

Making Waves for Democracy
April 13, 2025
Ideas for Actions You Can Take NOW

Where are you putting your time, energy, money, and other resources? (Ideas submitted in the chat during the meeting)

Where to donate?

Immigrants' rights organizations

- CHIRLA: <https://www.chirla.org/>
- AVAN: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/avan>
- ACLU: <https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights>

LGBTQ+ rights

- Lambda Legal: <https://lambdalegal.org/>

Museums under threat

- National Museum of African American History and Culture (Smithsonian) <https://tinyurl.com/NMAAHCmw>
- Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo <https://www.janm.org/give>

Elected officials we have canvassed and fundraised for:

- Derek Tran: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/derektran-website>
- George Whitesides: [https://secure.actblue.com/donate/314 whitesides-web](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/314_whitesides-web)
- Dave Min: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dm-launch>

Protests/Demonstrations/Marches/Boycotts

- Attend protests to create visibility for issues and inspire others to get involved
- ICE has initiated a \$45 billion 2-year project to expand the detention infrastructure, these funds have not yet been approved by Congress. Tell members of Congress: “No to detention expansion. Yes to dignity and due process.”
- Go to protests, photograph them, and share photos with grassroots organizations
- Upcoming events:
 - CHIRLA May Day March. Thursday May 1st 9am. Olympic Blvd & Figueroa St.

Phone banking/texts/postcarding:

- Use the 5 Calls app every day. Download it and go. Contact each Senator and your House Representative. So easy, quick and effective: <https://5calls.org/>

Working on specific Issues:

- Chamberlain network to empower Veterans to defend Democracy: <https://www.chamberlainnetwork.us/>
- Support Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. Libraries are under attack, including locally.
- Support professional organizations (e.g., National Academy of Medicine and the American Psychological Association) in not caving to this administration
- Work on protecting LGBTQ+ rights

Wear your beliefs:

- Make protest T-shirts about the Administration’s canceled words. If anyone wants a T-shirt contact Tracy Tynan at tracytynan@gmail.com