

Intro to the Minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting

Dear Indivisible Friends,

Thank you all so much for a great meeting (with 175 participants!). It is very heartening to see so many people passionate about saving our democracy!

[The attached minutes \(pdf\)](#) contain information about activities, resources and people.

There also was a very active chat going on at the same time, which I have tried to summarize below. I have also [attached the full chat to this email, plain text](#), with names corrected and other light editing.

For those who want to participate in a particular team or project: ITAA leadership is discussing the best way for members to contact Team leads. We will be in touch with you within a week to link you up with the teams you are interested in -- and if you don't hear from us by then, please send a reminder to indivisibleucson@gmail.com!

You'll hear more about calls for action and the next steps for ITAA at our next general meeting, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Some highlights from the chat:

Upcoming Events

Protecting immigrants

Remove Ciscomani

Postcards

New Chapters

ITAA T-shirts

Grijalva - should he step down?

Successful Tesla protest

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. Mar. 7, noon, UA campus: Stand Up for Science 2025

standupforscience2025.org

Campus walkout, UofA campus, noon, Fri. Mar. 7. Gather on the UA Mall.

Organizer: unknown

Sat. Mar. 8, Democracy Camp Unconference 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/758407/>

Hosted by: Indivisible.

Location will be sent to those who register.

Sat. Mar. 8 Unite & Resist on Int'l Women's Day. Three events in Tucson:

10:30am - 12:00 p.m on Congress St downtown

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. at River / Campbell

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Broadway / Swan

Organizer: Take Action Tucson

<https://action.womensmarch.com/events/international-women-s-day-unite-resist-in-tucson-1>

Sat. Mar. 15 3:30 p.m. LD20 Town Hall

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

545 S. 5th Ave.

Organizer: LD20 Democrats

Sat. Mar. 15 - ALL DAY -- The Ides of Trump

Mail a postcard to Trump with your response to what he is doing,

This is an organic movement from Facebook which is asking us to send a postcard to Trump on March 15th.

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2017/03/14/ides-of-trump-postcard/99186460/>

Prepare for March 15th, 2025, a day hereafter to be known as #TheidesOfTrump.

Then, on March 15th, mail your messages to:

President (for now) Donald J. Trump

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

Check on TakeActionTucson.org

Take Action has a great calendar!

PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS

Local Hotline 520-221-4077 to report ICE/BP activities

Know Your Rights for Allies training

Sunday, February 23, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Southside Presbyterian Church, 317 W. 23rd St.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/TS6eiA7Awntbn3uBA>

REMOVE CISCOMANI

Tremendous interest in this team that is forming to hold Rep. Ciscomani to account.
Stay tuned!

POSTCARDS GROUP

We have a volunteer leader for this group. Loads of volunteers! Stay tuned!!
Some concern was expressed about how effective postcarding is, and whether the messaging might be counter-productive. I think it depends on the messaging, but I will reach out to those groups who do collect analytics on the effectiveness of their campaigns.

NEW CHAPTERS

From Lila Sellers to Everyone:

I live in Green Valley, and understand that Indivisible is starting a chapter here.

I live in GV as well. Do you know who is organizing a group?

Jennifer S is coordinating. GV is having the first meeting tomorrow, March 4th @ 6:30 in the Ocotillo Room in the Kino Conference Center, Quail Creek.

Jennifer S is on the Nextdoor site, that's how I learned about it.

(stand by for more details)

New chapter in Casa Grande, AZ City and Eloy area

John Persico: persico.john@gmail.com Contact me via email if you live nearby

please.

ITAA T-SHIRTS

We have a small quantity of shirts...mostly Mediums and Larges...we are asking for any amount donation. Also, I (Deena) can bring them to the next in person event. Feel free to contact me or Ruby in membership (ITAAMembership@proton.me)

GRIJALVA

Rep. Grijalva (excellent long-term Dem. Rep in Congress) was diagnosed with cancer in April 2024. He has missed a lot of votes and is supposedly finished with cancer treatment "for now."

<https://www.kgun9.com/news/national/rep-grijalva-misses-votes-on-capitol-hill-despite-razor-thin-split-in-house>

"On the Democrat side, Raul Grijalva (AZ-07) has not voted since Jan. 3. Grijalva announced he was diagnosed with cancer in early 2024, missing all 351 votes from April through September while getting treatment."

Many feel he should step down. If he did, Gov. Hobbs would set a special primary and special election (for a safe Dem district) -- the whole process would take about 5 months (

One person in the chat responded:

I don't quite agree with the call for Grijalva to resign right now. He has not missed every vote. As was mentioned if he resigns we will be without his office and a vote, and a representative for at least 5 months, probably longer. If he could resign and be replaced immediately, I would be in favor. He is in treatment and expects to recover.

TESLA PROTESTS

1,300 people attended the March 1 protest at River/Oracle, organized by Phineas Anderson.

ITAA will notify you via Bluesky, Facebook, or the website of future actions here.

Was covered by NPR, Rachel Maddow, and the largest newspaper in Germany.

Here are some shots from the drone they hired:

<https://youtu.be/NGhrH5wi9Ko>

See also:

https://tucson.com/news/local/article_ca4033a4-f612-11ef-9761-4f75b6a5e623.html#tracking-source=mp-homepage

https://www.kvoa.com/news/top-stories/hundreds-gather-to-protest-outside-of-tucson-tesla-dealership/article_195fa43c-f6fa-11ef-a545-efbcf3df0d24.html

Thank you!

-- Margrit for ITAA

Minutes – Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance Membership Meeting

March 3, 2025

Margrit McIntosh started and led the meeting. Jan Counts took minutes. Members were encouraged to find their local representative and call them to express your thoughts:

<https://www.indivisibletucson.org/elected-officials-2025.html>

Many people in the chat recommended the “5 calls” app to make calling your reps easy:

<https://5calls.org/>

Remember, of the three branches of government, Congress is by far the most sensitive to public opinion.

REPORTS FROM TEAMS

1. Membership – Team leads Deena and Ruby (ITAAmembership@proton.me).

a. ITAA currently has 1,400 members on the mailing list, which is the heart of the organization. 665 of those signed up in February.

Send this link to people who wish to sign up for the ITAA email list:

<http://eepurl.com/hk4ewL>

b. **Survey results** presented (230 survey responses as of 3pm Wed. March 5, 2025 -- mailing list has ~1,400 members)

(NOTE: The survey is still open)

i top checkboxes for what people are interested in:

87% - Hold our national representatives and senators to account

69% - Rely on ITAA as a clearinghouse for timely information/ways to take action on a national/local basis.

60% - Share and gain strength and support from other like-minded individuals

59% - Seek out factual independent media news sources

46% - Protect our local marginalized groups

41% - Join other members in a clean up/trash removal party, feeding the unhoused, or other local service project

40% - Join the team working to remove Rep Ciscomani in 2026

30% - Outreach to other local pro-democracy groups

27% - Help organize demonstrations/protests in Tucson

24% - Post on social media in real time

22% - Commit to daily action RE Indivisible National Website "take action"

22% - Write letters to the editor

21% - Learn about and do Request to Speak (RTS) (a quick weekly action from home, doesn't require going to the Arizona legislature)

21% - Offer your skills and knowledge to keep ITAA strong; IT, research, leadership, other

20% - Enlist a friend to join ITAA

18% - Share/gain knowledge on the Right's attacks on Mifepristone

17% - Research and relay info on upcoming city elections, water issues, etc.

17% - Attend city council meetings, school board meetings, etc.

ii Survey results: "What is your meeting preference for our monthly meetings?"

65% Zoom

35% In person

2. Treasurer's Report – Jeanne Hardie

a. Distributed Funds balance - \$4,596.

Non-distributed Funds balance - \$501.

b. Know Your Rights Cards were purchased from the distributed funds account. If you would like to obtain cards, contact Jeanne at: ferrebeed001@gmail.com

c. Donations to ITAA can be made at:

<https://www.indivisibletucson.org/donate-to-ita.html>

d. National Indivisible provides funding or community meeting through their Indivisigather program.

3. State Team – Marlene Gibbons

Team met on February 25, 2025. Discussed starting a weekly newsletter updating members on what is happening in the state legislature. Individuals within the team are focused on Medicaid, Women's Rights, Water and the State Budget. Membership is encouraged to utilize Civic Engagement Beyond Voting and Request to Speak on the State Legislature website.

4. Letters To The Editor Team – Jackie Marshall

The team has had 215 letters published in the Arizona Daily Star. There are 36 writers and 14 submitters on the team. Arizona Indivisible state coordinator sends the published letters to other Indivisible organizations across the state. Letters are also posted on the

ITAA website, Facebook and Threads. The team has bi-monthly meetings one of which is in the evening where issues are discussed.

Jackie needs writers, proofreaders and submitters.

5. Social media – Amy Gosla, contact information: asgosla5@proton.me

Amy handles the ITAA Facebook page, and Blue Sky.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/179770817226870>

Bluesky account: @indivisible Tucson.bsky.social

Additional volunteers are needed for social media. The addition of another person would help ensure members are alerted to events happening in Tucson.

Some events can be found at: Take Action Tucson (<https://linktr.ee/takeactiontucson>, also their Bluesky account, @takeactiontucson.org)

6. Tech Team - Margrit McIntosh- ITAA Website, MailChimp, Zoom and Gmail (memcinto@gmail.com)

-> The website is in the process of being migrated and will be updated when that process is complete.

7. Team leaders needed for the following teams:

- a. Unseat Ciscomani
- b. Federal research
- c. Protect the vulnerable
- d. Post cards – WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER LEAD! Stand by for more info.

8. General Q&A