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LOCAL REPS AND CANDIDATES ATTEND ILC MEETING

By Shar Walbaum and Rebecca Stone

Photos by Eliot Sekular and Marla Vardell

More than 40 ILC members welcomed four guests to our July meeting at the Lincoln City Community Center. Lincoln County Board of Commissioners candidates, Cristen Don and Cathie Rigby, (right, with Shar Walbaum), OR Rep. David Gomberg and Lincoln City Mayor



Susan Wahlke took time out from their busy schedules to field questions and share a cupcake or two.

During a roundtable session, members peppered our guests with questions on a range of political issues. Don and Rigby shared their perspectives and offered more insights into their backgrounds and experience that could benefit the BOC. Both spoke of potential innovations aimed at growing the economy.



Don emphasized the importance of economic development, but finding a balance between natural resources and natural resource use, stressing the need for sustainable reserve management and for continuing to grow marine sciences. She suggested community colleges could play a role, such as training marine mechanics. She also stressed the importance of bringing stability and trust in government back as well as working to improve childcare options.

Rigby offered ideas on how to support business development and affordable housing. For instance, because entrepreneurs often have trouble starting a business due to initial expense, she floated the idea of collaborative pop ups to get them started. And

landlords could benefit as well by having a space rented rather than sitting empty. She also talked about the benefit of helping people with loans to rehab their homes and the value of rehabbing vs new builds, which we don't always have the space for. More affordable housing could result.

Gomberg offered his opinion that the BOC should be expanded to five, rather than three, commissioners. He also shared an idea of incentivizing our

restaurants to use local fish. "Now," he said, "only 10% come from Oregon waters." He



also suggested that rather than tossing unused parts of a fish, that they be used for other purposes.

Mayor Wahlke discussed future plans for Lincoln City, including the bond measure for \$58 million that will appear on the November ballot for a new city hall.

Following the more formal roundtable, we broke for snacks, beverages, and a raffle. Three lucky people received gift certificates to Bob's Books, Vin & Braü, and ZuhG Life Surf Shop. Then there was an opportunity to chat with our guests one-on-one or in small groups.

Conversations were serious, but there was a lot of laughter, too. Gomberg (below left with Nancy Versaw), Wahlke (above with Shar), Rigby, and Don stuck around nearly to the end.



Finally, we broke into small groups, but the biggest was all about elections. Ten or more people gathered to discuss the Neighborhood Leader Program. It is a very effective strategy that depends on, well, neighborliness. Volunteers reach out in various ways to Democratic or non-affiliated voters (NAV) in their own neighborhoods.

It was a productive meeting — the best kind. In the vote taken the following week, it came as no surprise when the vast majority wanted ILC to endorse both Rigby and Don for the Lincoln County BOC (see below).



ILC ENDORSEMENT

After our last meeting, we surveyed members about whether we should endorse Cathie Rigby and Cristen Don for the vacant seats on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. We had 59 respondents with 57 yes, 2 no, 1 don't know.

Therefore, we've decided to endorse these two candidates. We'll be strategizing with Rigby and Don going forward, so get in on the action. That is the key word now – *ACTION*. Our next meeting is: Tues, Aug. 25, 5 – 7 pm, Lincoln City Rec Center, 2150 NE Oar Pl, Lincoln City, OR 97367

GOOD NEWS ON THE MONETARY FRONT

We have already **hit the mark of \$500** in donations for August! As you all know, National Indivisible will double that which will help our budget. If you donated early (you know who you are), we ALL THANK YOU. If you intended to donate, please still do.



STOP THE ICE SURGE RALLY

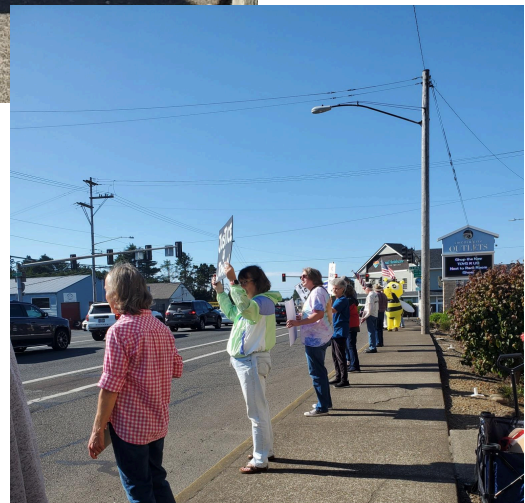
Photos by Ann F.

It was one of those last-minute things in the midst of an insanely busy July, but that didn't stop nearly 70 protesters from lining up with signs on Hwy. 101 in front of the

Outlet Mall to rally against the recent surge in ICE activity. The Stop the ICE Surge Rally generated a positive response from over 1000 cars. And despite attempted interference by a couple of right-leaning agitators, who walked through, seeking attention, everyone was smart, fabulous and kept their cool.



According to numerous news sources, ICE has been engaging in a "silent surge" of immigration arrests in Oregon. While most of the activity appears to be in and around Yamhill County,

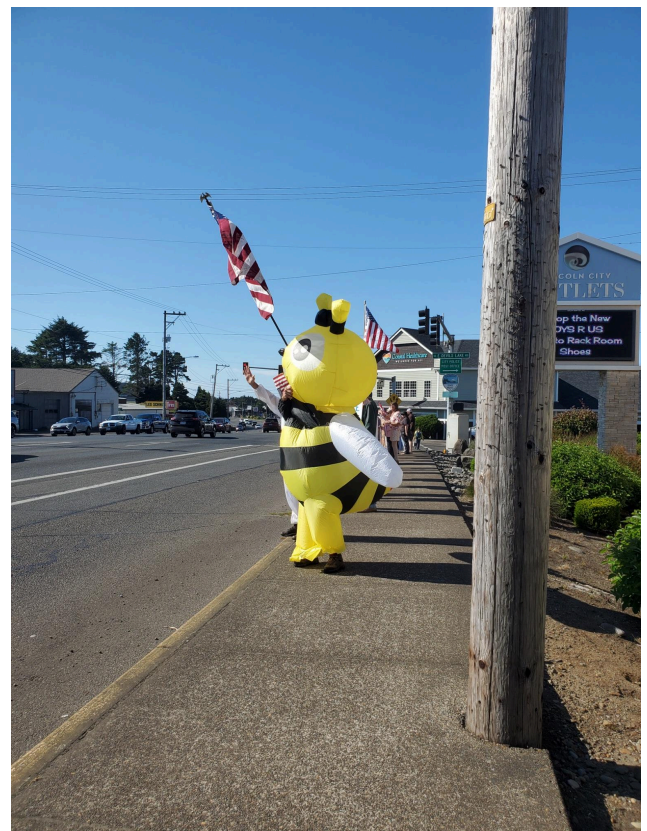


concerns remain high here on the coast. This is especially true after DHS's plan to establish a detention center at the Newport airport. The city and residents along the coast fought back and the plan was allegedly dropped. Or so they say. But...

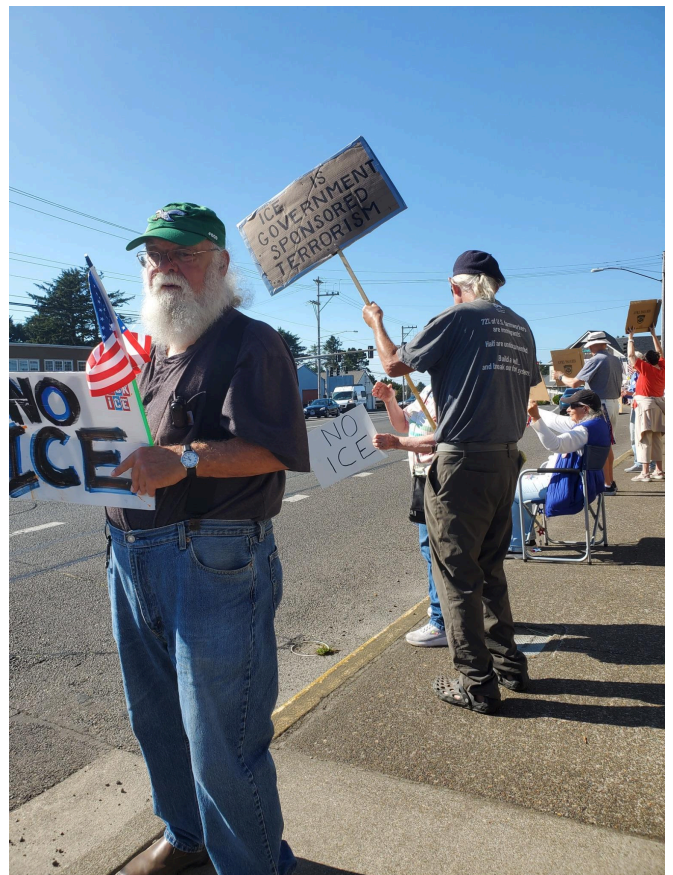


An August 10, 2026 [report by KGW8](#) indicates that Portland has contributed \$20K to help Newport fight any revived plans to develop a federal immigration detention facility. Newport has already spent more than \$300,000 in legal fees to block such a facility.

Though DHS insists it currently has no intention to continue detention facility plans at Newport's airport, local leaders ... and residents ... are keeping their guard up. When asked why Portland is involved in a



project on the Oregon Coast, Portland's Mayor Pete Wilson said, "Newport's fight is Oregon's fight."



VIGIL REMEMBERING THOSE IMPACTED BY ICE: We Mourned Together

By Shar Walbaum

Photos by Ann F.

On Saturday, July 25th, we joined the nation in grieving for the 26 lives lost to ICE in 2026 alone – an underestimate. After listening to Georgia's beautiful bells, everyone

shared the stories of the lives and deaths of these men.

They had immigrated from all over the world: Mexico, Cambodia, Haiti, Germany.

They were as young as 19 and as old as 85. Some had

been here for 35 years. We closed listening to the music of Tim and Alanna. Then, we sang Ella's Song



with the lyric *We who believe in freedom cannot rest*. Our mourning is profound, but it moves us to act.



DOETH THOU PROTEST TOO MUCH?

By Rebecca Stone

Inferences to Shakespearean quotes aside, I hear it from many acquaintances: Seems like you're always protesting! Does protesting really do anything? I don't think it works. Isn't it a waste of time?

And even those of us who regularly tread the pavement with our No Kings signs might start to wonder: Does what I'm doing really matter?

In the face of public indifference, intransigence, or resignation in regard to what many of us see as an existential threat, it's easy to lose track of a bigger-picture question: What if we *weren't* protesting?

History and common sense tell us that no matter how much we protest, we are not going to change things overnight. Harvard Kennedy School's Professor Erica Chenoweth's 3.5% rule is: It takes 3.5% of a population peacefully protesting to effect a desired outcome. The caveat is that this rule applies to change occurring once that many people peacefully protest *regularly*. It's not a one-and-done deal.

Protesting is hard work, time-consuming, and requires a certain level of commitment. In some situations, it can even be risky. But it also fosters a sense of community, camaraderie and allows people to come together to speak out against injustice with a collective voice. And as we've all been taught, there's strength in numbers.

Protesting also fosters a sense of *doing something*. Standing up to authoritarianism, fascism, willful ignorance, greed, and abject cruelty is certainly worthwhile in my opinion. Especially if you believe that silence equals complicity.

The change stemming from protesting often tends to be incremental. And that can be frustrating. But, as people drive by a peaceful protest, one or two might be heartened to join the next one. Others may become curious enough to learn more about what's on the signs. Such gatherings may be the spark that ignites political consciousness in someone, and protests out on the highway are a reminder to those who coal roll us that not everyone has drunk the Kool-Aid. That is a win in my book.

But burnout is real. So, you owe it to yourself and the movement to check in with yourself. Take care of yourself. The November midterms are ahead and to help flip seats, each person must do whatever he or she can, so we'll all need to be in top form. For help recharging your batteries see below.

MEDIA CORNER

If your protesting soul needs a boost as we head into the midterms, check out Rachel Maddow's 7/27/2026 show on MSNOW. In it, she discusses various recent protests and what they've accomplished. You can also find it on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-IVQBHGJBI>

Also, check out the sources below. They offer evidence that while it can be a slow going, protest can be one of the most valuable tools in the social change toolbox that will ultimately put the screws to authoritarianism.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-power-of-protest-in-the-us/>

And...

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/as-americans-deepen-their-nonviolent-mobilization-the-trump-administration-begins-to-make-concessions/>

and...

<https://carnegieendowment.org/emissary/2026/04/no-kings-protest-rally-democracy-strategy>

and...

<https://greattransformation.substack.com/p/do-protests-work>

Ben Wikler: This is the Plan: How to End America's Meltdown and Save Democracy



SPAM PHISHING ALERT

The RNC is ramping up its efforts to mess with the election; tell friends and family. Be especially aware of emails claiming that you need to verify your vote. Do not respond; do not click on links.

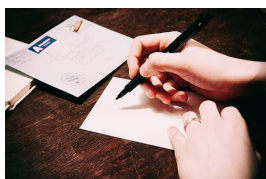


To check your voting status, including party affiliation, ask the office of the Oregon Secretary of State:

<https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/pages/myvote.aspx?lang=en>

THOUSANDS OF POSTCARDS

That is the goal for Sept. 25th. Please join this GOTV effort to reach out to other states.



Francie hosts ongoing postcard parties and also supplies folks who want to work from home. [Reach out to her by clicking here.](#)

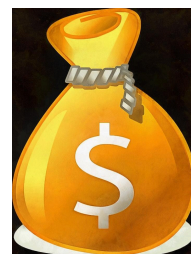
SENATOR WYDEN ON THE JOB!

Shout out to our wonderful Senator Ron Wyden who followed the money trail. Check it out:

https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/wyden_wall_street_epstein_report.pdf

Watch him on the Parnas Perspective here:

[NEWS: Bombshell Epstein Report Reveals Trump/CBS Cover-Up of Money Trail, Military Runs out of Munitions, DOJ Drops More Cases](#)



THREAT TO FORESTS CONTINUES

By Rebecca Stone

As noted in an earlier issue of the *Tidal Wave*, the Trump Administration has set its sights on Oregon's forests with plans to triple the amount of logging across millions of acres over the next 10 years, despite environmental, safety, and conservation concerns in addition to lack of logging expertise and required infrastructure.

In March, the public was given the opportunity to submit comments in regard to this plan to triple logging in our Western Oregon forests. To what end, we still don't know.



In May, environmental organizations Cascadia Wildlands, Oregon Wild, and Umpqua Watersheds filed for a

temporary restraining order against the BLM after discovering the agency had logged old growth trees — which it said it would not do. As a result, a federal judge ruled that the agency had violated the Federal Land Policy and Management Act by cutting down trees more than 175 years old and with circumferences in excess of 40 inches.

Now, there is an opportunity to [submit comments](#) on a draft proposal pertaining to Eastern Oregon forests and including portions of Southeastern Washington. As before, the federal government paints a sunny picture of the changes such a plan would bring about. Environmental scientists and conservation advocates disagree.

Comments are accepted until Sept. 30.

For more, see:

- https://www.centralegondaily.com/news/regional/forest-service-management-plans-eastern-oregon-blue-mountains/article_acf47a39-33b0-43ac-ae77-cbab4b0b3884.html
- <https://oregonwild.org/court-halts-old-growth-logging-sale-challenged-by-conservation-groups/>
- <https://coastrange.org/coast-range-association/siuslaw-action/>
- <https://cascwild.org/2026/new-lawsuit-claims-oregon-timber-sale-is-invalid-after-congressional-overreach/>

Lincoln County Democrats Election Protection Program Ballot Observation Volunteer Opportunity

By Amy Yarrington

Hello Future Ballot Observer!

Observing and monitoring an election is an indispensable way to support our democracy. We've all heard about the threat to Oregon's vote-by-mail process, and your efforts will help to stave off accusations of fraud and mishandling of records.

As a volunteer Election Observer representing the Democratic Party of Lincoln County, you will sit in the 2nd floor hallway of the County Courthouse, watching a nine-camera monitor, or you will sit inside the elections office watching the process through a window.

You will witness both manual and machine processes related to sorting, scanning, signature verification, and vote tabulation. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the ballot counting process.

I will email you the County Clerk's schedule in October. Two- to four-hour time slots will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and you may observe one or more times, depending on availability. Ballot counting will extend from mid October through several days after November 3rd.

The address of the Elections Office at the County Courthouse is 225 W Olive St #201, Newport, OR 97365. I will provide you an Observer Agreement in advance to sign and bring if you have a printer; otherwise, the County Clerk staff will provide you with one to sign.

If you'd like to sign up, text or email me your name, email, physical address, and mobile phone number. I trust you will enjoy yourself!

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CALENDAR

DAILY: Join Jerry from noon to 1pm on the corner of Hwy. 101 and NE 22nd, Lincoln City.

EVERY THURSDAY: WHAT'S THE PLAN with Ezra Levin and Leah Greenberg.

Virtual event from noon to 1 pm PDT,

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/874938/?source=indivisible&medium=web>

Tues Aug 25th, 5-7 pm: ILC AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING, Lincoln City Rec Center, 2150 NE Oar Pl, Lincoln City, OR 97367

Sat Sept. 5: Pirate Puppy Parade cancelled

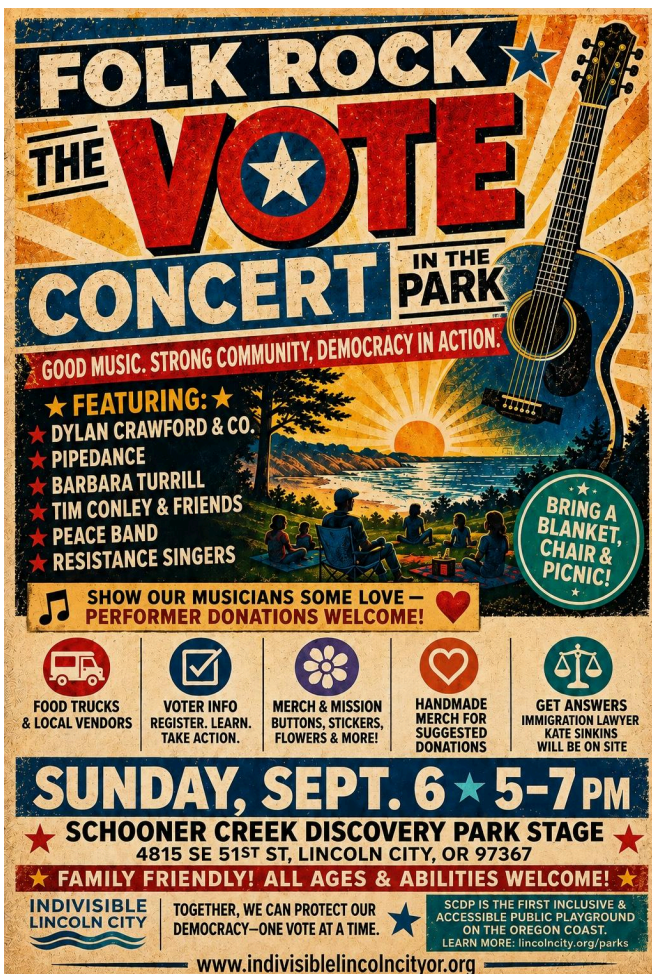
SUN Sept. 6th, 5-7 pm: Folk Rock the Vote! Schooner Creek Stage. Dylan Crawford & Friends, Barbara Turrill, Alanna & Cat, Tim Conley will make music, we will provide all sorts of election and voting info, there will be picnics. Will you help? [Tell us by clicking here.](#)

SAT Sept. 12th, 5-8 pm: ¡La Fiesta del Grito!* Schooner Creek Discovery Park Stage & Lawn. LFdG is an opportunity for Lincoln City's Hispanic community to enjoy music,

dance, and food together and in safety; it is the brainchild of Daisy Canales, proprietor of Amar Cafeato. We are working with her. She wanted to create an event where her community could have fun in an outdoor, family-friendly context.

To keep the event safe and secure, information about LFdG will only be shared within the Hispanic community and with us. It will not be publicly advertised. (We are welcome to attend.) In addition, members of our Safety Team will attend as will folks from other Indivisible Safety teams.

[If you want to help, let us know by clicking here.](#)



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November 3: Midterm Elections: But be sure to mail your ballots in early... or better yet... use the dropbox!

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