

Hello Nob Hill Indivisibles,



This coming Monday, June 17, the Albuquerque City Council will be voting on two measures for Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). RCV is the process whereby a run-off is built into an election in which people rank the candidates according to their preference rather than just their one favorite candidate. One measure will be for Albuquerque to adopt RCV by ordinance. The other will be to put RCV on the ballot for voters to approve this November. Indivisible Nob Hill has been coordinating with Common Cause to promote RCV. We want RCV as soon as possible, and we favor the City Council enacting RCV by ordinance, rather than putting it on the ballot.

INH is MOVING OUR ENTIRE MONDAY MEETING to the CITY COUNCIL on Monday in order to support RCV as the ORDINANCE. Our planned, speaker, Eric Shimamoto wants to do that too and will speak to us on July 15.

The main reasons for supporting RCV are:

- RCV ensures the election of candidates with broad backing and generally increases turnout among the voters
- RCV avoids the phenomenon of vote splitting when there are multiple candidates and two or more candidates with similar views
- RCV avoids the need for and expense of holding a separate run-off election

The reasons for supporting an ordinance over a ballot measure:

- We could have RCV for this fall's City Council elections and avoid the expense of an actual run-off election
- If we do have an actual run-off election, now that our regular election is held in November (as opposed to October), the run-off would be held in December, when a significant drop in the turnout can be expected
- The ballot measure would mean a significant expense in itself and would likely be subject to a lot of money being injected into the campaign against it

Here's a video which simply explains how RCV works, click [here](#).

We have four solid votes for the ordinance: Councilors Benton, Davis, Winter, and Gibson. A big turnout on Monday could put a fifth councilor over the top. If you attend, you have two opportunities to speak for two minutes. One is during the public comment period that begins at 5:30, and the other is when RCV is addressed by the Council. We don't know when RCV will be addressed. So, if you have limited time, please sign up to speak during the public comment period.

Actions

National actions: Call our MoCs, for contacts, click [here](#).

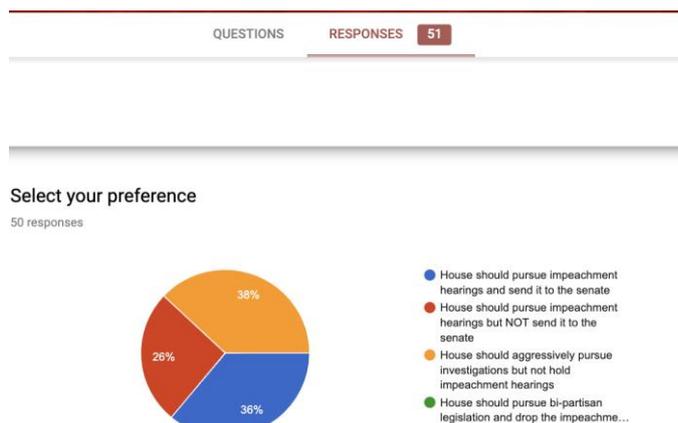
1. Foreign entities interfering in our elections is an attack on our democracy.

Cooperating with those attacks, besides being highly unethical and thoroughly unpatriotic (if not traitorous), could be illegal. It's imperative that Congress **pass the Foreign Influence Reporting in Elections (FIRE) Act**, a bill recently introduced by Senator Warner, which would require campaigns to report foreign attempts to interfere in elections to the FBI and the FEC. **Call our MoCs and tell them to pass this act.**

2. House Democrats are very likely to act on legislation to lower prescription drug costs this summer, and they are currently considering two competing proposals for doing so. Rep. Lloyd Doggett's **H.R. 1046 is a much stronger approach than the alternative**; click [here](#) to learn more about why it's the right policy to solve this problem, then make a call to tell your Rep and ask them to co-sponsor this critical legislation.

3. Tell the Dem Presidential candidates to take the 2020 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.

Want to know fellow Indivisible member's thoughts on impeachment? Take a look:



List out other ideas you have:

19 responses

make sure Trump is not re-elected in 2020. Then try him, convict him and send to jail.

Impeach William Barr. Really torn between first and second choice above. if you are using rank choice voting, the second choice is my 2nd choice, the third choice is my 3rd!

I think Trump should be impeached, no doubt. However, that would potentially lead to rallying his base. Additionally, we cannot take a chance Pence becomes President. I would like for Trump to be incarcerated. So perhaps aggressive investigation is the way to go

If not sending to Senate, I would prefer choice 3. Backing whoever come out on top in primaries is paramount.

If not impeach this president, what crimes would be required in the future?

Despite it all...

It took the U.S. 40 years to reach 1 million solar installations. It only took three to get to 2 million. According to data in a report released by Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables and the Solar Energy Industries Association, **the U.S. now has more than 2 million solar installations -- double the number we had in 2016.** That makes the U.S. the third nation to

reach the 2 million milestone, joining Australia and Japan. And New Mexico is in the top 12 states who are using solar power.

Oregon Governor Kate Brown signed the National Popular Vote bill last Wednesday -- this makes Oregon the 16th jurisdiction to enact the bill into law. Meanwhile, the Maine House passed the bill 77-69 on Wednesday. The Maine Senate had originally passed the bill by a by a 19-16 margin, and then re-passed it by a 21-14 margin. **This means the Bill has 196 electoral votes of the 270 needed to enact the bill into law**, this include 5 small jurisdictions (Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the District of Columbia), 7 medium-sized states (Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington state), and 4 big states (California, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York).

Local Actions:

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, the Democratic Party of Bernalillo County hosted a Ward Chair Conference bringing together our local leaders for networking, strategizing, and planning our organizing efforts. A link to the Summary Report from Meta Hirschl, 2nd Vice Chair, DPBC, can be found [here](#).

1. **Volunteer for the NM Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.** There are many ways you can help women access the care they need: hosting patients in your home who can't or shouldn't stay in a hotel; driving patients who can't or shouldn't drive themselves to their appointments; picking up supplies for our care packages and bringing them to the office; monitoring and recording protester activity as a legal observer. Orientation trainings will be held June 22 at 9:00 am and June 25 at 5:00 pm. Click [here](#) to sign-up.

2. Each month, **local Indivisibles meet with our Members of Congress.** You can **read the minutes of these meetings** by clicking [here](#).

Events

Tues, June 18, 6:30 pm: Ward 29C Meeting. Garcia's Restaurant, 6961 Taylor Ranch Road NW.

Wed, June 26, 6:30pm: Group watch of the first Democratic presidential debate. Hops Brewery, 3507 Central Ave NE, \$5 suggested donation (100% of the proceeds go to the Unify or Die fund).

Also, Wed June 26, 6:30-8 pm: West Side Democrats Meet and Greet Social. Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina St., NW

Thurs, July 4, time and location TBA: "A 21st Century Ellis Island" - Welcome the Stranger. A Public Action to Reclaim Asylum as a Human Right

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](#).

Also on Sat, July 20, times TBA: ACTivist Conference, learn strategies and tactics for local organizing. Hosted by Democratic Party of Bernalillo County. Rio Grande High School, 2300 Arenal Rd. SW, 87105.

Wed, July 24, 6:30 am–8:00 pm: Standing Up to Hate and Intolerance, hosted by the Westside Democrats. Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina St. NW, 87120

Mon, August 26, 5:30pm: *US Representative Deb Haaland will sign the Indivisible Pledge.* INH meeting, O'Niells Pub, Central at Washington in Nob Hill.

September, dates TBA: *Climate Disruption Film Festival Film Festival.* UNM Continuing Education Center, 1634 University Blvd. NE.

Reminder: The next INH meeting will be held at the City Council Meeting in Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, basement level of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center, 1 Civic Plaza NW. Meetings start at 5pm.

Weekly actions checklist:

- Tell Congress to pass the FIRE Act
- Ask your US rep to co-sponsor H.R. 1046
- Tell all 2020 Dem candidates to take the Indivisible Pledge
- Come to Monday's meeting at the ABQ City Council Meeting

In solidarity,
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