

# Indivisible Tucson Announcements

## Sept. 21, 2025

### QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

"Do not accept brutality and cruelty as normal even if it is sanctioned. Protect the vulnerable and encourage the afraid. If you are brave, stand up for others. If you cannot be brave – and it is often hard to be brave – be kind."

-- Sarah Kendzior, Nov. 18, 2016

[Sarah-Kendzior-Dark-Times-2016.pdf](#)

"They want you to feel powerless and to surrender and to let them trample everything and you are not going to let them. You are not giving up, and neither am I. The fact that we cannot save everything does not mean we cannot save anything, and everything we can save is worth saving."

-- Rebecca Solnit

<https://www.goodnaturepublishing.com/post/hope-in-the-dark>

### OUTLINE:

1. October 18 - No Kings 2
2. Internal ITAA events
3. Other upcoming events and trainings
4. Sarah Kendzior article
5. Pressure Ciscomani
6. Boycott and Build
7. Articles and resources



## 1. No Kings 2 - October 18

Yes, a massive national protest is planned for Saturday, October 18! DUU (Democracy Unites Us) is heading up a coalition of groups, and that coalition will decide on the final details. When the details are finalized (expected this coming week), the event will be posted on the No Kings map: <https://nokings.org>. Yes, there are Tucson-area events already on the map: DUU "encourages you to show up for something, no matter what. DUU is nonpartisan and is not affiliated with/can't speak for other groups."

All the events that Democracy Unites Us (DUU) initiates or endorses are safe, nonviolent, peaceful and FUN!!

All Oct. 18 No Kings events are required to have a safety monitor who is not the same person as the lead organizer, and are also required to have a safety plan.

*Is it safe to sign up?*

Leah says, "We have received many questions about whether it's safe to sign up for No Kings protests while Trump ramps up his attacks on free speech."

Here's Leah's reply:

<https://bsky.app/profile/indivisible.org/post/3lz5hwzools2n>

Basically, Leah says, there's no requirement to sign up for an event, so just show up if that's your preference. Signing up is a convenience for the organizers and their planning, but is NOT required.

### **Safety, Security, and Digital Preparedness from Indivisible**

<https://indivisible.org/resource/safety-security-and-digital-preparedness-second-trump-administration>

## **2. Internal ITAA events**

### **Mon Oct 6, 4:00 P.M. - ITAA Monthly Membership meeting (zoom)**

When: Oct 6, 2025 04:00 PM Arizona

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/G\\_7p7VxFRNqm8Pd90QMvgA](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/G_7p7VxFRNqm8Pd90QMvgA)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Note that there is a potential conflict, if we go over an hour, with the No Kings safety training for participants (<https://act.aclu.org/a/no-kings-kyr-eng1>)

### **Next In-Person Meeting**

Sun. Oct. 26, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ITAA in-person gathering (details forthcoming)

## **3. Other upcoming events**

### **Tue. Sept. 23: Arizona CD7 Special Election**

This is the election to replace Congressman Raúl Grijalva, who died earlier this

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year.

Pima County election information: <https://www.pima.gov/3199/Pima-Votes>

**Thu. Sept. 25, 5:00 - 6:30 PM MST: No Kings Safety and Security Training  
FOR HOST LEADS**

<https://www.mobilize.us/moveon/event/842897/>





**Sat. Sept. 27 - 9am - Outside Ciscomani's Office - EVERY SATURDAY!**

1636 N Swan Road

Tell Ciscomani to honor his oath and protect our Constitution!

Sponsored by LD18 Democrats and supported by our Pressure Ciscomani team.

**Mon. Oct. 6, 5PM MST - No Kings: Protest Safety, Know Your Rights & De-Escalation Training (ALL PARTICIPANTS)**

<https://act.aclu.org/a/no-kings-kyr-eng1>

**Sat. Oct. 18 - THE BIG DAY!!! [NO KINGS 2!!!!](#)**

#### **4. Sarah Kendzior article**

**We're heading into dark times. This is how to be your own light in the Age of Trump**

<https://thecorrespondent.com/5696/were-heading-into-dark-times-this-is-how-to-be-your-own-light-in-the-age-of-trump/1611114266432-e23ea1a6%E2%80%AC>

This wonderful essay was written in 2016, but reads as though it were written yesterday. MOST HIGHLY recommended. Here is a pdf:

[Sarah-Kendzior-Dark-Times-2016.pdf](#)

#### **5. Pressure Ciscomani Weekly Message**

PRESSURE CISCOMANI TEAM MESSAGE

##### **1. Ciscomani: Work Across the Aisle to Restore Medicaid and Health Insurance Premium Subsidies - Keep the Government Open**

Today's focus continues to request every ITAA member (especially if you live in AZ CD 06) to contact Ciscomani to pressure him to work with Democrats to prevent a government shutdown at the end of this month and to restore Medicaid and health insurance premium subsidies. Ciscomani went on record saying he would protect health insurance coverage in his district but then voted for a budget bill that would cause hundreds of thousands of Arizonans to lose coverage. Democrats are fighting to restore those cuts as part of negotiations

to continue government funding by September 30.

**Ciscomani now has an opportunity to vote for what he says he supports for his constituents, rather than just do what his MAGA bosses tell him to do. He has been a 100% MAGA voter.**

<https://www.americanprogressaction.org/article/the-trump-scorecard-how-often-members-of-congress-vote-with-the-trump-administration/>

It's unlikely he will listen to us, because he never does. But if he doesn't, that gives us more ammunition to oust him in the coming election.

**(See attached flyer asking him to “Hit the Road”)**

[Ciscomani-Hit the Road ITAA-v3.pdf](#)

**We also have a new flyer about the budget attached that you can share and post on social media – it's helpful to post these messages as a counter to Ciscomani's own posts on his various platforms, so that we challenge the misleading posts that he makes.**

[Juan-Says-Healthcare-rev-3.pdf](#)

**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 work across the aisle in the next few weeks to restore Medicaid cuts and cuts to health insurance premium subsidies. These cuts hurt not only his constituents, but affect health care for all of us, particularly those who depend on rural health clinics and Critical Access Hospitals, many of which will go out of business with these cuts. I don't want the government to shut down, and I believe that it is right for Congress to correct these cuts as part of funding the government going forward.*

## **2. Distribute Flyers**

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**Each of you can help! Please make at least 10 copies of the flyers and distribute or post in your neighborhood.** We want people to know the truth about Ciscomani's positions and voting record well before next year's elections.

### **3. Weekly Demonstrations at Ciscomani's Office Begin Saturday October 25**

**See Attached Flyer and Message below from Carol Evans with LD 18.**

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**Our team will be tabling regularly at these protests, and would love you to come and say hello.**

#### **INVITATION TO JOIN WEEKLY PROTESTS AT CISCOMANI'S OFFICE**

*Hello:*

*I wanted to let you in ITAA know that, on behalf of LD18Dems, I am organizing weekly Saturday morning tabling and protests/rallies in front of Ciscomani's office, set to start Saturday, October 25.*

*This is an experiment. I have received requests throughout the spring and summer asking for 1) regularly scheduled protests, and 2) protests on weekends so that M-F workers can join in. Obviously, the tabling will not be productive without protests (i.e., plentiful foot traffic is needed). We know that Ciscomani's office is closed on weekends, but I am confident that, if we are successful, his staff will be aware of the goings on every Saturday morning.*

*I have spoken at length with organizers of some of the more active local non-partisan, nonprofits and they support these protests and I anticipate that they, too, will set up tables and/or have a presence there on Saturday mornings.*

*I envision these weekly protests belonging to all of us who work to shine a*

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*spotlight on Ciscomani's voting record and blatant hypocrisy.*

*Thanks for all you and your team are doing!*

*Best,*

*Carol Evans*

*Chair, Mobilization & Advocacy Committee (MAC)*

*LD18 Democrats*

*Precinct Committeeperson, Precinct 99*

*GO BLUE!*

#### **4. Challenging Ciscomani's messaging on water policy**

Ciscomani likes to portray himself as a “friend of water policy” for Arizona, but his votes indicate otherwise. See below the bulleted summary researched and edited by our team. Please help amplify this message by sharing on social media such as Substack, or other channels.

- Ciscomani's weekly newsletter includes a **SELF-CONGRATULATORY message** about his vote for the **Water and Energy Infrastructure Bill** (passed by 1 vote Sept 2025).
- He claims to be protecting water for Arizonans, but he is not.
- **The bill is mostly about nuclear power for defense and domestic conversions, not water.** It cuts \$776 million compared to last year. And it eliminates Clean Energy (wind and solar) initiative funds.
- Worse yet, Ciscomani supports Republicans **slashing \$662 million of EPA dollars dedicated to local and state water safety projects** - the primary source of federal funding for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in the country.  
(<https://foodandwaterwatch.org/2025/07/14>)
- Arizona uses these funds for removal of toxic chemicals from water and replacement of toxic lead pipes. **These cuts will make our water supply less safe.**
- But Ciscomani won't change his vote to help his constituents – he votes for budget cuts like these so he and his MAGA cronies can give **tax cuts to billionaires.**

- **Do you want safe drinking water? Contact Ciscomani and let him know what you think.**
- But he won't listen! He never does.
- If we want to protect our water supply and grow jobs in our "clean energy" economy, we need to vote him out!

## **5. 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 are delighted that partners from the WethePeopleRIndivisible Chapter in GV/Sahuarita have joined some of our meetings. 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 in October for those that would like to put anti-Ciscomani messaging on social media, but don't know how.

If you want to help, contact **Ken Minkoff** at [kminkov@aol.com](mailto:kminkov@aol.com)

### FLYERS

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## **6. Boycott and Build Weekly Messge**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD GROUP**

Please join us for the next Boycott and Build meeting on **Monday, September 22nd at 6:30pm**. Email Lisa at [lisabehappy@proton.me](mailto:lisabehappy@proton.me) to be added to the Boycott and Build Team email list and receive the Zoom information for the upcoming meeting.

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## THE JIMMY KIMMEL INCIDENT FEELS LIKE A TURNING POINT

It feels like the sudden suspension of Jimmy Kimmel Live! by Disney/ABC has finally awakened many people to the power they have to vote with their dollars. Having Trump's FCC Chair threaten ABC license holders in a "dangerous" and "mafioso" way (those are TX Senator Ted Cruz's words! describing what happened) seems to have pushed the seriousness of the threats on our democracy into the forefront of people's minds. And it seems even people who were not paying close attention before are now. Many have been inspired to start boycotting without even being asked/organized to do so (watch what **Indivisible co-founder Ezra Levin** has to say about it here: <https://bsky.app/profile/indivisible.org/post/3lzacgwcqgc2w>).

In just a few short days since the Kimmel news, people have already started:

- 1) cancelling their Disney+ (as well as Hulu and ESPN -- also owned by Disney) subscriptions noting in the comments exactly why they are cancelling
- 2) cancelling trips to Disney theme parks or Disney cruises
- 3) selling off Disney stock
- 4) calling advertisers on Sinclair Broadcast Group and Nexstar Media group stations (ABC affiliates) to tell them to pull their advertising or else be boycotted too

What feels particularly notable this week is the spaces in which people are talking about the power of boycotting. One example, on the floor of the House of Representatives this week **Congressman Jason Crow (D-CO-06)** had this to say ([watch full speech here](#)):

*"As Trump tramples on the Constitution, some of our most elite and powerful individuals and institutions are failing to defend our democracy.*

*Some of our nation's most powerful law firms have bent the knee.*

*Some of our finest universities are buckling.*

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*Some of the most powerful CEOs have capitulated.*

*And some of the largest media companies are simply surrendering.*

***If those with power and influence want to sell off our rights and freedoms to enrich themselves then Americans should make it clear that cowardice and greed will fail them.***

***We will not shop at your stores. We will not tune into your TV and radio stations. We will not send our kids and our money to your universities, or use your services if you are going to enable our slide to authoritarianism.***

*What makes their cowardice and greed so stark, is the courage we've seen from everyday citizens."*

## **THIS IS AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WEEK TO BOYCOTT!**

If you are already using your dollars to send a powerful message to the billionaire monopolies who are bending a knee to authoritarianism, then please be sure to add [ALL THINGS DISNEY](#) to your boycotting actions.

If you have not yet jumped into boycotting as a way to vote, right now would be an incredibly powerful time to do so. As mentioned, talk of boycotting seems to be everywhere and it feels like the boycotting of Disney, Hulu and ESPN will show corporate America that "we the people" have a LOT of power. But to do that, we ALL must act now to send that message.

NOTE: If you cancel Disney+, Hulu and ESPN, some people have reported they are being offered great deals to not cancel. Be strong! Resist the temptation to take the deal! Remember that the cost to take a cheap deal also includes the loss of our freedoms, of our very democracy. Life without Disney+, Hulu and ESPN may feel challenging to some of you, but life without the freedoms you've become accustomed to will be much more painful and dangerous too.

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For those of you not following Indivisible at the national level, we encourage you to do so. [This week's Indivisible "What's the Plan Call" discusses the Kimmel/Disney issue and we encourage you to watch.](#) You can start at 19:45 if you want to jump right into the Kimmel issue and the importance of moving quickly to act. [Link to watch the recording.](#) If you have time, watch the whole thing and watch each week to stay informed.

And then please take time to check out this great **toolkit** Indivisible has provided on why we need to act now on the Kimmel issue and specific steps to take:

<https://indivisible.actionkit.com/mailings/view/120644>

### **GET OUT FROM BEHIND YOUR SCREEN AND SUPPORT LOCAL - START WITH OUR TUCSON FOOD CO-OP**

Cancelling streaming services can be a great time to make a commitment to yourself to spend less time staring at a screen and to use the extra free time to get to know the Tucson community better. As our team name says, we don't just Boycott, we Build. And one great way to build a strong community is to frequent local businesses that support the kinds of values we can all get behind.

This week we share some insights from one of our Boycott and Build Team Members about supporting our local food co-op ([Food Conspiracy](#)) as a way to Build. The co-operative grocery store business operates based on a strong democratic structure that ensures decisions are made to support all the community owners' needs.

Take the money you save cancelling your Disney+ subscription and the time you save getting away from streaming services to go explore downtown Tucson. You can learn more about the benefits of the co-operative business ownership model versus billionaire owned monopolies operating purely for maximum profit and find all kinds of great shops and businesses to explore while you are there.

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Here's what Diane Luber, Boycott and Build Team Member, has to share about her experience shopping at Food Conspiracy Co-op:

*If you're looking for local businesses to patronize while you're boycotting Amazon and Whole Foods, you can't get more local than the Food Conspiracy co-op on North 4th Avenue.*

*Food Conspiracy is owned by its more than 4,000 members, and anyone can become a member. But everyone can shop there and pay the same prices that members pay (except for small member discounts on some items).*

*Plus the food is great!*

*The produce is fresh and beautiful. Most of the fruits and vegetables are organic, and the co-op makes every effort to build relationships with local farms and food producers to sell as much local produce as possible. I've been eating delicious, organic, local yellow and white peaches all summer, thanks to the co-op.*

*You can buy as little or as much as you want of grains, beans, flours, nuts, dried fruit, herbs and spices in the co-op's bulk section. You can grind your own peanut butter.*

*The co-op offers a wide range of dairy and non-dairy milks, yogurts, kefir, creamers and spreads, as well as eggs and cheese. You can find meat, ice cream, frozen fruits and vegetables, and pizza in the freezer section; and pasta, canned soup, condiments and salad dressings, crackers, chips and cereal on the shelves. Wines, juices and a variety of canned beverages; nutritional supplements; and body care products round out the co-op's offerings.*

*Don't want to cook? Conspiracy Kitchen makes sandwiches, meals and desserts from scratch.*

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*All that said, I don't always find everything I want at the food co-op and so do some shopping elsewhere. But I always make the food co-op my first shopping stop because I always feel like I've done the best I can for my health, for my community and for the planet when I shop at the food co-op.*

*The co-op, at 412 N 4th Ave., is open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free parking is available in a lot immediately east of the co-op and accessible on North 3rd Avenue, across from the Tucson High football stadium, or through the alley between 3rd and 4th avenues.*

Visit [www.foodconspiracy.coop](http://www.foodconspiracy.coop) for more information.

**Thank you everyone from the Boycott and Build Group!**

## **7. Articles and resources**

### **=> Paper clip protest - email from Joyce Vance**

Paper Clip Protest – by Joyce Vance

from her “Civil Discourse” substack

Sep 20

"Norwegian teachers and students wore paper clips to signal their opposition to Nazi occupation. They attached them to their lapels and wore them as jewelry, a symbol of solidarity binding them together as paper clips did with papers. It was a quiet act of defiance, expressing that Norwegians remained united against Nazi rule."

Full post as a pdf: [Joyce-Vance-Paper-Clip-Protest.pdf](#)

=> Reports from ICE vigil

### **KOLD: Candlelight vigil held outside ICE office in Tucson**

<https://www.kold.com/2025/09/20/candlelight-vigil-held-outside-ice-office-tucson/>

### **KVOA: Tucson vigil protests ongoing ICE deportations and detentions**

[https://www.kvoa.com/news/local/tucson-vigil-protests-ongoing-ice-deportations-and-detentions/article\\_410b1976-6bc8-497a-baa0-](https://www.kvoa.com/news/local/tucson-vigil-protests-ongoing-ice-deportations-and-detentions/article_410b1976-6bc8-497a-baa0-)

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**=> California becomes first state to ban face coverings for most law enforcement**

*Local and federal agents, including immigration officials, may not wear masks while conducting official business*

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/20/california-mask-ban-law-enforcement>

=> Flock cameras on the UA campus

**Community members ask UAPD for info on safety cameras accessed by border authorities**

*Community and student groups are asking university police for more information on Flock license-plate-reader cameras, after revelations that the company running the system allowed federal border enforcement agencies wide access to data.*

<https://news.azpm.org/p/azpmnews/2025/9/15/226420-community-members-ask-uapd-for-info-on-safety-cameras-accessed-by-border-authorities/>

**=> Jury finds LA protester not guilty of assaulting border patrol agent**

*Brayan Ramos-Brito acquitted after US immigration officials were accused in court of lying about the incident*

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/18/los-angeles-border-agent-trial>

**=> Judges rule against Trump administration on deporting Guatemalan children and Venezuelans**

*Double defeat protects Venezuelans with temporary protected status and Guatemalan minors*

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/18/ruling-trump-deport-children-guatemalan-venezuelan>

**=> More from the Soft Secession desk: Regional public health coalitions**

<https://bsky.app/profile/luckytran.com/post/3lz4pbzas4c2w>

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**=> Teachers sue over Trump's immigration crackdown, saying students are staying home**

<https://apnews.com/article/school-ice-immigration-arrests-union-lawsuit-36e2ab03c2661ab4af0134b3564ce528>

**=> Arizona colleges split on clear policies for ICE on campus**

[https://tucson.com/instagram/article\\_20c22599-870d-4721-95ab-e854de79adaf.html#tracking-source=home-top-story](https://tucson.com/instagram/article_20c22599-870d-4721-95ab-e854de79adaf.html#tracking-source=home-top-story)

Though the Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting found no documented cases of Immigration and Customs Enforcement appearing on Arizona campuses as of Sept. 7, agents have shown up near universities in at least two other states so far.

**Arizona's two largest public universities, ASU and the University of Arizona, have not issued instructions explicitly addressing what to do if ICE agents arrive.** Neither has Central Arizona College, Cochise College, Eastern Arizona College or Grand Canyon University, AZCIR found after requesting policies or guidance about ICE on campus from the state's 20 higher education institutions with the largest in-person enrollments.

Yavapai College, meanwhile, drafted an FAQ that explained student rights, safety measures and described how the school would support immigrant students. A spokesperson said the school had not shared that information publicly but did make recommendations for handling ICE visits and other emergency situations available to employees.

Maricopa Community Colleges, along with Pima Community College, Arizona Western College and Northern Arizona University, have furnished more comprehensive information to students, employees or both about what to do during ICE encounters on campus.

**=> On the street and in your feed: the joyful genius of Zohran Mamdani's viral videos**

The frontrunner for New York mayor has won social media with clips that are always fun – and resolutely on-message

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/20/zohran-mamdani-social->

[media-viral-videos](#)

=> **Florida vaccine mandate falters**

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/14/florida-vaccine-joseph-ladapo-trump>

## **COUNTERING POLITICAL VIOLENCE - from this afternoon's training**

### **WHAT THEY DO**

1. **Cover-up** – Hide the unjust actions, deny they ever happened, and prevent word from spreading about them.
2. **Devaluation** – Try to lower the social standing of the target.
3. **Reinterpretation** – Attempt to downplay the amount of damage caused by the injustice, portray the injustice as unavoidable or for a greater good, and/or deflect blame to others.
4. **Official channels** – Set up inquiries and investigations that move slowly, limit public visibility or input, rely on technical rules, and provide only the appearance of justice.
5. **Intimidation and rewards** – Threaten people who may speak out against injustice, and reward people for remaining silent.

### **WHAT WE DO**

1. **Reveal** – Expose the injustice.
2. **Redeem** – Validate the target.
3. **Reframe** – Interpret the event as an injustice.
4. **Redirect** – Mobilize support and avoid official channels.
5. **Resist** – Resist intimidation and bribes.

Full details in the booklet,

[HOPE+PV+End+Political+Violence+Guide+07-16-24+version.pdf](#)

*Be your own light -- and be a light for each other -- my Indivisible friends!!*

-- Margrit of ITAA

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