

Hello Nob Hill Indivisibles,

First off, remember NO meeting no meeting next Monday, May 27, it's Memorial Day

Second, thanks to ALL for coming to the fundraiser last week, it was a SMASHING success. If you've not yet paid for your wins, you can pay via our website specifying "Celebrate the Session" as the purpose. We need all in by Tuesday



I'm to the point where I'm just being a by-stander watching all the crazy stuff in the WH and Congress... staying aware, but also keeping my emotions out of it, too easy to get scared, worried and depressed.

I spend a least 30 minutes every day concentrating on my center, the calm force within all of us. I focus on it...let all the turmoil spin about my head, not touching me. Doesn't mean it's not there, nor not real...but to know I can rise above it.

We all can.

Let's stay focused on the key goal: booting Trump and his GOP enablers out in 2020.

Put out every effort that contributes to that, however it speaks to you...and let the others fall away.

And know we're in this together and we can make it happen, if we stayed focused, calm, and committed. And if we get overwhelmed, hold out a hand, one of us will get your back.

So with that, I'm going to limit this week's actions and just try to inspire you! Despite all the (really) bad energy out there, there's a whomping amount of good going on too:

Actions

Look at the good!

Let's start with a local hero, **Senator Tom Udall, in his opening statement at the Appropriations Hearing** with Secretary Bernhardt to review the Interior Department's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request. Despite the overwhelming force against him, he's holding ground to **NM's principles and the need to address climate change**, to read more, click [here](#). And please call his office to thank him for his service to us, click [here](#). (Thanks to INH member, Teri Davidson, for forwarding this!)

And another one, **State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard is standing up against Trump's wall**, to read more, click [here](#). Call her and tell her thanks, we've got her back, click [here](#) for her coordinates.

Over 1,000 people showed up at the Stop the Bans rally at Robinson park last Tuesday,



thank you!!! **We made the news**, see it [here](#)! Over 400 other events happened throughout the nation, read more [here](#).

For those of you who attended **Johnn Osborn's presentation to INH on the Santa Fe LEAD program** (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion at <https://www.lead-santafe.org/>), here's some great **videos that show the success of similar programs**:
<https://www.kob.com/new-mexico-news/lead-program-begins-in-rio-arriba-county/5238233/>
<https://vimeo.com/120402432>

Many immigrants' stories begin months or years before an agency meets them at the border. Rarely do we have the privilege of following their path to their ultimate outcome. **Raices, a partner with INH is happy to report that nine members of La Comunidad that they helped bring to the border late last year received asylum in April!** Here's Estrellita and Cataleya telling their story, click [here](#).

Read **former Senator Dede Feldman's blog and learn about the NM legislature session heros**, click [here](#).

Some other inspiring people and plans:

Check out this "**Message From the Future With Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**", click [here](#).

Have you seen "**Knock Down the House**", if not, do! To stream, click [here](#).

On the other side of the world:

We tend to get myopic, but there is more than "America", **the largest continent is also coming together to address climate change**. This weekend, activists throughout Africa are attending rallies to urge their leaders to address climate change and commit to renewable energies, to watch more click [here](#).

Now commit to actions which support the good!

National actions:

1. The **House Appropriations Committee has allocated \$50 million in a 2020 federal spending bill to study both the causes of gun violence** and the solutions to help prevent it. Add your name to support this research funding via Everytown and Moms Demand by clicking [here](#).

2. **Facebook uses its addictive algorithms to hook-in users** on hate, playing key roles in horrific violence targeting racial, religious and ethnic minorities. At the same time, Facebook's reach into our personal lives is putting our privacy and civil liberties in jeopardy. **Help address the dangerous concentration of corporate power** that allows Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg to operate on the whims of a single person. On May 30th, one company who is key to shaking up Facebook's governance, BlackRock, is holding a shareholder's

meeting. **You can sign a petition by SumofUs** and tell BlackRock to vote NO on Mark Zuckerberg, to do so click [here](#).

3. The March For Our Lives kids are still at it, they've created a free on-line class on gun violence prevention for any youth activist, "Reducing Gun Violence in America: Evidence for Change". Call all your friends and family who have teens, get them to sign up!, click [here](#).

4. The Nevada Senate passed the National Popular Vote bill this week, they are now the 40th state legislative chamber to do so, the bill now goes to Governor Steve Sisolak for signature! Also this week, **in Oregon, the House Rules Committee held a hearing** on the bill. **Four of the seven committee members are sponsors of the bill**, and the committee is expected to vote on the bill shortly. The bill passed the Senate earlier this year, and has passed the Oregon House on four previous occasions. If the bill passes the House, it will go to Governor Kate Brown, who is a long-time supporter. And, the **NPV bill is pending in the Maine House**. It passed the Senate earlier this year. **Please contact any friends or family in these states and urge them to ask their state legislators to support the National Popular Vote bill**, for script and coordinates, click [here](#).

5. If you haven't done it yet, please do: Take the 2020 pledge. Indivisible national is asking all democratic candidates to sign a pledge. **The pledge calls on the now 23 presidential candidates to treat the primary as an exchange of ideas while respecting their opponents and to immediately support the eventual nominee**, working together to "do the work to beat Trump." **Send a letter and/or tweet to all the candidates** and ask them to take the pledge. Click [here](#) for a list with contact info and scripts.

Local Actions:

1. Please consider giving a \$5 qualifying contribution to your CD candidate of choice, you can do so easily by clicking [here](#). Facts:

- a. You must live and be registered to vote in the district of the candidate to whom you are donating
- b. You do not need to live in the district to help knock doors in other districts
- c. District residents can donate \$5 to more than one candidate but can only sign 1 petition.
- d. Qualifying donations are 1% of the city council district.
District 2: 433
District 4: 393
District 6: 323
District 8: 425

2. Please try to find time this weekend and next week to knock doors to support the Adelante Caucus CD1 and promote Progressive candidates who need qualifying donations to run a clean campaign! You can contact Sharla Parsons at adelantecaucuscd1@gmail.com to let her know how many doors you would like to knock and she'll give you a turf.

3. Barbara Baca Needs Your Vote for the At-Large Conservancy Board Position. If you know someone in Valencia County urge them to support Barbara. Early voting goes through Saturday, June 1, 2019, [Here's](#) her website.

4. Join a Spanish-English conversation group with asylum seekers from May 28-Aug 23, 2019! To sign-up, contact INH member, Laura Nunes at laura@ccedu.org.

Events

Thurs, May 30, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, *One ABQ Racial Equity Groundwater Training*. An introduction to understanding racism in its institutional and structural forms. The City of Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion is partnering with the Racial Equity Institute to bring this three-hour training to more than 200 city employees. Albuquerque Convention Center, to register, click [here](#).

Sat, June 1, 9 am – noon, *DPBC Ward Conference*. Calling All Ward Chairs and Ward Leadership. Location TBA. For more info contact Ward Conference Coordinator, Diane Gutterud, diane.gutterud@gmail.com or text or call her at 818-575-0369

Also June 1, TBA, *MoveOn is hosting an in-person forum with presidential candidates* streamed from San Francisco, CA. Each candidate will present "one big idea" that they'll push forward if elected. Cory Booker, Julián Castro, Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris, Amy Klobuchar, Beto O'Rourke, Bernie Sanders, and Elizabeth Warren have currently committed to be there.

June 5, 6:30-8:30pm, *Retake or Democracy, strategies for PRC advocacy*. Strategize on upcoming Roundhouse Interim Hearings and the 2020 legislative session. Center for Progress and Justice, 1420 Cerrillos, Santa Fe. RSVP by writing to Paul@RetakeOurDemocracy.org.

Sun, June 7: *Wear Orange Day*. Join NM's Mom's Demand Action Wear Orange for National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Sign-up [here](#).

Sat, June 8: *2019 Albuquerque Pride Parade*. Nob Hill Main Street, Central Ave. To learn more, click [here](#). As with last year's parade **INH will be walking front and center, we'll also have a booth** be sure to be there!!

12:30 pm. Don't want to walk in the hot sun, consider attending Progressive Democrats of NM at **the Guild** for a screening of "The Occupation of the American Mind – Israel's PR war in the US.

Sat, July 20: *NMILC Summer 2019 Citizenship and Civic Engagement Fair*. Help over 60 Legal Permanent Residents fill out their citizenship applications, Spanish speakers are needed too! Los Duranes Community Center, at 2920 Leopoldo Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104. To register, click [here](#).

Again, there will be no meeting next Monday, May 27, celebrate our Memorial Day by commemorating one inspiring hero in your life!

Weekly actions checklist:

- Support MDA in appropriating House funds to study gun violence
- Tell BlackRock to vote NO on Mark Zuckerberg
- Get teens you know to take MFoL free on-line course
- Call your friends in Oregon and Maine about the NPV
- Tell all 2020 Dem candidates to take the Indivisible Pledge
- Give to and/or knock doors for progressive city candidates
- Stay calm, get inspired!

In solidarity,
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