

Indivisible Tucson

Midweek Announcements

Wed. Nov. 19, 2025

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1. ITAA State Action Team Commentary and Call To Action:

MAKING A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON ARIZONA IN 2026

The year 2026 will be critical for democracy, not only at the national level, but very much also for state governments, because *flipping U.S. Congressional seats to favor Democrats in 2026 is not enough if State governments can still impose the will of the MAGA movement*. In Arizona, it was only the veto power of the Democratic Governor that stopped efforts in the AZ Legislature to enact harmful initiatives in our State in 2025.

In January through June, 2026, members of the AZ State Legislature will be staking out positions to help their chances for reelection in November. Governor Katie Hobbs will likewise be weighing the merits of standing strong with her veto pen against objectionable Republican legislation, versus making efforts to be seen as a leader willing to make bipartisan compromises. Then during the election primary season in the summer and final campaigns in the fall, state office candidates will be making their cases for how AZ State government should look for the next two years. *Will it resemble the interests and ideals of the progressive*

movement, or reflect Trump policies at the State level?

This situation presents a profound opportunity and challenge for ITAA. Can we impress upon our legislators what Arizona citizens really want in education, water policy, voting rights, health care, public safety, and general quality of life? That is what State Senators and Representatives need to hear while they are in session.

Republicans hold a small majority in both the State Senate (4 of 30 seats) and House (6 of 60 seats). Those majorities are large enough to control legislative action but too small to overcome the Governor's veto. ***Thus the 2026 elections become crucial if voters want to change the balance of power leading to opportunities for more openness for progressive legislation.***

Once the Legislature adjourns, election season begins in full blast. All legislative seats and the positions of Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Public Education are up for voters' decisions, as is also the composition of the Arizona Corporation Commission, which controls State utility regulations. Consequently, **ITAA has an incredibly important responsibility** to help inform voters about the issues and the merits of competing candidates and choices and to encourage voters to cast their ballots.

The ITAA State Action Team is committed to responding to these opportunities and challenges. The Team will be holding an in-person planning meeting on the morning of Saturday, December 13, (9:30 am – 11 am) to outline Team priorities and specific actions for 2026. We encourage members of ITAA who wish to participate in this effort to join us then. **We need your help. If you plan to attend, please email either Joe Alexander (joseph.k.alexander@hotmail.com) or Marlene Gibbons (marlenegibbons93@gmail.com).**

2. A NOTE ABOUT THE EPSTEIN FILES:

By demanding an investigation into Democrats-only who appear in the Epstein file, Trump accomplishes two things:

1) placates the MAGA, QAnon and "pizzagate" conspiracy-theory believers who have been clamoring for the release of the files (because they think the files will expose the supposed global child sex trafficking ring led by the Clintons and other Democrats).

2) as long as an active investigation is underway, the files CANNOT legally be released; hence the "where legally allowed" language in Trump's tweets. Thus the supposed investigation will be drawn out indefinitely, preventing the release of the files. This is regardless of the bill passed in the House and Senate.

I would just add this comment from Ezra Levin of Indivisible (about the bill that passed the House and the Senate):

"I don't know how else to say this, so I'll just say it: This bill is not just a political game. There are actual, real-life victims directly, personally impacted by this legislation and the cover-up that preceded it. The press often treats the bill as a political inconvenience for Trump and his coalition. And that same press often ignores Trump's conviction for sexual assault just two years ago in the same articles that treat the trafficking and rape of young girls as a mere political football."

Remember the victims. Honor the victims. Listen to them. Do everything you can to give them transparency, and bring to justice those who committed crimes against them (e.g., by opposing any pardon or commutation for Maxwell).

3. Events and calls to action from Indivisible National

1) Thursday: "What's the Plan?" with Leah + Ezra (1pm MST)

An interactive Q&A with our co-founders -- and special guest Aftyn Behn this week!

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746/>

2) Nov. 27 - Dec. 1: "We Ain't Buying It" Economic Blackout

<https://weaintbuyingit.com/> [NOTE this link was broken as I was writing this newsletter; you may need to check back later]

This Thanksgiving through Cyber Monday – let's make our dollars count. We're asking Americans to hit pause on shopping from major corporations.

*This action is taking direct aim at **Target**, for caving to this administration's biased attacks on DEI; **Home Depot**, for allowing and colluding with ICE to kidnap our neighbors on their properties; and **Amazon**, for funding this administration to secure their own corporate tax cuts.*

SEE ALSO ITAA's own Don't BuyIt campaign:

<https://www.indivisibleucson.org/dontbuyit.html>

Entire month of November 2025 (and beyond)

3) December 4: Resilience for Sustainable Activism Training

5-6:30pm MST

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/862622/>

Many of us entered movement work out of urgency and many of us are exhausted by it. The Resilience Toolkit offers an embodied, justice-aligned framework for sustaining activism over the long arc of the struggle. Rather than treating burnout, reactivity and conflict as personal failures, The Toolkit helps us understand them as predictable stress and trauma responses - and equips us with real-time regulation skills that expand our capacity to stay engaged without collapse or numbness.

=> Cancel your Spotify Premium subscription until Spotify stops running ICE ads. Spotify is running ads recruiting more ICE agents to infringe our rights and terrorize our communities, so we're calling on users to stop paying for or using the app until Spotify stops streaming fascism.

<https://indivisible.org/cancel-spotify>

Don't use Spotify? Support the campaign by spreading the word on social media.

<https://app.sosha.ai/toolkit/spotify-ice-trump-fascism-7980>

=> If you have a Democratic senator, demand that they call for Chuck Schumer to step down as minority leader. Last week's total surrender shows, once again, that Chuck Schumer is not the right leader for this moment. Senate Dems need bold new leadership to effectively fight the Trump regime, and that starts by convincing Schumer to step aside.

<https://act.indivisible.org/sign/dem-senate-schumer-step-aside/>

4. Other Events and News

Sat. Nov. 22, 9am

Stand Strong Speak Up Protest

Location:

Rep. Ciscomani's Office

1636 N Swan Road

Tucson, AZ 85712

Organizer: LD 18 Dems

Stand Strong Speak Up outside Rep. Ciscomani's office, every Saturday at 9am unless otherwise noted.

Canned food will be collected for the Community Food Bank at this protest.

PRICE: Pima Resists ICE

We are a grassroots community organization, created to defend Pima County against ICE by preventing the proposed MTC Immigration Detention Center in Marana.

Pima Resists ICE Interest Form

Please fill out the form below to get more information about joining PRICE in our efforts to prevent the proposed MTC Immigration Detention Center in Marana.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v_unYWvSEvnStysN69Oy3wC -
uNvlp91axAE0pA-hRE/viewform?edit_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v_unYWvSEvnStysN69Oy3wC_uNvlp91axAE0pA-hRE/viewform?edit_requested=true)

You can also join the Facebook group

at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1AGsV3JV7f/>

or check us out on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/price_az/

January 6 rioter who was pardoned by Trump arrested for child sexual abuse

[because of course he was]

Andrew Paul Johnson, 44, faces multiple charges in Florida and has pleaded not guilty to the crimes, authorities say

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/nov/19/january-6-rioter-arrested-child-sexual-abuse-crimes>

State Action Team Newsletter #7 arrives tomorrow -- look for it!

-- Margrit of ITAA

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