

# Indivisible Tucson Announcements

## Dec. 21, 2025

**Credit where credit is due:** several people commented on the "*suggestions for staying sane and active in these times*" part of the previous newsletter -- some of that was borrowed from this article:

### **3 Resistance Messages That Backfire — and What to Say Instead**

*Authoritarians thrive when resistance runs on alarm alone. Fear, outrage, and sweeping calls spread fast but leave people drained — here's how to write and read for the long game.*

<https://paultshattuck.substack.com/p/3-resistance-messages-that-backfire>

(I should also credit Joyce Vance's book [Giving Up Is Unforgiveable](#) for the four essential pillars of voting rights.)

### **Quote of the week:**

[I did not yet get permission from the author to repeat this quote so I am presenting it anonymously. Seen on Signal chat, Wed. Dec. 17 ]

**"No matter how badly they want to make criticizing them or disagreeing with them illegal, it still isn't. We need to hold strong; a day of accountability is coming."**

### **OUTLINE**

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#### **1. Holiday breaks**

Indivisible National, Indivisible Arizona, and this group, will be taking time off Dec. 24 - Jan. 4.

The next Announcements email will go out Sun. Jan. 4.

Our next Monthly Meeting (zoom) will be Mon. Jan. 5, 4:00 p.m. An announcement about this meeting with the zoom link will be emailed to you about a week before.

## **2. Local news, events, and commentary**

The weekly Saturday demonstrations at Ciscomani's office continue! Please consider joining in! Additional details in the "Unseat Ciscomani" section.

# **STAND STRONG SPEAK UP**

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Kimberly Fitch, Treasurer

## **Flagstaff City Council votes to end use of automated license plate cameras**

*The Flagstaff Police Department immediately deactivated the cameras following the vote.*

Dec. 16

<https://www.12news.com/article/news/local/arizona/flagstaff-city-council-votes-to-end-use-of-automated-license-plate-cameras/75-a7f9dbc2-aed7-4517-846a-1624fcd9c145>

## **UA Police ran searches for U.S. government, despite claims of not sharing license plate data with feds**

*A University of Arizona governance body plans to investigate campus police use of license plate-reading technology and how that data is shared with other law enforcement agencies.*

<https://news.azpm.org/p/azpmnews/2025/12/16/227661-ua-police-ran-searches-for-us-government-despite-claims-of-not-sharing-license-plate-data-with-feds/>

Both data centers

## **Supes OK Project Blue agreement; Marana data center moves ahead**

[https://tucson.com/news/local/government-politics/article\\_9f6fc6b5-a7fc-4c1b-b2dd-360fed1454b1.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/government-politics/article_9f6fc6b5-a7fc-4c1b-b2dd-360fed1454b1.html)

With permission, I am reposting the following commentary by Lindsay Heimm (aka "Shrimpy") - extremely interesting and important, I learned a lot from this!!

Signal post: Tue. Dec. 16

Shrimpy on the approval of the data center:

A lot of us are asking the same question after the data center fight, and it's a fair one: How is it possible that the Pima County Board of Supervisors can move forward with a land sale and infrastructure deal for a data center—even when the City of Tucson, thousands of residents, and organized community groups clearly opposed it?

Here's the ugly but real answer:

This isn't a failure of protest or organizing. It's a structural problem in how power is allocated in Arizona.

Under state law, counties have authority over county-owned land and certain development decisions, even when those decisions directly impact city residents, city resources (like water and power), and city infrastructure. The Board of Supervisors is not legally required to defer to Tucson City Council votes, public comment, or mass opposition when acting within its statutory powers.

So what looks like “subverting the will of the people” is actually the system doing exactly what it was designed to do:

centralize decision-making away from the public and insulate it from democratic pressure and process.

That design favors:

- large developers and corporate projects
- closed-door negotiations
- technical processes that are hard to challenge in real time
- elected bodies that face limited accountability between elections

For those who were deep in the Project Blue data center fight: we already saw this play out in real time—public comment minimized, urgency manufactured, and decisions framed as “inevitable.”

For folks newer to this: this is why showing up, while necessary, is often not sufficient on its own.

The real question now is:

How do we change the structure so that people actually have power—before deals are finalized, not after?

That means talking seriously about:

- city charter changes and local control
- binding public processes (not just public comment as advisory)
- stronger city–county accountability mechanisms

- recall, referendum, and initiative strategies
- sustained organizing between election cycles, not just during crises

This isn't about one damn data center. It's about whether our local governments are responsive to the people who live here—or primarily to capital and state-level constraints.

I'm actively thinking through what structural changes and organizing pathways could actually shift this balance, and I'd really like to hear from others—especially folks who were in the trenches during the data center fight.

If you want to expand on this, challenge it, or help think through what real people power could look like locally, please reach out to me directly, or jump in here. I'm connecting dots as an organizer, and I don't think any of us should be doing this work alone.

[If you want to connect with Shrimpy on this topic, send an email to [indivisibletucson@proton.me](mailto:indivisibletucson@proton.me) and I will get you the correct contact info.]

### **3. ITAA's structure and leadership**

Indivisible Tucson is a chapter of Indivisible (National), from whom we receive various forms of assistance (but we are not under their direction or control). Indivisible National holds a weekly "What's the Plan" zoom webinar (with Q&A) most weeks on Thursdays at 3pm Eastern time. There is also a monthly zoom for Group Leaders with Leah and Ezra, the founders and leaders of National. Indivisible is non-partisan.

There is also an Indivisible Arizona state structure, coordinating and assisting the 50+ Indivisible groups in Arizona. Arizona group leaders meet with state structure team members on Zoom most Thursdays at 11am.

We have about 2500 members on the mailing list (which is our primary method of organizing), and we meet via Zoom on the first Monday of each month at 4pm MST.

We have a Steering Committee made up of most of the leadership and group leaders that meets at least once a month.

Here are the leaders and group leaders. Contact info provided for groups seeking new members.

- Co-Chairs: Amy Gosla and Margrit McIntosh
- Treasurer: Jeanne Hardie
- Tech Team: Margrit McIntosh
- Social Media Team: Amy Gosla and Tina Whitley
- State Action Team:
  - Marlene Gibbons, marlenegibbons93@gmail.com
  - Joe Alexander, joseph.k.alexander@hotmail.com
- Letters to the Editor Team: Jackie Marshall, jacolyn@comcast.net
- Membership Team: Melody Luepke melodyluepke@gmail.com
- Unseat Ciscomani Team: Ken Minkov, kminkov@aol.com
- Boycott & Build Team: Lisa Vaughn, boycottbuildteam@proton.me
- Signs of Solidarity Team: David Nevins, dnevins@mac.com
- Postcards Team:
  - Ann Paulson - bellgalaz@me.com
  - Nancy Atherton - ncatherton@gmail.com

#### **4. National links and articles**

*First, good/ hopeful news items:*

**Bay Area faith leaders chain themselves outside SF ICE field office in protest**  
<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/bay-area-faith-leaders-sf-ice-field-office-protest-21246657.php>

**Man accused of towing ICE SUV during LA immigration operation found not guilty**

*The four-day trial concluded Friday afternoon with Nuñez being acquitted of the*

*single charge.*

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/man-accused-of-towing-ice-suv-during-la-immigration-operation-found-not-guilty/3819043/>

### **Merry boycotting: US shoppers avoid Trump-aligned businesses amid holiday season**

*People are supporting economic boycotts to show discontent with businesses capitulating to Trump's agenda*

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/20/shoppers-boycott-holiday-season-trump-economy>

### **Chicago grand jurors continue stunning streak of rejecting Trump DOJ indictments**

*Yet another grand jury declined to approve felony charges in a case alleging an assault on law enforcement.*

<https://www.ms.now/deadline-white-house/deadline-legal-blog/chicago-grand-jurors-continue-stunning-streak-of-rejecting-trump-doj-indictments>

### **How the DOJ's assault charges against protesters are crumbling inside courtrooms**

*DOJ vowed to punish those who disrupt Trump's immigration crackdown. Dozens of cases have crumbled*

<https://apnews.com/article/ice-immigration-protests-prosecutions-doj-arrests-591f155d50c13756842e033ea23f16d3>

[Fascinating, detailed analysis. Yes the point is to chill dissent, but it's not working.]

### **How an AM radio station in California weathered the Trump administration's assault on media**

<https://apnews.com/article/trump-media-fcc-kcbs-5dbed5c466771d53e2c7bcc5da362bf6>

*Second, bad news -- for your doomscrolling needs!!!*

### **Epstein Victims Upset About Lack of Transparency in Newly Released Files**

*Several victims said they were frustrated by the heavy redactions of photos and*

*documents that the Justice Department released on Friday.*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/19/us/epstein-files-victims-reaction.html>

### **Now They're Coming for Your Citizenship**

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has reportedly been given quotas to meet on stripping citizenship from naturalized citizens in 2026.*

<https://www.jezebel.com/citizenship-stripped-denaturalization-push-2026-us-immigration-services-justice-department>

### **US librarians tackle 'manufactured crisis' of book bans to protect LGBTQ+ rights**

*In at least half a dozen states, librarians have joined forces with civil rights groups to oppose book bans, often facing personal and professional repercussions*

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/15/us-librarianbook-bans-lgbtq-rights>

### **Revealed: FBI opened domestic terrorism investigations into anti-ICE activity across US**

*Internal report shared with Guardian shows FBI has launched cases in 23 regions, some linked to Trump memo on thwarting 'terroristic activities'*

Dec. 19, 2025

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/19/fbi-terrorism-investigations-anti-ice-activity>

A map from an internal November FBI report showing field offices where the bureau has launched investigations into 'threats' against ICE and 'domestic terrorism' investigations under Trump's NPSM-7 memo. Photograph: Public records obtained by Property of the People.

### **Trump's DOJ offers states confidential deal to remove voters flagged by feds**

*Justice Department attorney says 11 states have shown a willingness to stop residents from voting at DOJ's request. [Arizona not on the list]*

<https://stateline.org/2025/12/18/trumps-doj-offers-states-confidential-deal-to-wipe-voters-flagged-by-feds-as-ineligible/>

### **Marc Elias on voter suppression**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di-eBOz4dRU&t=67s>

[Note that this video is way too long but it IS a good summary of all the voter suppression tactics]

Above the sea level iceberg:

redistricting

Under the surface

mail-in ballots

date of mail-in ballots

drop boxes

purge voters from the rolls

\*\*\* gathering sensitive voter data \*\*\*

DOJ 30+ lawsuits about accessing data / purging voters

Pay attention in your community. Post about this on social media. Talk about it at holiday parties.

NYT reported the requests are part of an effort to create a national voter database in an attempt to prove **President Donald Trump's unfounded claims that a large number of undocumented immigrants are voting in U.S. elections.**

**Trump Administration Quietly Seeks to Build National Voter Roll**

*In a quest to bolster a long-running claim from President Trump concerning undocumented immigrants illegally voting, the Justice Department is seeking detailed voter roll data from over 30 states.*

Sept. 9, 2025

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/09/us/politics/trump-voter-registration-data.html>

but a good news followup to the above:

**Fontes refuses DOJ demands for Arizona voter information**

September 23, 2025

<https://www.kjzz.org/politics/2025-09-23/fontes-refuses-doj-demands-for-arizona-voter-information>

## 5. Boycott & Build

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOYCOTT AND BUILD TEAM

The Boycott and Build Team will be taking a break for several weeks and will not have a regular Zoom meeting again until February. Stay tuned here in late January for more information about that.

We will still continue to post on our Substack page periodically and do hope you will check that out. Please subscribe here <https://dontbuyittucson.substack.com/> to receive occasional posts delivered directly to your inbox and share with friends. If you prefer to just read without being a Substack subscriber, simply click "No Thanks" at the bottom of the Substack page to access all of our posts at your convenience.

And as always, you can check out our information on the ITAA website for ideas and inspiration: <https://www.indivisibletucson.org/boycott-and-build.html>.

DON'T WAIT FOR THE BALLOT BOX. YOUR EVERYDAY CHOICES MATTER.  
You vote every single day whether you like it or not.

1. You vote when you spend and invest your money.
2. You vote when you donate or share your financial resources with others.
3. You vote when you spend time on-line.
4. You vote when you generate data and store it in the cloud versus locally.

***These types of votes matter at least as much as your vote at the ballot box.*** Please vote wisely.

And YES voting at the ballot box matters! With primary season coming up we need to be electing officials who will hold billionaires in check and work to build a system that works for us all. Be sure you (and everyone you know) are registered, that your registration is current, and that when you vote that your vote is counted. The following website can help you do all of that:

<https://iwillvote.com/>

## 6. Unseat Ciscomani message 12/21/25

### 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 team is over 80 members strong and welcomes your participation!

If you want to help, contact:

Ken Minkoff at [kminkov@aol.com](mailto:kminkov@aol.com).

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

### UNSEAT CISCOMANI TEAM MESSAGE 12/21/2025

Check on our **BEAUTIFUL webpage** (THANKS TO KASIA WILCZEK)

at <https://www.indivisible.tucson.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 FOUR 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 three new Ciscomani Grinch flyers below. (Click each image to bring up a full-size version.)

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAY HOAX!**

WHO SAYS AFFORDABILITY IS A HOAX?



Trumps Tariffs are making  
Holiday Gifts more **EXPENSIVE**  
Food Prices continue to **RISE**  
New Car **STICKER SHOCK**

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# **HAPPY HOLIDAY HOAX!**



**WHO SAYS AFFORDABILITY IS A HOAX?**

**Here's what Rep Juan Ciscomani is  
bringing CD6 for Christmas:**

**Soaring Healthcare \$\$\$  
Gifts Cost More [Tariffs!]  
Rising Food Prices  
Raids by ICE Gunmen**

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Please print and post around your neighborhood (in CD-06), especially wherever you see holiday displays. Shopping malls and holiday fairs are great opportunities to post these.

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. WE NEED YOU!!!** Join the 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.

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**C. MAGA-SHAVE:** We piloted our first mobile MAGA-Shave demonstration, lining up before a busy intersection (Oracle and Ina) in Ciscomani's district, carrying six signs in sequence, bringing awareness of the need to UnSeat Ciscomani to swing and low information voters. We will be continuing these types of demonstrations at different locations throughout our district all through 2026. **IF YOU WANT TO HELP US BY VOLUNTEERING TO BE PART OF A TEAM HOLDING A SIGN FOR AN HOUR DURING RUSH HOUR, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.** We are planning to have teams covering different towns and neighborhoods, so these "pop-up" demonstrations will appear to be happening everywhere....

**D. HEALTH CARE:**

**Ciscomani "struck out" on health care again.** Despite all his posts about how much he wants to do to preserve ACA premium subsidies, when he had the opportunity to sign the discharge petition to force a vote on a Democratic extension bill (as 4 of his Republican colleagues did), he was nowhere to be found. He is making a lot of noise about how he voted for the Republican bill, which does nothing at all to help the situation, and is merely performative.

**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 to provide tax cuts for the rich.

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

**E. 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-Equal 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](mailto:KMinkov@aol.com).

## **7. From Indivisible National**

**a. Tell Congress to block Trump's march to war with Venezuela.**

<https://act.indivisible.org/sign/tell-congress-no-war-venezuela/>

*Donald Trump, winner of the FIFA Peace Prize, continues amassing warships in*

*the Caribbean while bombing small vessels without any legal justification and threatening a full on invasion of Venezuela. We expect a vote in the House this week, and the Senate soon after, on legislation to block the regime from committing US forces to an illegal Venezuelan war. Use our email tool to urge your Members of Congress to vote YES.*

**b. Email your Members of Congress to demand investigations into Hegseth's murderous strikes in the Caribbean and Pacific.**

<https://act.indivisible.org/sign/demand-full-investigation-hegseths-extrajudicial-killings/>

*It appears increasingly likely that Pete Hegseth oversaw war crimes in the regime's illegal bombings of small boats in the Caribbean. Congress has a duty to launch investigations into these strikes, which have killed over 87 people thus far. Email your Members of Congress and demand they haul Pete Hegseth into public hearings on these ongoing extrajudicial murders.*

**c. Please consider supporting [your local food pantry] the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona this holiday season.** *This is the busiest time of the year for food pantries, and the combination of federal funding cuts and rising prices are making it difficult for many pantries to meet rising needs. Food donations are appreciated, but to offer meals at scale in addition to other services, donations are preferred.*

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

**d. What's the Plan? 2026 registration link:**

[https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/874938/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=20251215](https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/874938/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20251215)

**e. We Ain't Buying It: What we learned**

<https://indivisibleteam.medium.com/we-aint-buying-it-what-we-learned-e236f3f6efe1>

Seen in a local parking lot:



**Happy Winter Solstice, everyone!**

-- Margrit of ITAA

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