

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

Dec. 14, 2025

Quote of the Week:

In the United States District Court for the Northern District of California

Gavin Newsom, et al., Plaintiffs

v.

Donald J. Trump, et al., Defendants

"The Founders designed our government to be a system of checks and balances. Defendants, however, make clear that the only check they want is a blank one. Six months after they first federalized the California National Guard, Defendants still retain control of approximately 300 Guardsmen, despite no evidence that execution of federal law is impeded in any way--let alone significantly. What's more, Defendants have sent California Guardsmen into **other states**, effectively creating a national police force made up of state troops. In response to Plaintiffs' motion to enjoin this conduct, Defendants take the position that, after a valid initial federalization, all subsequent re-federalizations are completely, and forever, unreviewable by the courts. Defendants' position is contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court ENJOINS Defendants' federalization of California National Guard troops."

-- *U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer in San Francisco*

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1. A note about this weekly newsletter

I plan to gradually retool this newsletter to try to be more useful and less overwhelming for everyone.

To start with, here are some suggestions for staying sane and active in these times:

- Taking care of yourself is an essential part of being active and effective. Take whatever time you need to regroup, get out in nature if you can, reset. Rest, care, and belonging are part of resistance, not a distraction from it.
- Notice the people, places, and news sources that make you feel hopeful and energized but calm, and prioritize those.
- Find ways to connect with each other and lift each other up.
- Take small steps to be active. (If all you do is stay informed and vote, that's more than most people in this country!)
- Don't try to do everything - you can't even if you want to. And don't try to force yourself to do things you don't want to do or don't like - that will backfire on you. (Ask me how I know!)

I will try to modify the newsletter around these principles - coming up with small, bite-sized steps anyone can take to make a difference, and focusing the news on areas where people are making progress and having success. And I hope to add examples of pacing yourself, to stay strong for the long haul.

An example: Voting needs these four actions:

1. Register to vote
2. Stay registered (check to make sure you're still on the active list)
3. Vote

4. Check to make sure your ballot got counted

START by doing these four things **yourself!** (I will be providing more details on the how of each of these in future newsletters.)

NEXT, if you have the time and energy, reach out to your family and close friends to see if they are registered to vote, etc. Maybe you won't get to this NEXT -- and that's fine!!! YOU are in charge of what you do!

NEXT, reach out to casual acquaintances, people you run into at the store or post office, etc., and gently and respectfully remind them about how fun and interesting voting is.

FINALLY, if this is your thing, get trained to register people to vote - then go out and register them.

Again -- start with yourself, then if you want to, build out from there. You have to pace yourself for the long game.

I repeat: If all you do is stay informed and vote - you are doing great!!! Thank you!!!!

-- Margrit of ITAA

2. State Action Team update

The State Action Team planning group met on December 13 and selected **three priority issues** to follow and organize around:

1. **Affordability**, including housing, medical care, and utility costs for Arizonans;
2. **Education**, including K-12 funding and Empowerment Scholarship Account vouchers; and
3. **Individual rights**, including voting access and immigration.

Subgroups of Team members are now developing comprehensive plans and strategies around these issues for the 2026 session of the Arizona Legislature (January through June 2026), and the 2026 State-wide elections.

3. Messages and information from Indivisible National

With regard to increased threats against activist organizations from Pam Bondi:

Leah said:

"We have known from the beginning that part of the authoritarian playbook is to claim powers they don't have. They try to assert those powers, and if no one pushes back, they pocket those powers and now they have them. We are standing our ground. We are not going away. We will continue to do it in the open. We will exercise our free speech. We will protest. Biggest danger is not the regime, the biggest danger is that we give them powers they don't have. Our protests have been extremely effective. They are afraid of us. We are not afraid of them. These threats are a sign of weakness, and a sign that what we are doing is working. We will continue to exercise our legal rights without fear."

We Ain't Buying It - survey results

Takeaways

- 1/4 of Indivisible members participated (much higher in some quarters)
 - Was not 100% of the movement. General skepticism that this can work esp. against something as big as Amazon.
 - We sent a clear message to Amazon, Target, and Home Depot
 - Good media coverage
 - We need to reach more people - get the general public, not just movement leaders.
 - This was a successful test, but we are not there yet.
 - More economic pressure tactics are coming.
 - Spotify - the Grammys are coming up.
 - This can be a successful tactic. Imperative that we keep building on this.
- The point was to start building this muscle overall. No Kings is not enough. This every day effort is necessary.

You will need to re-register for "**What's the Plan**" calls in 2026 - link will be shared soon.

Things to think about for 2026:

a. Make sure your Dem reps are ready to order investigations / consequences for illegal activity in the regime, cabinet, and are talking about it NOW. It is important to say it NOW, to start talking about it now, BEFORE the midterms. Put all the criminals on notice that they will be held accountable -- ask your Dem reps to highlight this as often as they can.

b. Voting rights: Overall strategy: build collective strength to enforce the results of the election. Build this all year. Get prepared now.

c. Primary challenges - where appropriate.

d. Next No Kings:

Not dead of winter. Not during a holiday. Late March is the most likely date range. Will let you know as soon as a date is set - organizing for this TAKES TIME!!

4. Additional resources and information

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An important Resolution is before the Mayor and City Council, Tue. Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m. - please attend if you can.

Phin Anderson says: "Last item on the agenda. First submitted on March 4. Model for other jurisdictions in the country. Encourage people to attend? Meeting starts at 5:30 pm."

The Meeting: MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 - 5:30 PM

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY HALL, 255 W. ALAMEDA, TUCSON, AZ

Last item on the agenda:

RESOLUTION: OPPOSING EXECUTIVE OVERREACH, SUPPORTING THE U.S.

CONSTITUTION, AND DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY (CITY WIDE) DEC16-25-415

Resolution No. 24054 approving the Resolution Opposing Executive Overreach, supporting the U.S. Constitution, and defending our Democracy (City-Wide); and declaring an emergency.

The Resolution:

APPROVING THE RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXECUTIVE OVERREACH,
SUPPORTING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, AND DEFENDING OUR
DEMOCRACY

(CITY-WIDE); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

<https://tucsonaz.hylandcloud.com/221agendaonline/Documents/ViewDocument/RESOLUTION%2024054.pdf?meetingId=1890&documentType=Agenda&itemId=78127&publishId=186291&isSection=false>

(B)

Important resource: The Grassroots Connector

Success stories, suggestions, networking - check it out:

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

(C)

Toolkits on ICE response and organizing

Some toolkits from Chicago and Charlotte on ICE response and organizing:

<https://organizingmythoughts.org/mapping-community-defense-and-care-in-our-neighborhoods/>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14xX5K4exAvFLx9nW-SVCaKP5RDM6y4WveLfIBFYS7To/>

<https://www.interruptingcriminalization.com/resources-all/block-it>

<https://crimethinc.com/2025/12/03/when-the-feds-come-to-your-city-standing-up-to-ice-a-guide-from-chicago-organizers>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iK83HdBYE3flfpgGDUNuMG4BILedqdvO/view>

Block It! — Interrupting Criminalization

A Mini Toolkit to Take Action to Disrupt the ICE Kidnapping, Detention, and Deportation Machine

<https://www.interruptingcriminalization.com/resources-all/block-it>

CrimethInc.

When the Feds Come to Your City: Standing Up to ICE

<https://crimethinc.com/2025/12/03/when-the-feds-come-to-your-city-standing-up-to-ice-a-guide-from-chicago-organizers>

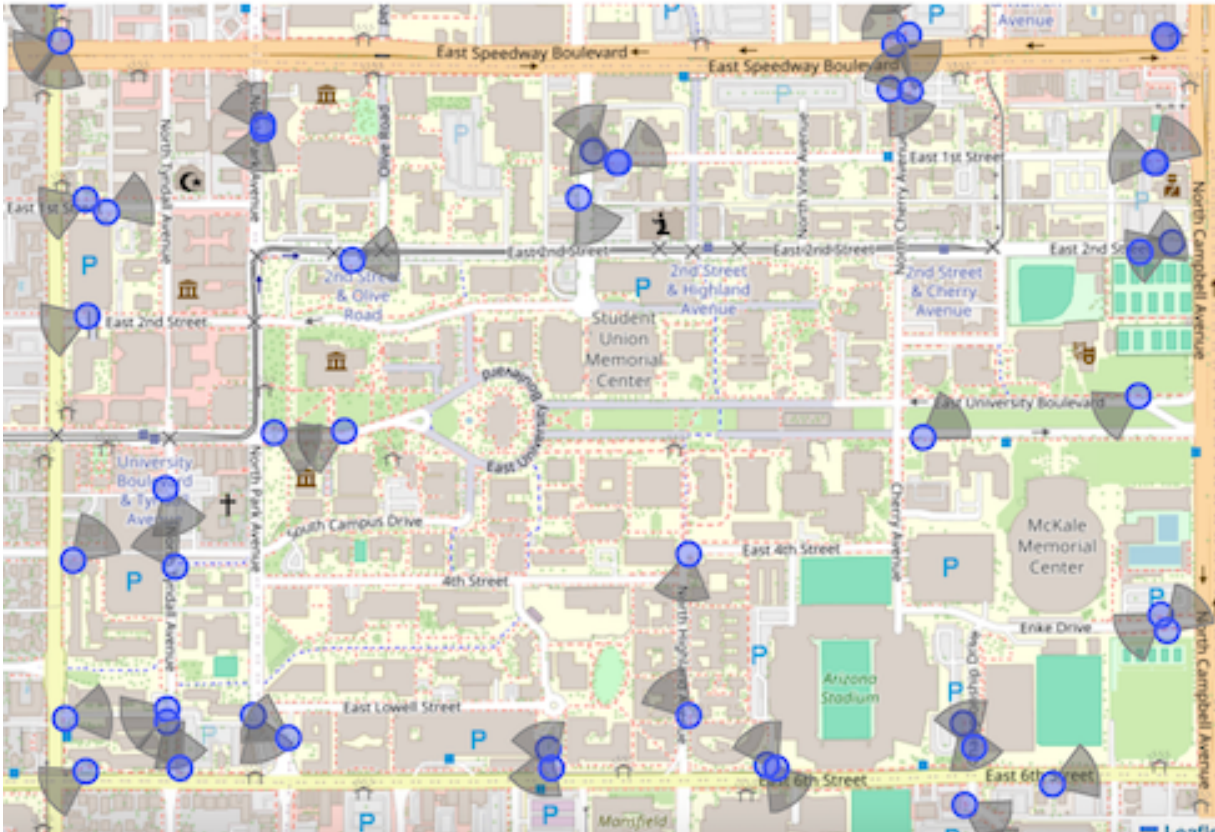
Are masked agents showing up in your town to kidnap your neighbors? Want to do your part to protect each other, but don't know where to start?

(D)

FLOCK cameras

Map: <https://deflock.me/>

FLOCK cameras on/around UA campus:



All 404 Media stories about Flock:
<https://www.404media.co/tag/flock/>

Stop Flock Surveillance - a new movement taking off in various parts of Arizona and the whole nation. There will be more information in following newsletters.

5. Boycott & Build

MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD TEAM

The Boycott and Build Team will have only one Zoom meeting this month and that will happen this Wednesday the 17th at 6:30pm. If you have an interest in joining please e-mail boycottbuildteam@proton.me to receive the meeting info and Zoom link.

Resist the temptation to purchase more than you need this holiday

season. When you do spend, please shop local and with businesses who believe in and stand up for democracy. Every single dollar you spend and invest is a vote. Make sure your economic vote is not supporting billionaires who use their wealth to weaken our democracy. A strong and resilient local economy is an important component to keeping our democratic freedoms. When must not allow fewer and fewer large organizations and their owners to control everything we rely on from food, to medicine, to clothing and more.

Check out our information on the **ITAA website** for ideas and inspiration: <https://www.indivisibletucson.org/boycott-and-build.html>.

And sign up for our ***Don't BuyIt Substack***

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

for occasional posts delivered directly to your inbox. Or simply click "No Thanks" at the bottom of the Substack page if you prefer to read our content there without subscribing.

One additional note:

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON THE AZ CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT? YOU CAN GIVE TO CHARITY WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A PENNY.

You may qualify to give to an approved charity of your choice without it costing you a penny through your AZ tax filing (\$495 for single filers and \$987 for married filing jointly filers). Many people who qualify are missing out on this opportunity to redirect some of their taxes. This is an actual tax credit. For example, if you owe \$495 dollars in AZ income tax, you might be able to have that full \$495 directed to a local food bank or other charity on the list of approved organizations.

As part of our *Don't BuyIt* campaign in November (and beyond) calling on us all to cut our discretionary spending, we have and continue to ask all of you to use some of the money you save not buying unnecessary stuff to help others in need. Please check out our Substack post on how you can help fund a non-profit of your choice without it costing you anything to do that: <https://substack.com/home/post/p-181465378> (this post encourages to consult your tax advisor for questions). As we

get into the thick of the holiday gift-giving season, please give generously before the end of the year and take advantage of this AZ tax program that allows you to redirect a portion of the taxes you pay to a specific cause that matters to you personally.

One of the ways we best fight authoritarianism is to create strong, resilient communities with support systems to help those impacted by the actions of this regime. Please consider doing without the things that you do not actually "need" this holiday season to make sure that others have the basics that they need just to survive. Acts of activism include finding ways to enjoy the holidays without an overabundance of material goods and instead ensuring everyone has food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, etc. Take time before the end of the year to make sure you take advantage of the AZ tax credit and also if you have the means, please donate beyond the limits of the tax credits.

6. Unseat Ciscomani

OUR MISSION

The Unseat Ciscomani Team is holding Rep Ciscomani accountable to the voters of Southern Arizona's 6th Congressional District. We believe he should understand how his congressional votes impact his district and that he should be responsive and truthful to us instead of blindly following the President's political agenda. **Since it appears he cannot or will not do his job, we are working to replace him in 2026!**

OUR NAME REFLECTS OUR MISSION

Our team is over 60 members strong and welcomes your participation!

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

All you need is willingness to act. We will help you find the right actions to take!

UNSEAT CISCOMANI TEAM MESSAGE 12/14/2025

Check on our BEAUTIFUL webpage (THANKS TO KASIA WILCZEK)
at <https://www.indivisibleucson.org/ciscomani.html>
(OR: Click on “elected officials” on the ITAA webpage.)

CHECK OUR GROWING WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://JUANLIES.COM](https://juanlies.com) (Thanks to
STEVE LINDER)

Please share the link everywhere you can so we can disseminate the truth about
Juan

AMPLIFY OUR POSTS (Like, comment, and/or share)

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HoldCiscomaniAccountable>.

Our Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/HoldCiscomaniAccountable>.

Our NEW Blue-Sky page

<https://www.pressureciscomani.bsky.social>

Our AZ CD-06 Substack Page:

@cd6pressureciscomaniteamofITAA

ACTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

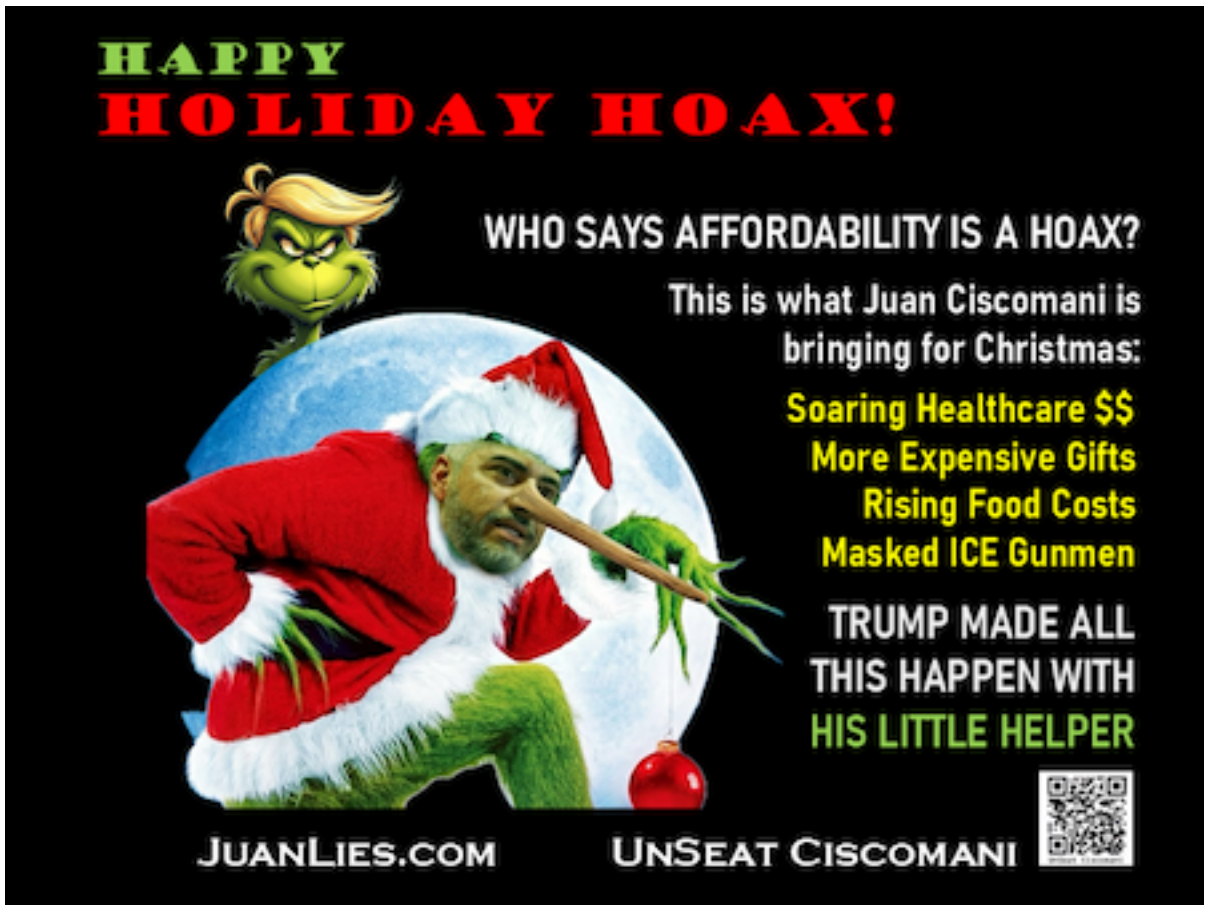
HOLD CISCOMANI ACCOUNTABLE IN FIVE WAYS

A. HOLIDAY GRINCH THEME

We will be focusing on the theme of Ciscomani as the Grinch throughout the holiday season. Ciscomani’s votes to make the holidays harder for all of us (other than billionaires) are what has earned him GRINCH status....

See the Grinch flyer below (click on the image to access the full-size version).

**HAPPY
HOLIDAY HOAX!**




WHO SAYS AFFORDABILITY IS A HOAX?

This is what Juan Ciscomani is bringing for Christmas:

- Soaring Healthcare \$\$**
- More Expensive Gifts**
- Rising Food Costs**
- Masked ICE Gunmen**

TRUMP MADE ALL THIS HAPPEN WITH HIS LITTLE HELPER

JUANLIES.COM **UNSEAT CISCOMANI** 

Please print and post around your neighborhood (in CD-06), especially wherever you see holiday displays.

Post and share on your social media accounts.

REP. GRINCH-OMANI: These are his special “gifts” to us for the holiday season

- Fear in our communities from ICE raids.
- Less access to health care with higher premiums
- Cuts to federal funding for Arizona leading to fewer services
- Fewer services for veterans
- Higher costs and less affordability for everyone.
- And so much more.

B. Signatures on nominating petitions for UnSeat Ciscomani Candidates

This is the time of year when pro-democracy candidates – including (but not limited to) candidates to UnSeat Ciscomani in AZ-CD-06) need signatures to get themselves on the primary ballots. YOU CAN HELP. (I just did this; it's super easy.)

Qualified registered voters (registered Democrats and No Party Preference voters in CD06 that have not signed another petition), can sign candidate petitions online using the E-Qual system from the Secretary of State. You will need your driver's license or voter registration to verify your identity.

Here is the shortened link: <https://go.azsos.gov/2jyc> **and here is the full web link:** <https://apps.azsos.gov/apps/election/eps/op/>

For Ciscomani's seat, there are several candidates listed, and you can only sign one petition. Jo Mendoza is the leading candidate, and has been endorsed by Kelly, Gallego, and others. Beware that Mo Goldman and Chris Donat have dropped out in favor of Mendoza, but they are still listed – don't sign their petitions. Samantha Severson is a self-described "progressive" candidate.

Your signatures help get candidates on the primary ballot, in order to secure the Democratic nomination. We on the UnSeat Ciscomani Team recommend that you support the candidate (by signing their petition) who is most likely to be successful in defeating Ciscomani. If you have questions about how to decide this, send me an email at KMinkov@aol.com.

C. CISCOMANI: SILENT on ICE Raids

The past few weeks, as many of you know, there has been an increase in ICE raids in our community. Rep. Adelita Grijalva has not been afraid to speak out. Rep. Ciscomani, even though he and his wife are both from immigrant families, has been – as usual - SILENT.

Contact Ciscomani: <https://Ciscomani.house.gov> to let him know how you feel about his silence. **His office has shared that they are getting a lot of calls about this issue.** We do not expect him to have the courage to speak out, but it's good to let him know that people are not fooled by his constant efforts to blow smoke at us.

D. HEALTH CARE:

More and more people are getting notices of huge increases in health care premiums for January. Please share this information (send or post a picture of your new bill). Note that the loss of the subsidies and tax credits affect ALL health plan costs, because they anticipate that fewer healthier individuals will be covered, and therefore they have to pass the higher costs on to those who remain.

The WiSER program to make regular MEDICARE more like a managed care plan takes effect in Arizona in January. This is another effort by the Administration (supported by Ciscomani) to cut our benefits, in order to provide tax cuts to the rich.

KEEP SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT HOW CISCOMANI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE TO HEALTH CARE ACCESS HIS VOTES HAVE DONE:

Ciscomani has signed a letter with 13 other Republican Congressmen requesting Mike Johnson to address the termination of ACA premium subsidies THAT HE HIMSELF VOTED FOR. But it's just for show. Will he vote against his colleagues? – No Chance. He continues to act like he has no responsibility for his own actions, and how his votes lead to the devastating increases in healthcare costs via the Medicaid cuts, cuts to ACA health insurance premium subsidies, and changes to Medicare in AZ via the WiSeR program.

The following site from the Kaiser Family Foundation illustrates how much additional payment for health insurance can be expected for folks using the ACA Exchange, based on location and income. **CHECK IT OUT AND SHARE**

<https://www.kff.org/interactive/how-much-more-would-people-pay-in-premiums-if-the-acas-enhanced-subsidies-expired/>

WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE AWARE OF THIS IMPENDING CRISIS, AND TO ADVOCATE TO STOP IT.

Getting these stories is a big focus of national coalitions: Battleground Alliance, Economic Security Project, and Represent.US. Here is a form that they have distributed for collecting those stories: [ESPA Healthcare](#)

E. Join our Weekly Saturday (9-11) Demonstrations at Ciscomani's Office: 1636 Swan Rd, Tucson.

Our team will be tabling regularly at these protests and would love you to come and say hello. There will be a sign-up sheet on our table if you want to join our team.

ALSO: Stay tuned for future announcements about our demonstrations. We are planning to take our show on the road, by having rotating "Juan Lies" demonstrations at key intersections in the district!

7. Links, articles, and humor

Massachusetts Church Keeps Anti-ICE Nativity Scene, Defying Diocese Leaders

The Christmas display, which replaces Jesus, Mary and Joseph with a sign saying "ICE Was Here," has drawn criticism from Catholic leaders and immigration officials.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/08/us/massachusetts-church-ice-nativity-scene.html>

Leaders of a Catholic church near Boston kept a Nativity display with an anti-ICE message in place on Monday, defying an order from the Catholic Archdiocese of

Boston to remove it.

The display, outside St. Susanna Parish in Dedham, Mass., includes the traditional shepherds, sheep and wise men gathered around a hay-filled manger. But Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus are missing, replaced by a sign reading “ICE WAS HERE” in bold blue letters.

“The Holy Family is safe in the Sanctuary of our Church,” adds a smaller note inside the Nativity scene, which is protected by a plastic shield. “If you see ICE please call LUCE.” The display includes a phone number for LUCE, an immigrant advocacy group, which tracks the activity of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in Massachusetts.

‘There’s power in numbers’: New Yorkers are banding together to protect street vendors from ICE

With ICE targeting vendors and fear rising, community groups are organising fast to keep New Yorkers working on the streets safe

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/12/new-york-street-vendors-ice-national-guard>

Inside the Secret Network Offering Sanctuary to Immigrants Amid Trump’s ICE Onslaught

<https://talkingpointsmemo.com/feature/inside-the-secret-network-offering-sanctuary-to-immigrants-amid-trumps-ice-onslaught>

Life Inside the Undocumented Underground

2 Months on the Front Lines of Mass Deportation

<https://talkingpointsmemo.com/feature/life-inside-the-undocumented-underground>

‘We’ll need to see a warrant’: the group teaching businesses a vital tool to fight ICE raids

Siembra in North Carolina gives owners fourth amendment rights trainings should federal agents show up at their door

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/08/ice-fourth-amendment-rights-north-carolina>

The 85-Year-Old Activist Trying to Block the Trump Presidential Library Plan

After Marvin Dunn sued, the trustees of Miami Dade College voted for a second

time to hand over a prime property for President Trump's future library. He says he'll keep fighting.

https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/02/us/trump-library.html?unlocked_article_code=1.8U8.jHEd.u0_hOyJyPeFo&smid=url-share

Costco sues Trump administration over tariffs, seeks refund of fees

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2025/12/02/costco-donald-trump-refund-tariffs-supreme-court-appeal/87559106007/>

What to know about Kilmar Abrego Garcia's release from immigration custody

<https://apnews.com/article/kilmar-abrego-garcia-el-salvador-deportation-c6f255d11c8ce09be5e67a8df3de2f64>

I Prosecuted R. Kelly. This Is Why the Epstein Files Should Be Redacted.

https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/26/opinion/epstein-files-redactions-victims.html?unlocked_article_code=1.8U8.rDdY.xmdQCylEWtK1&smid=url-share

In 2025 We Showed Up: Notes on Resistance to the Regime

<https://www.meditationsinanemergency.com/in-2025-we-showed-up-notes-on-resistance-to-the-regime/>

ICE is asking for people to quit calling its hotline to report an undocumented girl named 'Anne Frank' hiding in the attics of Republican lawmakers. Please don't call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423) for this reason, or to report pregnant foreigners seeking shelter in your local manger.

Please do not call this number and report either "Anne Frank" in someone's attic or pregnant foreigners in the local manger. Do not call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423). Please.

Happy holidays, everyone, stay well, take it easy!

-- Margrit of ITAA

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