

Dear Indivisible: Empathy United,

I hope this finds you well! Please see this week's meeting recap and group updates below.

Indivisible: Empathy United - Meeting Recap and Updates

- We had some great guest speakers at this month's meeting!
 - Shauna Hutsell from Angels in Motion Atlantic City
 - Shauna shared information about the goals of Angels in Motion. Angels in Motion is a grassroots non-profit organization that focuses on homeless outreach and helping people in recovery. They accept donations for Blessing Bags which are passed out to the homeless with a resource list and an encouraging note. The organization is hosting a Bingo Fundraiser on 8/2. More information about the event can be found here:
<https://givebutter.com/WVhAei>
 - Sherri Parmenter Democratic Candidate for Atlantic County Surrogate
 - Dr. Sherri Parmenter is running for Atlantic County Surrogate and would appreciate our support. She is currently a member of the Galloway School Board and a teacher in the Atlantic City School District. She holds a law degree, a Master's degree, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership. You can reach her Act Blue account here:
https://secure.actblue.com/donate/parmenter4surrogate?refcode=ab_qr_code&utm_source=qr_code
 - Tim Alexander - newly announced candidate for Democratic primary for CD-2
 - Tim joined us to speak about his candidacy for the Democratic primary in our congressional district. He shared his personal motivation for running after the passage of the Big Ugly Bill. He will focus on protesting and building relationships throughout his campaign.
 - Tim's website: <https://www.timalexander4congress.com/>
 - Important note: *At this time our group, Indivisible: Empathy United, is not endorsing a candidate for the primary for this race. If we go that route, it is something we will decide by vote of our organization's engaged members.*

All candidates are welcome to speak at any of our meetings at a time that is convenient for them. Due to campaign finance laws, they may not be able to speak at some events that are funded by Indivisible grants or Distributed Fundraising funds.

- **Upcoming Indivisible Empathy United Events:**

- **County Commissioners Meeting - August 5th: We will be attending the August 5th Atlantic County Commissioners Meeting at 4:00pm with El Pueblo Unido Atlantic City** to request a resolution for basic decency and the rule of law in all ICE operations in Atlantic County. Please join us to flood public comments. We will read the resolution and encourage anyone willing to speak for the allotted time about the horrors ICE has inflicted on immigrant communities across the country and how we cannot allow this to happen in our own backyard.

Mobilize Link: <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/810918/>

- **Monumental Resistance:** These bi-weekly protests will be held throughout the summer at the World War I monument on Albany Avenue in Atlantic City. **The next one is Friday, August 8th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.** This is a high visibility area as people enter Atlantic City for the evening. Please sign up on Mobilize and bring a friend.

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/799778/>

- **Citizens' Town Hall 2 - August 14th:**

We have joined with El Pueblo Unido, Cooper River Indivisible, and Cape May County Indivisible for a second Citizens' Town Hall. We have some great speakers lined up and will have more information for you in the next few days. Please save the date for August 14th at the Win San Center at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Pleasantville. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the event will begin at 6:00 pm. Please save the date, share the event with friends, and register on Mobilize. <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/810928/>

Please help promote this event!!! Text the flyer to friends and share it on social media! [Download the flyer here!](#)


- When you go to the mobilize page, you will see a Google form. We are inviting participants to submit questions ahead of time to manage our time effectively. However, we hope to allow some time at the end of the program for additional audience questions and remarks.
- If you are running for office, please fill out the second Google form on the Mobilize page so you can be acknowledged by name. Unfortunately, due to our funding sources, we cannot have candidates speak at this event.
- We are waiting on confirmations from several invited speakers, but we have some amazing community leaders already confirmed! We will share a flyer with the final panel next week. *Jeff Van Drew has been invited. Let's see if he shows up!* Confirmed Speakers: Donald Campbell - The Atlantic Center for Independent Living; Shauna Hutsell - Angels in Motion; Irvin Moreno - El Pueblo Unido Atlantic City; Mico Lucide - The Atlantic County Queer Alliance; Mike Ortiz - The New Jersey Organizing Project
- **Monthly Group Meeting:** Monday, August 18th at 6:00 PM; Location TBA; Terri Reese will be a guest speaker
- **Walk of Shame: This event was rescheduled for August 28th due to the weather.** Please join us for this opportunity to grow our community and inform residents about Jeff Van Drew's vote for the Big Ugly Bill. We will meet at Cardinal Restaurant on New York Avenue and leave from there at 6:00 pm. Come a little early to take advantage of their happy hour menu before we leave. Walking is required for this event, but if you are not mobile, come before 6 or after 7 to hang out with your fellow Indivisible friends. We will have large banners, but feel free to bring signs related to the atrocities in the OBBB. Please register on mobilize if you plan to attend:
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/817699/>
- **Drinks for Democracy 3: Meet the Candidates:**
 - Tuesday, September 9th, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cardinal, 201 South New York Ave., Atlantic City
 - Back by popular demand, come out to mix and mingle with local progressives and meet candidates on the ballot for November as well as

some of the announced congressional primary candidates. Please share the event with family and friends and try to bring someone out that hasn't made an Indivisible event yet!

- Confirmed candidates as of 8/1: Terri Reese, Bayly Winder, Maureen Rowan
- Register on Mobilize: <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/822913/>
- Group Leader Louis Stricoff from **Ocean City Indivisible** joined our meeting to share information about upcoming events:
 - **Rage Against the Regime**, Saturday 8/2 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Stainton Memorial Causeway; Meet at the "Flip-Flop Sign" on the Ocean City Side; Bring signs, flags, and everyone you know!
 - **Labor Day Action on the Ocean City Boardwalk**, 9/1 9:00 AM Flag Raising at the Ocean City Music Pier followed by a march to 12th Street and back
- If you would like to see additional events shared in our emails, please email empathyunitedsouthjersey@gmail.com with the event details and organizer contact information.
- **Sign and share the petition calling on Van Drew to resign:**
https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/petition-demand-jeff-van-drew-resign?source=rawlink&utm_source=rawlink&share=93846a8a-f86c-424a-828f-5533d9580040
- **Join a bi-weekly group visit to Van Drew's office:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXwE6GeQjQ8MB7HFOx_KMVCx23s5yxFIbP-Voui9P7iZCeGw/viewform?usp=header
- **Voter Registration Efforts:** Shout out to Mary Lou Jani for all of her hard work organizing voter registration tables over the next couple of months. You will see voter registration events on the calendar. If you would like to register voters, please email empathyunitedsouthjersey@gmail.com and put "Voter Registration" in the subject. Thank you to those of you who signed up to register voters at the 4H fair. If you know of an upcoming public event you would like to register voters at, please let us know and we can provide you with the materials.
- **Stockton Voter Registration Drive:**

We will be tabling at the Stockton AC and Galloway campuses for the first six weeks of the semester. Please sign up for a shift on Mobilize. You will be contacted following registration about receiving supplies.

- Galloway Campus Registration:
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/822903/>
- Atlantic City Campus Registration:
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/822912/>
- **Field Team 6 Voter Registration Training** - Field Team 6 is hosting online training on how to register Democrats. If you have time, please sign up:
https://www.mobilize.us/ft6/event/750876/?rname=Jacqueline&share_context=event_details&share_medium=mailto
- **Canvassing Efforts with the Atlantic County Democratic Committee:** We will be canvassing in Brigantine, Atlantic City, Ventnor, Margate, and Longport. Our goal is two canvasses a week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email empathyunitedsouthjersey@gmail.com and put "Canvass" in the subject box. If you are interested in canvassing in another town, please email me and I will connect you with their field captain.
 - We have posted upcoming walks on Mobilize, please register if you would like to join us. <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisibleac/event/823031/>
- **City Council Watch** - We have started attending meetings in Atlantic City, Pleasantville, and Brigantine. If you would like to attend in your community, please let us know by emailing empathyunitedsouthjersey@gmail.com so we can add it to the calendar. This is a strategy to practice resistance and change the conversation locally. This is powerful because it puts your concerns directly on the public record and forces decision-makers to respond. When done collectively and consistently, it shows community strength, shapes public narratives, and can influence policy in real time.
- **School Board Watch** - Bernadette and Pete have been collaborating with Theresa McReynolds and the SJDWF to cover meetings. If you are interested in participating, please email empathyunitedsouthjersey@gmail.com
- **One Million Rising Training** - <https://www.nokings.org/rise>
- **Take Action Now** - Check on indivisible.org

- **Continued Fundraising Efforts:** Thank you to everyone who has been able to contribute to our fundraising efforts. Our town hall requires some funding. ***If you are able, please contribute what you can to cover the cost of the hall rental and share our ActBlue link on social media.*** Every bit helps, please visit our Act Blue account to make a donation and share the link with anyone who wants to get involved in our efforts:
 - <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/indivisibleac1327169819>
- **Save the Dates:** Next May Day Strong mobilization September 1st - details soon;
Potential community event September 13th
- **Social Consciousness Raising Group** - The next one is being held on August 11th. If you are interested in joining the group, please reach out to Theresa McReynolds
harvest10@hotmail.com
- If you would like your organization's events added to the calendar, please email a reminder to empathyunitedsouthjersey@gmail.com
 - Link to calendar:  Indivisible Atlantic City Calendar of Events

Thank you for everything you are doing for our country, our community, and each other. Hope to see you at an event soon.

In Solidarity,

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