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ICE HAS NO BUSINESS HERE PROTEST CRUSHES IT

By Rebecca Stone

Newport, OR — The signs were often clever — shorthand for the outrage felt by most — but the message was clear: We do *not* want ICE agents going after our neighbors, and we do *not* want a detention center, otherwise known as an “alien removal unit” here in our community.

Indivisible protesters from all along the Oregon Coast — from Bandon to Astoria — as well as from the valley converged on Newport on December 13th



The frogs are multiplying — showing up in Newport... along with the other protesters. *Photo by Rebecca Stone*

to attend the Ice Has No Business Here rally, hosted by ILC, Indivisible Waves, and Oregon Coast Indivisible Alliance.

There, on a sunny afternoon, 500-plus sign carriers lined Hwy 101 where it curves past the Newport City Hall to speak out against the prospect of the Department of Homeland Security building an ICE detention center on our coast.



US OR Rep. Val Hoyle takes time out to discuss the Newport/ICE situation with Mary Beth Guerena and Rebecca Stone.

Helping out good causes has become a fixture of many of ILC's actions. During the Dec 13 rally, according to Shar Walbaum, cash donations of \$210 were collected for nonprofit organizations Arcoíris Cultural, Conexión Fénix and Centro de Ayuda.

While the reason for the protest was deadly serious, the atmosphere was festive. Aside from signage were colorful costumes (all the rage for today's protest attire). Food was plentiful via the Canales Taco Truck, assorted homemade cookies, and fresh scones courtesy of a nearby bakery. The Hot Cocoa Brigade from Dunes City Indivisible served participants along the route.



Newport/Oregon Coast Community Drum Circle and friends provided the music. *Photo by Ann Chung*

The event's soundtrack came courtesy of the Newport/Oregon Coast Community Drum Circle and friends. Helping to set the mood, they played music ranging from Andean folk to protest songs.

HOW DID THEY DO THAT?

So, you may be wondering how we arrived at a number for how many participated at the Dec 13 rally. As Shar Walbaum explains, it was a group effort.



Photo by Jan Skelton

Indivisible Waves of Waldport and ILC began counting at 1pm in sections, with two people counting from Angle Street next to City Hall and across the highway north to where the bus turns east (NE 2nd St.). Another person counted south from Angle Street on both sides of the street. A third person counted both sides of 101 north of



The Handmaids brought K9 protection.
Photo by Rebecca Stone

the bus stop and down to the area around Big 5. They counted 500 altogether.



Photo by Mary Beth Guerena



Photo by Ann Chung

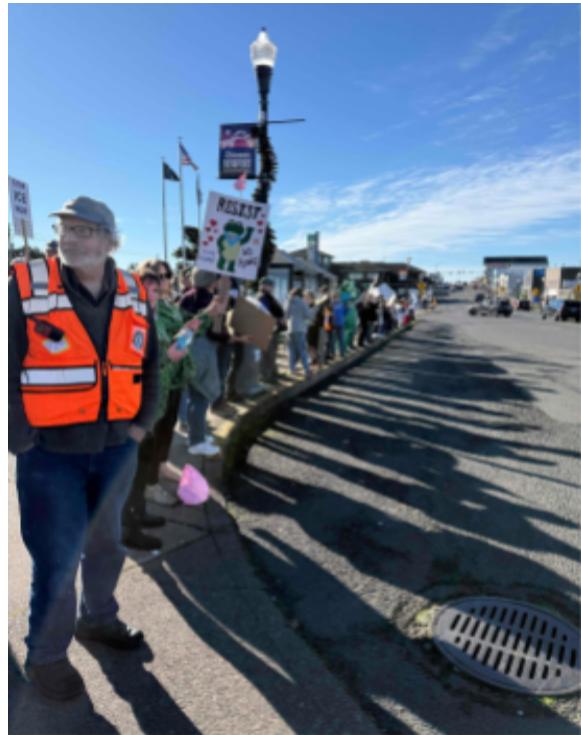
A group from Cape Meares (part of Indivisible Tillamook) walked through the crowd at about 12:20 pm, starting in the middle, counting outward on the city hall side. One person counted along the other side of 101. They counted about 470, but noted that because people kept arriving and the group kept growing, final estimates were well over 500.

WATCH IT!

ICE HAS NO BUSINESS HERE RALLY VIDEO

If you missed it... or just want to re-live it you're in luck. Artist and videographer John Parulis of Bright Path Video has produced a stunning video of our ICE HAS NO BUSINESS HERE rally. If you were at the rally, you may have seen him. He was the guy with the tripod.

Please view and share this video widely. We need to get it out there, into the wider world.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zenhc1rW0zg>



Standing room only along the 101.
Photo by Ann Chung

BREAKING NEWS!

INDIVISIBLE AND THE NATION REACT TO THE SHOOTINGS

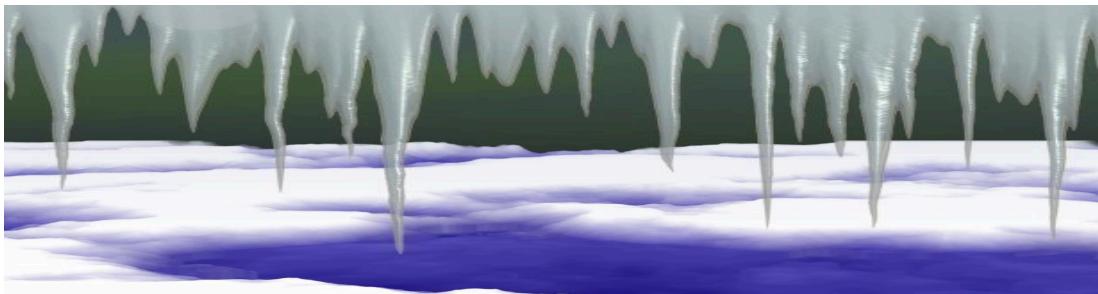
Just before we went to press, the shooting of Nicole Good in Minnesota by an ICE agent had just occurred. This drove us out into the street to protest on a moment's notice across the nation to express our anger over a clear abuse of power on the part of DHS and the Trump Administration.

The following day, two more people were shot in their car — this time by US Customs and Border Protection agents in Portland. More information is pending.

On a two-day notice ILC members lined Hwy 101 in protest of these atrocities. Early estimates indicate that at least 250 people showed up dressed in black. Demands are mounting for ICE Barbie's impeachment and for funds to be cut for ICE. Information is continuing to build. We will bring you an update and more protest coverage in our next issue.

Till then, stay safe and stay strong.

FOCUS ON ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE ICE AGE



Organizer Shar Walbaum noted the presence at the Dec. 13th rally of an information table highlighting the consequences of businesses helping to build, serve, and maintain a detention camp in Newport. “Business members of the community need to know that their compliance will hurt individuals, families, neighborhoods, and the coastal economy,” said Walbaum.

In contrast, she noted that businesses refusing to support ICE in our community deserve community support. But we’ll need to identify those businesses. And thanks to some shoe leather investigating by ILC members Peter Inthout and Gary Hunt, we are making some progress.

At the Jan 6th meeting, Inthout and Hunt presented their experiences and findings so far in querying business about ICE involvement. Due to their efforts, we are starting to gather intel on businesses in our community that have demonstrated their support of Democracy through their refusal to support ICE and their willingness to support our immigrant friends and neighbors in Lincoln County, and to display our posters and flyers.

To help build this list, they are asking members to lend a hand. For instance, when you go to a restaurant, store, or deal with various businesses — from landscapers to roofers — you could ask if they have been contacted by ICE regarding providing goods or services for the proposed detention center. If so, what type of role is being considered? If not, would they be open to publicly stating that they choose not to participate.

Inthout and Hunt also suggest that volunteers carry the red “know your rights” cards to hand out. They noted that they’ve encountered many workers who don’t seem to understand how vulnerable they may be to being swept up by ICE.

The plan is to eventually highlight and publicly recognize businesses that decline involvement in detention center contracting. However, we recognize that we must do this with care lest we draw any unwanted attention to these businesses. So we are proceeding with caution.

Please send any collected information to: noicecoastal@yahoo.com.

PASSING OF A CHAMPION

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Commissioner Claire Hall on the evening of January 4, 2026 at Providence Hospital in Portland after a brief illness.



Hall, 66, dedicated her life to serving her community and was passionate about a range of causes. While serving as a Lincoln County Commissioner for more than 20 years she expanded healthcare services through the creation of federally qualified health centers, increased access and services for veterans, and was a tireless advocate for affordable housing.

It was no secret that Hall was fighting a recall effort. But the fact is that she was widely supported. In fact, hours before learning of her death, dozens of supporters turned out in front of the Lincoln City Cultural Center along Hwy 101 to stand for up to two hours in pouring rain holding banners and signs saying things like "Support Claire" and "Claire Cares." The truth is that many of us cared about Claire.

Hall was recognized as prioritizing others before herself, leading with kindness, and creating countless services to improve the lives of community members. Her strength, grace, and compassion left an indelible

mark on all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the kindness she gave so freely, and the legacy she leaves in Lincoln County.

In honor of Commissioner Hall and the causes she fought for, former Lincoln County Commissioner Kaety Jacobson is setting up the Claire Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Lincoln County Foundation. Contributions via check may be sent to: Lincoln County Foundation, P.O. Box 622, Newport, OR 97365 (be sure to put Claire Hall's name in the notes section).

A memorial will be held Jan 31st at 1pm, Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport.



SO WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE WALDPORT SITUATION?

As we went to press last month, we received late-breaking news from Indivisible Waves about the possibility of ICE lodging at the Alsi Resort in the Waldport area, despite reports that it was just a rumor from other factions. As a result, a call to action was issued and amplified through the Oregon Coast Indivisible Network and our statewide allies in the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN), asking us to attend the Waldport City Council meeting on 12/10 or email public comments by that afternoon to voice opposition to ICE taking up residence in this small town on the Oregon Coast.

According to Amy Anderson of the Indivisible Waves Leadership Team, that evening, more than 130 people from up and down the coast as well as from inland cities flooded the community center where the meeting was held. It was standing room only, with concerned residents spilling into the hallway. In addition, over 600 emails demanding action swamped the city council.

It turns out that the action came not a moment too soon. Anderson says that the city council had initially treated this as a low-priority rumor, but was forced to confront the truth, clear their agenda, and take an official stand. “City Manager Dann Cutter confirmed publicly — for the first time — that an ICE contractor did contact Alsi Resort owner Mony Mansano about housing federal agents. Mansano acknowledged the contact but had not made a decision. However, he has since refused the request for ICE housing at the resort.” said Anderson.

As a result of combined efforts, the council unanimously passed Resolution 1326, formally opposing any attempt by ICE or DHS to house immigration enforcement personnel at the Alsi Resort. The resolution clearly states that Waldport will use every legal tool available to block ICE operations; will work with state and local partners (including Indivisible) to stop ICE from establishing a presence; that the city is committed to community safety, transparency, and inclusion.

Said Anderson, “This is real, meaningful protection for our community — a victory won by everyday people.” Though she cautions that ICE is not known to back down easily. “So we will continue monitoring developments, build out our legal, zoning and coastal zone strategy, keep pressure on local and state officials, hold the city accountable to the resolution they just passed, and prepare for next steps if an ICE contractor attempts to move forward.”

“Make no mistake,” said Anderson. “This unanimous vote happened because communities up and down the Coast organized together. With strong public engagement, the city council moved toward a unified, full-scale commitment to oppose ICE housing in Waldport. Thank you to everyone who emailed, attended, spoke, encouraged, donated, shared posts, reached out to friends, and stood shoulder-to-shoulder in that packed room. And thanks also to our coastal partners, our statewide COIN allies, and every person who said: “ICE has no business in Waldport! Because of you — the City now agrees.”

HOLIDAYS ON ICE

A timeline of the last few months and where things stand in Newport now

10/30: Helicopter abruptly removed from the Newport Municipal Airport without public notice. Sent to North Bend.

11/4: City officials received an inquiry from a federal contractor specializing in housing from troops and private-sector workers interested in leasing the 4.3-acre airport space starting on 12/1. That initial inquiry was retracted, though other companies were reportedly contacted. Specifics were not available, but concerns were that DHS was still seeking to use the space to construct a detention facility. Because Oregon is a sanctuary state, such a project would violate Oregon State law. Oregon is one of just a few states that doesn't currently have an ICE detention center.

11/12: Community meeting in Newport draws hundreds of enraged residents, following a statement issued on 11/10 by the city of Newport letting residents know of the possibility that ICE might be planning to use the airport as a detention center. Evidence had begun to trickle in regarding an inquiry from a federal entity to a local septic company about removing up to 10,000 gallons of wastewater per day over three years from the airport. Job postings for detention officers and medical personnel also began to appear for the area. And it was revealed that a federal contractor was seeking to lease up to 200 rooms for a year at hotels on the coast.

11/21: The Newport Fishermen's Wives filed a lawsuit to force helicopter return. Lincoln County joined the suit. Then on 11/24, OR AG Dan Rayfield filed a similar lawsuit for the state. In response to the suit, U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken issued a 14-day temporary restraining order, mandating the return of the helicopter.

12/8: Judge Aiken extended the TRO for the helicopter another 14 days.

12/14: Oregon U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, and Oregon U.S. Representative Val Hoyle received written assurance by the USCG Acting Commandant Admiral Kevin Luday that the helicopter would permanently stay in Newport indefinitely. This is in opposition to filings indicating that the USCG plans to keep the helicopter there only until spring, at which point it would likely return to the North Bend base.

12/16: Crab season started

12/19/25, the State amended its complaint to add claims challenging the federal government's efforts to potentially locate an ICE detention facility on the central Coast.

12/22: U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken granted the Fishermen's Wives' and the State's motion for preliminary injunction, ordering DHS to keep the helicopter in Newport. At least for the time being. She did not issue a ruling on the detention center.

12/29: Newport's lawyers filed a similar lawsuit in federal court asking a judge to require compliance with federal environmental regulations mandating impact assessments before any construction of an ICE detention facility in the city.

12/29: U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken issued a broader preliminary injunction that ordered the chopper to remain at Newport's Municipal Airport as the lawsuit over its relocation continues to play out.

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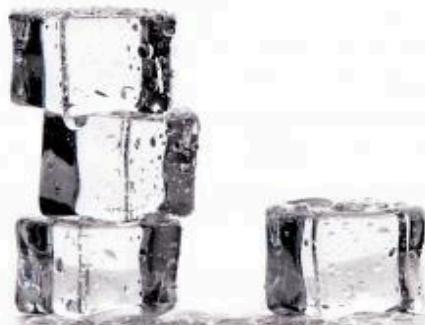
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So What's the Plan?

Locally Speaking

By Joseph Youren

Oregon Coast Hospitality Must Stand Against Detention Partnerships

Coastal hospitality businesses are raising concerns and asking questions about an attempt to bring immigration-detention activity into our region. Any proposal that involves housing ICE personnel, supporting detention operations, or contracting with private prison companies threatens the integrity and reputation of the Oregon Coast's hospitality industry.

Our coastal economy is built on trust — trust from travelers who choose this region for its warmth and welcome, and trust from the workers and families who keep our hotels, restaurants, and tourism businesses running. Detention partnerships erode that trust. They place local businesses in the middle of a national enforcement system that is cruel, inhumane, and incompatible with the values that define our coastal communities.

We must ensure that hospitality leaders understand what's at stake. Aligning with detention operations risks long-term damage to brand reputation, employee morale, and customer loyalty. It also sends a message that profit outweighs people. That's not who we are.

We must call on every hospitality business — from family-run motels to major hotels — to stand firmly against any arrangement that supports detention infrastructure. We must urge local officials to disclose all communications with federal agencies and private contractors, and to ensure that no business is pressured or incentivized into participating in detention-related activity.

The Oregon Coast's hospitality industry has always been a symbol of welcome. Today, that commitment matters more than ever. We stand with immigrant families, with our workers, and with the values that make this region a destination for visitors from around the world. We cannot allow detention partnerships to take root in our communities.



So What's the Plan?

Nationally Speaking

Laser-like focus on the 2026 Mid-terms

By Joseph Youren

Why Oregon's 4th, 5th, and 6th Congressional Districts Matter More Than Ever

Oregon is often viewed as a safely blue state, but that perception can obscure a critical reality: three congressional districts—OR-4, OR-5, and OR-6—will play an outsized role in determining Democratic strength in the U.S. House over the next several election cycles. Protecting and organizing in these districts is essential not just for Oregon, but for maintaining a Democratic majority nationwide.

Janelle Bynum OR-5: The Front Line

Oregon's 5th Congressional District is widely recognized as the most competitive House seat in the state. With only a modest Democratic lean, OR-5 has a recent history of close elections and includes a politically diverse mix of Portland suburbs, mid-valley communities, and more rural areas. Representative Janelle Bynum flipped the seat in 2024 with a narrow margin, making it a top national target for Republicans seeking to regain ground.

Because OR-5 is both newly Democratic and ideologically mixed, it is the clearest path for a Republican pickup in Oregon if Democrats fail to maintain strong local engagement, turnout, and message discipline. Holding this seat is essential to preventing further erosion of Democratic representation in swing regions.

Val Hoyle OR-4: A Warning Sign for “Safe” Seats

Oregon's 4th District leans Democratic, but it must not be taken for granted. The district includes a large share of unaffiliated voters — now the single largest voting bloc—and stretches across communities with very different political priorities. While Representative Val Hoyle holds the seat, national Democratic strategists have publicly flagged OR-4 as a district that requires attention.

This matters because OR-4 demonstrates how districts that appear safe on paper can become competitive when national conditions shift, turnout drops, or misinformation goes unchallenged. In a strong Republican year, or with a well-funded challenger, OR-4 could tighten quickly. Sustained organizing — not last-minute campaigning — is the best defense.

[Andrea Salinas OR-6: The District That Could Tip Either Way](#)

Oregon's 6th District is newer and more politically fluid than most. It includes Salem, growing suburban communities, and agricultural areas of the Willamette Valley. While it leans Democratic, recent elections have been decided by relatively narrow margins, and independent voters play a decisive role.

What makes OR-6 especially important is that it reflects the future of American swing districts: diverse, suburban-rural blends with fewer strong party identifiers. Small changes in turnout, economic conditions, or national narratives can determine the outcome. Ensuring that Democratic values and accomplishments are clearly communicated year-round is essential to holding this seat.

[Why These Districts Matter Nationally](#)

Control of the U.S. House often comes down to a handful of seats. OR-4, OR-5, and OR-6 are exactly the kinds of districts where that control can be won or lost. Losing even one would weaken Democratic leverage on issues ranging from health care and climate action to immigrant rights and labor protections.



The lesson is clear: Democratic success in Oregon depends on sustained engagement, not assumptions of safety. These districts require early investment, strong community ties, and a willingness to meet voters where they are — especially independents and rural communities often overlooked in statewide strategies.

Oregon can remain a Democratic stronghold, but only if we treat these districts as the strategic priorities they are.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR NEWS?

We thought it would be interesting to share some ILC members' favorite sources for national news and political commentary. Here are some of ours so far. What are yours?

TRADITIONAL PRINT MEDIA

New York Times
Washington Post
Atlantic
New Yorker

TV and RADIO

BBC
OPB
KLCC
MS Now
NBC
Democracy Now!

POLITICAL SATIRE

Stephen Colbert
Jimmy Kimmel
Seth Meyers
Jon Stewart and the Daily Show
John Oliver
Bill Maher
The Dangerous Ones (out of Portland)

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

What about watching the other side's news sources? Does anyone watch Fox News? One America? Newsmax? Tucker Carlson? The Benny Show? Breitbart? Or...?

PODCASTS AND OTHER STREAMERS

AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS
Associated Press
Reuters
Pod Save America
The Countdown with Keith Olbermann
The Contrarian with Jennifer Rubin
Rachel Maddow
The Bob Cesca Show
Crooked Media (includes Pod Save America)
The Daily Beans
Majority 54
No Lie with Brian Tyler Cohen
Heather Cox Richardson
Meidas Touch
Politico
The Contrarian
Katie Couric
The Bulwark
The Parnas Perspective
Jon Stewart Weekly Show
Mary Geddney (lives on the Oregon Coast)
Adam Parkhomenko (some profanity)
Snopes
Paul Krugman



GETTING OUT THE VOTE

By Shar Walbaum

Mary Ann Carlson did a lot of research on our behalf so we can learn about upcoming elections and prepare voters. To be clear, she is not the Lead of that team, but wanted it to be successful. She signed us up with Ballot Ready, a system used by Indivisible, to help.

It is a great resource. According to Bobby Michaels, our Big Indivisible point person, "Using BallotReady, we can [register voters, help them make a plan to vote](#), and more!"

You can explore the ILC Ballot Ready Dashboard using this link:

<https://app.periscopedata.com/shared/ca8cdcd7-66e1-47ac-9162-6f56731ff2ee?>

Password: inballotready2023

I signed up for the following:

Blog/Ballot Ready Newsletter

<https://organizations.ballotready.org/research>

2025 Election Dates & Deadlines (under resources)

<https://organizations.ballotready.org/2025-election-dates-and-deadlines>



JANUARY 6 ILC MEETING MINUTES

By Shar Walbaum

We took a moment to think about County Commissioner Claire Hall's lifetime of service. Her sudden death caught many of us off guard. We learned that the stress she was under she had endured for years. Judy Bowman made sure we knew that Claire was not alone when she passed.

ILC in 2025

Five million women and men, outraged over Trump's first election, attended Women's Marches all over the world in January 2017. That was the spark that started ILC. In the past seven months, ILC has put on nine rallies from No Kings1.0 to ICE HAS NO BUSINESS HERE. We have become organized and increasingly more effective.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CAMPAIGN

The ICE HAS NO BIZ... rally was a first step in a campaign to enlist the help of businesses to keep an ICE facility off the Oregon coast. We will educate businesses ranging from contractors to hotels about how it would hurt them, their community, and the coastal economy. We start with direct conversations. Gary Hunt and Peter Inthout took the lead and visited about 40 businesses in Lincoln City. They described their process and summarized their experiences. They received mostly positive reactions.

Anti-ICE activities are happening up and down the coast. Towns are working on resolutions of non-cooperation with ICE initiatives. In early December, Waldport's City Council adopted Resolution No. 1328 which states "The City hereby opposes and objects to any Immigration and Customs facilities or housing within the city." Florence has a similar one in progress as does Seaside. Lincoln City should do the same.

Two types of volunteers are requested: those who would engage in conversations with businesspeople and those who lobby our city council to adopt a resolution similar to Waldport's.

FOCUSING ON THE 2026 MIDTERMS

Joseph Youren, from the Education Team, revealed statistics indicating that the Democratic Party is even less popular than the Republican Party. He made the argument that the only way to counter Republican efforts is to strengthen the Democratic Party. He suggested that members urge their electeds to replace Chuck Schumer as speaker, in that he has not proven to be a strong enough fighter against the Trump Administration and its actions.

He also asked everyone to write down three ideas that they think will help make the Democratic Party more relevant, more believable, and thus more palatable, especially among young male voters.

Youren will summarize the responses and report back. The information will help us reach out more effectively. Our focus needs to be on folks in the working and middle class who most recently voted for Trump. The results will also be used in campaigns directed at Congressional candidates.

ACTION TEAM ACTIONS

During the breakout section of the meeting, most of the activity took place in Immigrant Justice and Elections teams. Details to come.

ONGOING ACTIONS

- Boycott Hilton for dropping Minneapolis Hampton Inn hotel from its system for refusing ICE bookings.
- Encourage our electeds to hold Pete Hegseth accountable for the boat strikes.
- Encourage our electeds to replace Chuck Schumer as speaker.
- Encourage our elected to support the impeachment of Kristi Noem.
- Don't forget the Epstein Files.

Fast Response Team Tips:

Suspect ICE activity? • Call PIRC 1-888-622-1510 • Engage with Immigrant Justice trainings



Mark your calendars!

Upcoming events, workshops, or training sessions

January 15, 2026: What's the Plan? With Leah and Ezra virtual call,
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746> January 20, 2026: Anti-war rally in front of Outlet Mall from 12 to 2 pm

January 20, 2026: COIN meeting at 7 pm,
<https://www.coinoregon.org/news-events/calendar-of-events>

January 27, 2026: ILC meeting at Oregon Coast Community College from 6 to 8 pm

January 29, 2026: What's the Plan? With Leah and Ezra virtual call,
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746>

January 31, 2026: Claire Hall memorial at 1 pm, Hatfield Marine Science Center

March 7-8: International Women's Day Weekend. More info to come

TBD: No Kings 3

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