Hi everyone,

For those of you who made it to the Families Belong Together Rally, it was a sight to behold. Estimations were of over 5,000 people. There were key leaders, Mayor Tim Keller, Rep Michele Lujan-Grisham, Dreamers, immigration refugees and experts, and diverse religion representatives.

We are proud of the work INH did to sponsor this, a BIG shout out to Rayellen and Maria who did the bulwark of the work. Also to our 20+ volunteers. YOU. ARE. AMAZING.

If you weren’t able to make it, you can watch it here:

We were just a drop in the big ‘ole beautiful blue ocean of resistance, over 700 events were held across the States, read more [here](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/30/us/politics/trump-protests-family-separation.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=second-column-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news).

Here’s video of the main event in DC: <https://www.facebook.com/moveon/videos/10155528771720493/>

Lastly, here’s my submission of the best signs, but please send others if you’ve got ‘em!

If you’d like to attend a mass call with Representative Pramila Jayapal, one of the key architects of Saturday's rallies and marches, MoveOn national spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre, and young MoveOn member Marwa E. to unveil MoveOn's 2018 Resist & Win grassroots volunteer election organizing program, click [here](https://www.crowdcast.io/e/resistandwin/register) to RSVP for the web-streamed call today, Monday, July 2 at 8:30 p.m. ET (7:30 CT/6:30 MT/5:30 PT).

**National Actions**

The Congress is on recess this week, so take a needed break. But get ready to rumble when they get back! Our main issues will be stopping a new SCOTUS judge and flipping the House in 2018. We’ll have tools to help us do that, in EVERY State! See the INH website/weekly actions page for more info!

**Local Actions**

The Gila River is New Mexico’s last undammed river. The New Mexico Unit of the Central Arizona Project is pushing a damming proposal and is seeking public comment on an Environmental Impact Statement. Speak out to ensure important questions are addressed during this scoping process, find a link on our weekly actions page

ABQ City Councilor Pat Davis and others want to bring ranked choice voting to Albuquerque elections, read more and write Pat, see our weekly actions page.

**Local Events**

Wednesday, July 4, 4–6 PM: Fourth of July Meet and Greet with Martin Heinrich. Marble Brewery ABQ Westside, 5740 Night Whisper Rd NW.

Monday, July 16 – 5/30 to 7pm: INH Business Meeting. All members are asked to attend. We’ll be reviewing our finances, nominating new board members and determining our key activities in 201. For a link to Business Meeting Agenda,click [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iESQKXXgGH59znThGgm70npbR5DmR5DN3-uIfqp0_Kg/edit#heading=h.v7fpmg2gugsq)

One Albuquerque Goals Summit - ﻿Shaping the City’s future:

Saturday, July 21, 9 AM–12 PM, St. Pius High School, 5301 St. Josephs Dr. NW

Thursday, July 26, 2–5 PM, Sid Cutter Pavilion, 4900 Balloon Fiesta Pkwy NE

Friday, July 27, 2–5 PM, African American Performing Arts Center, 310 San Pedro Dr. NE

Saturday, July 28, 2018, 9 AM–12 PM, (Includes both English and Spanish-speaking discussion groups)

National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St SW

Reminder: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 2!! We’ll look forward to seeing you at the next weekly meeting on July 9th when our speaker will be Melanie Stansbury who is running as the Dem candidate for CD28. We’ve got such as GREAT line-up of strong, committed (women) leaders in NM….come hear another tell us how we can support her!!

Lastly, I want to impart some personal words. These are indeed trying times, and I know it’s really (really) easy to get really depressed about it all. It sometimes feels so overwhelming with every day there being another bad thing happening.

We each have our own coping mechanisms, but if it helps, I’ll share mine.

I won’t go into details, but I lost my life when I was 27. Yep, over and out, no more pulse coming through. And yep, I saw (more like felt) the light. Now I’ll leave it up to each of you to decide who or what that light was, but, one it was soooo nice, and two, when I came back, I realized two things: One, life isn’t that important, it’s all over in a heartbeat. Whatever’s got you down today, will change, and it *will* end. And two, human life is our soul’s tool to move forward. Listen to your heart and whatever it tells ya to do, do it. That’s what counts.

Group thought is key, but what creates that is individual belief and effort. So, chose your path and stay true to it. Do not be deterred, do not be fearful. And whenever you doubt things, think of those who have gone before: Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Susan B. Anthony, Jesus … they all surely had moments when all looked bleak, they doubted their efforts would prevail. And, it took time, more than just one election cycle.

Yes, we’ve still a long way to go, but because each of them held faith in their dream, humanity did advance, and we are all living better lives thanks to their commitment. And each of our spirits are advancing, even Mr. Trump’s.

So, stay clear on your path, know that what you are striving for is shared, and we will overcome. It may not be tomorrow, it may not even be in two years, but we ARE moving forward. Let’s get another foot anchored in November that gets us closer to conquering the mountain in 2020! And when you feel like giving up, just reach out a hand, there’s plenty of us here to hold on to you!

In solidarity,

Melora – INH Outreach Coordinator

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