

## Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance

General Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2025

Moderator, Margrit McIntosh (Co-Chair and Tech Lead), opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Also present from the Steering Committee were Amy Gosla (Co-Chair, Social Media Lead, Event Coordinator), Jeanne Hardie (Treasurer), Ruby Hoag (Membership Lead), and Marlene Gibbons and Joe Alexander (State Team Leads).

We had two guest speakers, both running in the Democratic primary race for CD-07 (Congressional District 7, left vacant when Raúl Grijalva passed away): Deja Foxx, and Adelita Grijalva. (*Indivisible Tucson has not endorsed anyone yet and inviting these two to speak does not imply endorsement.*)

Amy Gosla introduced our first guest, Deja Foxx, who is running in the Democratic Primary for CD07. Here is the intro:

Deja Foxx was raised by a single mom in Tucson, Arizona. As a free lunch kid in public schools, her family relied on SNAP benefits, Section 8 housing, and Medicaid to make ends meet. Having experienced homelessness because of her mother's struggles with substance abuse, she balanced high school classes with long nights working at the Quick Trip at 22nd and Alvernon. Deja found her first fight advocating for better sex education in Tucson schools where she organized a campaign of student storytellers, delivering a win for tens of thousands of students who until then had been learning a curriculum last updated in the 1980s. She later went viral for confronting then-Senator Jeff Flake after he voted to strip her and millions of other women of their access to essential birth control funding.

Deja has worked as a reproductive rights and Gen Z-focused organizer for the past decade. After graduating from Columbia University as the first in her family to receive a college degree, Deja moved back to Tucson to continue the fight for women, youth, and underserved communities in the heart of Southern Arizona. On April 2, 2025, Deja announced her candidacy to become the first Gen Z woman elected to Congress, running in the open seat in Arizona's 7th Congressional District. You can learn more and support Deja by visiting her campaign website at <https://www.dejafoxx.com>.

Deja then answered questions from Amy and from the chat. In addition to describing her background noted above as her reason for running, she noted that all politics is personal. She has been canvassing throughout her district, bringing in many young volunteers who have never knocked on doors before. They have found that older voters especially are scared that so much they worked for has been overturned and may not be repaired in their

lifetimes. She wants to see a new generation of leadership. She noted that 3 Democratic Representatives have died in office in the last year. She states that she intends to use her full power to obstruct anti-democratic actions by Congress or the Administration. She is adept at using social media as demonstrated by the 7 million views of her posting of one of her responses in the recent candidate's debate. 98% of her donors give small amounts. She does not take Corporate PAC money and will not own stocks if elected. She supports fighting Climate change, increasing the number of justices on the Supreme Court, protecting rights of all marginalized groups. She suggested putting faces on the consequences of the current changes by publishing personal stories. She is "ready to go toe to toe"

Next, Jeanne presented the Treasurer's Report:

Distributed Funds: Starting balance: \$6,823.53, Ending Balance: \$7,235.57. We raised \$540 thru ActBlue and were reimbursed \$305.76 from IndivisiGather. We donated \$200 to Anthem Indivisible to help them get started. We bought more Know Your Rights cards and safety vests for events. Non-restricted Funds started at \$561.73 and ended at \$592.73. This fund will be used for the next postcard campaign.

Margrit spoke briefly in Jackie's absence about the incredible work the LTE (Letters to the Editor) group is doing. The LTE team of 90+ members consists of writers, submitters, first readers, and amplifiers. So far this year, they have had 77 letters published in the AZ Daily Star and amplified across our social media websites. Since March, they are averaging 21 published letters per month, more than 5 per week. The mission is to educate, persuade and inspire others to take action. Contact Jackie at [jacolyn@comcast.net](mailto:jacolyn@comcast.net) if you want to join this group.

Jeanne Hardie then introduced our next guest: Adelita Grijalva, who is also running in the CD07 Democratic Primary which starts on June 18 and ends on July 15, election day.

Intro:

Adelita Grijalva is a lifelong public servant, advocate, and resident of Southern Arizona. A graduate of Pueblo High School and the University of Arizona, she began her 25-year career working at the Pima County Teen Court helping court-involved youth through a restorative juvenile diversion program. Adelita was first elected to public office in 2002, serving on the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board, where she championed the expansion of preschool access and defended Mexican-American Studies.

In 2020, Adelita was elected to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, representing District 5. She became the first Latina and only the second woman to serve as Chair and was re-elected in 2024 with over 73% of the vote. As a County Supervisor, she prioritized

affordable housing, climate resiliency, and community wellness, launching the county's first free preschool program for low-income families and protecting open spaces in the Sonoran Desert for future generations to enjoy.

A believer in public-private partnerships, Adelita serves on multiple community boards. She lives in Tucson with her husband and three children and is the proud daughter of Congressman Raúl Grijalva.

She spoke about her decision to run for her father's office despite grieving his recent passing. She was encouraged by being able to raise the required signatures in 4 ½ hours. She answered many questions: Congress has changed since her father first won office. The need to speak up/stand up is great. When asked what distinguishes her from other candidates, she answered "experience." She spoke about her work as a County Supervisor, protecting 8000 acres of land, supporting preschool programs, affordable housing (\$11 mill in expense resulting in \$422 mill in results without bonds or increased taxes). She spoke about her support of the LGBTQ+ and Disabled communities and protecting their rights. In discussing her support of immigrants and mixed-status families, she mentioned an incident in which ICE agents impersonated TEP employees to try to gain access to a home. She has been visiting border towns and talked about the need for immigration reform and modernization at the border. She talked about the effects of many school health and well-being programs if the current bill passes. She has met with many local groups to find out what they need. She plans to have regional representatives and meet with them monthly since CD 7 is so large. She also mentioned telling the stories of her constituents and speaking truth to power. Many of her father's staff have agreed to stay on if she is elected which will give her a head start on the transition. For example, Raul set up a framework for Environmental Justice for All. She wants to create "listening sessions" with all AZ Representatives in all AZ border communities. Her webpage is <https://www.adelitaforcongress.com/>.

Amy Gosla from Social Media and Events spoke next: No Kings Day is June 14th. Extensive info on the car rally event is available at <https://drivefordemocracy.com/>. Mitch Anderson from Democracy Unites Us told us that as of yesterday (June 1) over 1,130 people have signed up.

Marlene Gibbons from the State Team reported that they are doing research on voting records for all Pima County elected officials.

Ruby Hoag from the Membership Team reported that the in-person event on 5/31 was very successful. 61 people attended. Initially, they had groups get together by geography. Then after individual teams presented, they broke into 4 working groups, addressing Rep

Ciscomani actions, Postcards, Letters to the Editor, and Boycott & Build. The Membership team does need an additional leader and general help/volunteers over the summer, so please let Ruby know if you can help at [ITAMembership@proton.me](mailto:ITAMembership@proton.me) .

Jim Lewison from the Ciscomani Team spoke next: They have several groups working on multiple projects. Jim has produced some wonderful graphics. They are following Ciscomani's voting record. They want to do more social media and have been reaching out to younger voter groups, like Keep AZ Blue. Contact Jim at [jlewis@minn.net](mailto:jlewis@minn.net) and Bernadette Ruiz at [baruiz@aol.com](mailto:baruiz@aol.com) .

Lisa Vaughn and Diane Luber from Boycott and Build: They are collecting information on local businesses to support instead of problematic national companies. Information and lists (support vs boycott) they developed at the 5/31 meeting have been posted on the website: <https://www.indivisibletucson.org/boycott-and-build.html>. And they will also be using social media. They will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 3pm. Contact Lisa at [lisahappy@gmail.com](mailto:lisahappy@gmail.com) to join in.

The meeting was opened to questions/comments from members:

David expressed concern that our local Democratic Party office and staff are feeling intimidated by right-wing threats, as evidenced by locked doors and no signage. He suggested a volunteer security force. Some other suggestions included that someone ask the local office what they need, such as a gofundme for private security. Several members have completed the safety training that Indivisible national has. A local veteran's group (Veterans for Peace) has been helping with security at events we have joined.

Jim Lewison discussed Voter Registration Training. We will be posting dates of upcoming trainings in our weekly email.

*Submitted by Jeanne Hardie*

### **Here is the chat from the meeting:**

18:16:04 From Margrit of ITAA : Save the chat on your local device: At the top of the chat window, click the ellipses [ . . . ] then click Save Chat. This will save your chat to your local recording location. The default is your Documents folder / Zoom / Folder with meeting name, date, and time. Note that this only saves the chat up to that point - additional chats will need another "Save Chat."

18:26:57 From Dustin B. : Hello! 😊

18:27:14 From Shari Plapp : Heya, Dustin!!

18:27:22 From Amy Gosla : Hello from Portland, OR

18:27:24 From David Dodson : Hello....

18:27:34 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "Heya, Dustin!!" with ❤️

18:28:00 From Maureen Clark : Hi

Maureen  
Tucson

18:28:44 From Maureen Clark : Thank you all who put this together

18:28:47 From Dustin B. : Oh yes, Tucson here as well! 😊

18:30:16 From Shari Plapp : Will we be able to ask Deja and Adelita questions?

18:30:26 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "Will we be able to a..." with 👍

18:31:11 From Ruby : Yes, put ASK: and your question in the chat.

18:31:37 From Shari Plapp : I watched the PBS "debate," and had some follow up

18:31:58 From Shari Plapp : Thank you!!

18:32:42 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "I watched the PBS "d..." with ❤️

18:32:57 From Margrit of ITAA : Reacted to "I watched the PBS "d..." with 👍

18:34:21 From Deja Foxx : [dejafoxx.com](http://dejafoxx.com)

18:34:30 From Margrit of ITAA : Reacted to "[dejafoxx.com](http://dejafoxx.com)" with 👍

18:34:36 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "[dejafoxx.com](http://dejafoxx.com)" with ❤️

18:39:50 From Maureen Clark : What's your take on climate change 🤔?

18:41:26 From Maureen Clark : Yes we are ready to pass the torch

18:43:26 From Maureen Clark : 🙌🙌🙌

18:44:04 From Shari Plapp : We are currently in a Constitutional crisis. How do you plan to block/stop/hold accountable the repeated contempt of SCOTUS?

18:44:17 From Maureen Clark : 👍

18:44:58 From Jane Newton : I saw you on The Bulwark podcast. You rocked that interview!

18:45:01 From Nicole Porqueras : 🙌

18:45:02 From Dustin B. : ASK: I work for a Non-Profit AIDS Service Organization which just got \$1.5 Million in budget cuts and now face our HUD Housing contract not being renewed due to us "engaging in gender ideology", which is unconstitutional - this will effect over 150 households in our program, how will you fight back against these illegal policies?

18:45:23 From Laura Silva : Question for Deja: Do you pledge to not accept campaign funds from a PAC?

18:45:56 From Shari Plapp : ASK: We are currently in a Constitutional crisis. How do you plan to block/stop/hold accountable the repeated contempt of SCOTUS?

18:48:22 From Maureen Clark : Thank you

18:48:34 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "ASK: We are current..." with ❤️

18:51:35 From Bill Yohey : Since you do not have any elected office experience or record to examine, why do you think you can handle working in Congress without that experience?

18:53:15 From Dustin B. : Thank you so much Deja <3

18:55:17 From Margrit of ITAA : Yes thank you, awesome presentation, Deja!!

18:55:28 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "Yes thank you, aweso..." with ❤️

18:55:35 From AC : 🙌🙌🙌

18:55:41 From Ruby : Thank you so much, Deja!

18:55:44 From Marlene Gibbons : Thank you Deja!

18:55:50 From Dustin B. : Really amazing, thank you for all you do!

18:55:54 From wendy swartz : Thank you!

18:57:29 From James Sonneman : Thank you all again for taking the time to hear from Deja! Read more about her at [www.dejafoxx.com](http://www.dejafoxx.com). The campaign can be reached by email at [signup@dejafoxx.com](mailto:signup@dejafoxx.com)

19:05:14 From Michele Watson : can you talk louder please

19:05:29 From Jane Newton : Yes.

19:08:54 From Amy Gosla : Reacted to "dejafoxx.com" with 👍

19:10:43 From Amy Gosla : Reacted to "Thank you all again ..." with 👍

19:18:13 From Margrit of ITAA : If you have questions for Adelita, put them in the chat starting with the word ASK.

19:20:23 From wendy swartz : Do you feel the same for the disability community, including persons with a disability in policy discussions that affect them?

19:21:14 From Shari Plapp : ASK: We are currently in a Constitutional crisis. How do you plan to block/stop/hold accountable the repeated contempt of SCOTUS?

19:21:22 From Dustin B. : ASK: The LGBTQ+ community, especially trans and non-binary people, are being targeted across the country. Will you fight for stronger federal protections to stop these attacks and protect our rights?

19:21:57 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "ASK: We are current..." with ❤️

19:28:15 From Dustin B. : Thank you Adelita <3

19:28:48 From Margrit of ITAA : Yes thank you so much Adelita for being here and talking to us. We really appreciate it!

19:29:11 From Maureen Clark : Yes thank you

19:30:15 From jim lewison : So great to hear from you and your priorities - thank you!

19:30:22 From wendy swartz : Thank you!

19:30:39 From Jane Newton : Thank you! Wonderful enthusiasm.

19:33:41 From Dustin B. : Is DUU on Bsky?

19:33:55 From Jude Glass : Sorry, I have to go now. Thank you for the opportunity to hear directly from the candidates. Namaste, friends.

19:34:03 From Margrit of ITAA : Reacted to "Sorry, I have to go ..." with 👍

19:34:12 From Jeanne Hardie : Reacted to "Sorry, I have to go ..." with 👍

19:35:39 From mitchell anderson : MITCH SAYS!!! GO TO DRIVE TO DEMOCRACY.COM !!!!

19:35:48 From mitchell anderson : THAT HAS THE LATEST AND BEST INFORMATION

19:35:52 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "MITCH SAYS!!! GO TO ..." with ❤️

19:36:21 From Margrit of ITAA : <https://drivefordemocracy.com/>

19:36:33 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "https://drivefordemo..." with ❤️

19:36:43 From Dustin B. : Amy can you please say again how many people are registered for the motor march? It was over 1000? Sorry lol

19:37:00 From Karen Pope : Really appreciate all your work and organizing. Many thanks; must go. 🙌🕊️

19:37:25 From Dustin B. : Woouooooo!!

19:38:01 From Dustin B. : Super excited 😄

19:42:00 From mitchell anderson : I want to take this opportunity to thank all the ITAA folk that have come to the protests and responded so generously to our fundraising push. People have been generous and we and our fantastic team appreciate it.

19:42:11 From Margrit of ITAA : Reacted to "I want to take this ..." with ❤️

19:42:49 From mitchell anderson : I have video since I am writing thank you notes to big donors! And doing my postcards!

19:43:06 From Ruby : ITAAMembership@proton.me

19:43:06 From mitchell anderson : NO video I mean.... best to all.

19:43:17 From Amy Gosla : Reacted to "I have video since I..." with ❤️

19:43:33 From Kathleen Brown : What is the website for June 14

19:43:47 From Ruby : Replying to "I have video since I..."

Yay!

19:43:49 From Dustin B. : Replying to "What is the website ..."

<https://drivefordemocracy.com/>

19:44:05 From Kathleen Brown : Replying to "What is the website ..."

Thanks!

19:44:24 From Dustin B. : Replying to "What is the website ..."

Of course! 😊

19:44:25 From Amy Gosla : Reacted to "https://drivefordemo..." with 👍

19:44:28 From mitchell anderson : Replying to "What is the website ..."

YES, thanks.

19:44:37 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "YES, thanks." with ❤️

19:44:40 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "Thanks!" with ❤️

19:45:00 From Margrit of ITAA : Yes thank you Dustin - for the others, its <https://drivefordemocracy.com/>

19:45:20 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "Yes thank you Dustin..." with ❤️

19:47:24 From mitchell anderson : Jim Lewiston.. will you send me an email? [instantmitch@gmail.com](mailto:instantmitch@gmail.com). thank you.

19:47:51 From Margrit of ITAA : Anyone interested in the Postcards group and/or the Boycott & Build team, please put your email address in the chat and which group you want to connect to, and we will try to connect you.

19:48:36 From Amy Gosla : I would like a copy of that list for FB page.

19:48:53 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "I would like a copy ..." with ❤️

19:49:04 From Dustin B. : Replying to "I would like a copy ..."

Oh yes same here too please

19:50:55 From mitchell anderson : We ('Tesla') have partnered with 50501 and [TakeActionTucson.org](http://TakeActionTucson.org)...(and ITAA!) to great success.

19:51:10 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "We ('Tesla') have pa..." with 🎉

19:51:24 From Amy Gosla : Reacted to "We ('Tesla') have pa..." with 😊

19:51:36 From Dustin B. : The boycott and build page I would love a link for that to share around

19:52:27 From Ruby : Replying to "The boycott and buil..."

Great, Dustin — stay tuned, it will be on the [indivisibletucson.org](https://www.indivisibletucson.org) page soon!

19:52:38 From Margrit of ITAA : Here's a page I made but it's out of date now:  
<https://www.indivisibletucson.org/boycott-and-build.html>

19:52:48 From Dustin B. : Replying to "The boycott and buil..."

Awesome, thank you Ruby!

19:52:55 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "Great, Dustin — stay..." with ❤️

19:53:24 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "Here's a page I made..." with ❤️

19:54:01 From Dustin B. : Replying to "Here's a page I made..."

Thank you Margrit, and hey you can just build on what you have now 😊

19:55:05 From Margrit of ITAA : Reacted to "Thank you Margrit, a..." with 👍

19:55:54 From Dustin B. : Adelita mentioned ICE agents impersonating TEP workers knocking on doors to read meters? I have not heard this yet, is there more information on that?

19:56:13 From Margrit of ITAA : Replying to "Adelita mentioned IC..."

I saw it on the local news stations

19:56:21 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "I saw it on the loca..." with 🤔

19:56:36 From Ruby : Replying to "Adelita mentioned IC..."

From what I read in Tucson Agenda, it was one incident in South Tucson.

19:56:39 From Margrit of ITAA : Save the chat on your local device: At the top of the chat window, click the ellipses [ . . . ] then click Save Chat. This will save your chat to your local recording location. The default is your Documents folder / Zoom / Folder with meeting

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19:56:52 From Dustin B. : Replying to "Adelita mentioned IC..."

Oh wow, I will have to look into that story that is insane

19:57:20 From mitchell anderson : KGUN is very sympathetic

19:57:34 From Dustin B. : Reacted to "KGUN is very sympath..." with ❤️

19:58:19 From Margrit of ITAA : Tucson Agenda!!!

19:58:20 From Dustin B. : Thank you all so much

19:58:54 From Dustin B. : Replying to "Tucson Agenda!!!"

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

19:59:04 From wendy swartz : Thank You

19:59:16 From Dustin B. : Have a great night!