

Hello Nob Hill Indivisibles,

Unfortunately, despite our concerted effort, Ranked Choice Voting was not passed as an ordinance by the ABQ City Council. Numerous INH members showed up and gave well-thought out testimonies, but to no avail. However, RCV is not dead, a proposal to allow voters to decide if they would like to implement ranked-choice voting is still being considered, so we'll keep fighting the fight! A big thanks to Rich Weiner who has been a champion for INH on RCV, your commitment and fortitude stand as an inspiration for us all!

Join us for the Debates!!!! There will be two, split amongst the candidates:

Wed, July 26 - Hops Brewery, 3507 Central NE 87106, 6:30 pm

Thurs, July 27 - Kellys Brew Pub 3222 Central SE 87106 6:30

**The first 100 to arrive will receive a hard copy of Indivisible's Debate Watching Guide.
+ there'll be more Giveaways!**

We have joined up with SwingLeft NM to host these events. Bring your friends!!!

Actions

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

1. This is a National action brought local by a community hero. As many of you may already know, **ABQ long-lived activist Sally-Alice Thompson began a hunger strike** to empathize with the hungry children who are suffering in Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea, Iran, Gaza and Yemen because of U.S. policies in those regions. Sally-Alice is 95 yrs old, her protest — Fasting Against Sanctions and Sieges, or FASS — began last Sunday. **Per Sally-Alice's request, many people have pledged to fast a day or two, a meal or more, in solidarity with her and in opposition to sanctions and sieges.** If you do, she has asked you to share your pledge by writing her at sally-aliceanddon@juno.com. You can **also call our MoCs and say that you oppose** any one of these measures that is hurting children. [Here's](#) a video of Sally-Alice's press conference at 400 gold last Tuesday.



2. We did it in NM, now let's make it country-wide!!! Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is refusing to **bring S.42, a.k.a, the Background Checks Expansion Act to the Senate floor for a vote.** This Act would close loopholes that allow guns to be sold without requiring a background check, such as what happens at gun shows. 97% of Americans support universal background checks. Contact McConnell and tell him you're fed up, we need sensible gun legislation now. To email him, click [here](#). And/or send a tweet to @senatemajldr.

3. Last Thursday, June 20, was World Refugee Day. Stand up for compassion, respect and the rights of refugees as they seek better and safer lives for themselves and their families. Here's a great **video by 350.org on global migration and the climate crisis.** Please consider reposting widely, click [here](#).

Food for thought, and fodder

Polling expert Nate Silver's website FiveThirtyEight says that "the Senate will be competitive again" in 2020. Here's why:

- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is only three points ahead of a generic Democratic opponent. And more than 60% of the voters in McConnell's home state of Kentucky are saying that "it's time for someone new" to represent the state.
- Colorado Senator Cory Gardner is "arguably the most endangered Republican senator running for re-election in 2020". A poll shows him losing by eight points to a generic Democrat.
- And in Arizona, astronaut and Democratic challenger Mark Kelly and far-right-wing Republican senator Martha McSally are TIED 44-45!

But, also says the site, "...Republicans Are Favored". So, we need to flip 4 Senate seats in 2020, that's all. To read more, click [here](#).

Local Actions:

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 on June 25 at 5:00 pm. Click [here](#) to sign-up.

2. The **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) collected public comments from March 30, 2018 through July 30, 2018, to determine the scope of the NRC's environmental review of an application from Holtec International for a consolidated interim storage facility to be located in Lea County, N.M.** The NRC's scoping process included six public meetings to solicit public input regarding the scope of the environmental review. The NRC has prepared a scoping summary report which addresses comments received during the scoping period. To read it, click [here](#). You can also find info on the NRC's Agency wide Documents Access and Management System under ML19121A295, click [here](#). If you prefer a hard copy of the report, please contact Stacey Imboden at Stacey.Imboden@nrc.gov or 301-415-2462. The next step in the environmental review process is the issuance of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

3. There will be a **group watch of the first Democratic presidential debate this Wed, June 26**, starting at 6:30pm. Come to Hops Brewery, 3507 Central Ave NE, \$5 suggested donation (100% of the proceeds go to the Unify or Die fund).

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

If ya know anybody...

The Albuquerque City Council allocated \$250,000 to the groups providing hospitality to the asylum seekers being bused to the city. The groups formed a council of site leaders which include St. Michael's Church, Albuquerque Interfaith, Catholic Charities, Congregation Albert/Nahalat Shalom, and Lutheran Family Services. This council is hiring a part-time temporary coordinator to facilitate their joint work, if you are interested or know anyone who may be, [here](#) is a link to the job posting.

Events

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

Sat, June 29, 10:00am-12Noon: *New Mexico PBS Science Café showing of NOVA Addiction – our Nation’s struggle with addiction*. New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, STEM Theater, 1801 Mountain Rd NW. Admission to the café is free, but a reservation is required, please do so by contacting Rose Poston at 277-2396 or rposton@newmexicopbs.org.

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.

Sept 20-27: *Save the Date* - Global Climate Strike. Dates, location and times to be announced.

Don’t miss Monday’s meeting, June 24, Bernalillo County District Attorney Raul Torrez will be speaking...we’ll also have two high school students talk about their efforts to get a single-use plastic ban in all Albuquerque Public Schools.

Weekly actions checklist:

- Support our local icon, Sally-Alice Thompson
- Insist Mitch McConnell bring S. 42 to the Senate Floor
- Come to Monday’s meeting

In solidarity,
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