or voter suppression at the polls by armed federal agents???

Scientists breathe new life into climate website after shutdown under Trump

Climate.gov, which went dark this summer, to be revived by volunteers as climate.us with expanded mission

Eric Holthaus

Sat 30 Aug 2025 06.00 EDT

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/aug/30/climate-gov-website-trump>

Trust in elections rises after 'inoculations' meant to preempt false fraud claims

New U.S.-Brazil study points to ways of countering election misinformation, political scientists say

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<https://www.science.org/content/article/trust-elections-rises-after-inoculations-meant-preempt-false-fraud-claims>

NBC report

In rare interviews, federal judges criticize Supreme Court's handling of Trump cases

Ten judges tell NBC News the Supreme Court needs to explain its rulings better, with some urging Chief Justice John Roberts to do more to defend the judiciary against external criticism.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/supreme-court-trump-cases-federal-judges-criticize-rcna221775>

String of legal losses rounded up by NBC:

'Unconstitutional' and 'unlawful': Judges push back on Trump's expanding power

It was the worst week in the courts in months for the administration — and came after another major loss last week, when an appeals court struck down some of Trump's tariffs.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/trump-administration/trump-legal-losses-national-guard-tariffs-rcna228941>

Finally, this important (IMHO) essay by Ezra Klein on why the Democrats SHOULD

shut down the government this time. I'm linking to an unlocked version of the article, and the title is linked to a pdf of the full article.

Stop Acting Like This Is Normal

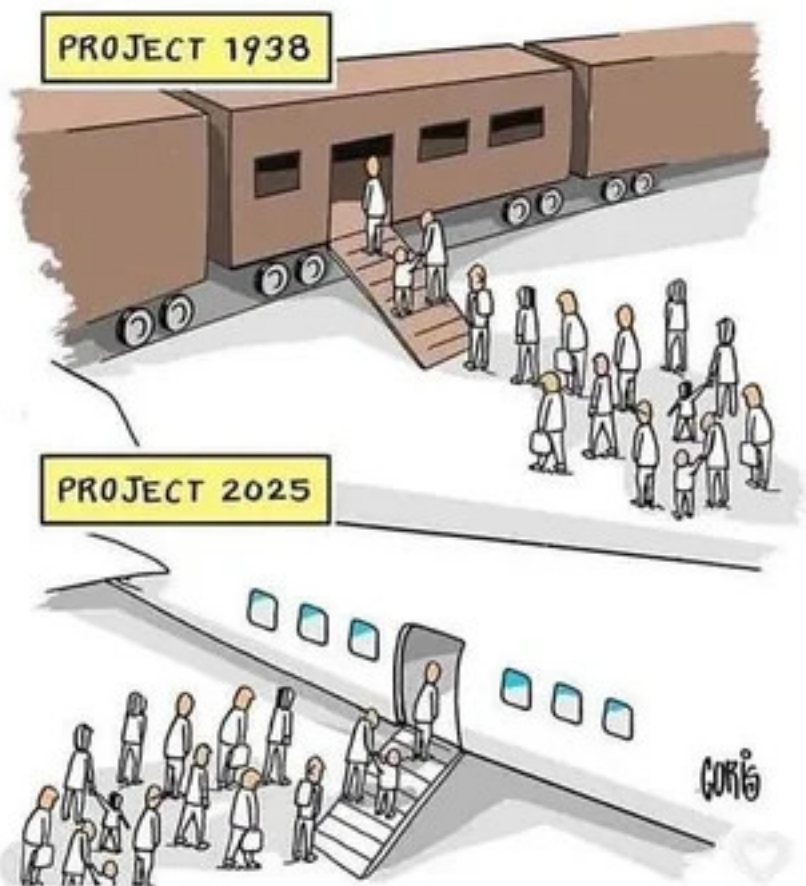
In a few weeks the government's funding will run out. If Democrats vote for a new spending bill, they will be funding Trump's autocratic takeover — and I don't see how they can.

by Ezra Klein

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https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/07/opinion/trump-senate-democrats-shutdown.html?unlocked_article_code=1.kU8.9CzQ.vvz3ShGe8FoC&smid=url-share

Cartoon: Project 1938



[Artist: Dennis Goris]

That's it for this week! Thank you all for your incredible efforts to make Tucson a resistance hotspot!

-- Margrit of ITAA

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