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## **INDIVISIBLE-ACTON \* MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**6:30-8:45 PM**  
**486 MAIN STREET (RT 27), ACTON**

PARKING LOT IN BACK - HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

1ST FLOOR MEETING RM ON LEFT

FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 12

APRIL 9

MAY 14

JUNE 11

JULY 9

SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER 15 (3RD MONDAY)

NOVEMBER 19 (3RD MONDAY)

DECEMBER 10

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### **If you do just one thing...**

***If you do just one thing***, call Senator Kennedy, [using Indivisible's call script](#), today and tell him: Support Senator Markey's CRA resolution to **protect net neutrality**. Fifty senators (49 Democrats and Republican Senator Susan Collins) are ready to overturn the FCC's decision to eliminate net neutrality this week, and Indivisible has identified Senator John Kennedy as the most likely to help.

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### **Action in Acton**

- If you'd like to text to help get the word out about important elections, then check out [Red2Blue](#). You can help make inroads to **take back the PA legislature** by helping in these four elections in Pennsylvania, a key state we need to take back.
- **Learn how Ranked Choice Voting works.** Voter Choice MA conducted a poll for Nikki Tsongas's seat. They published the results with a clear explanation of what the results would be if Ranked Choice Voting had been used. Click [here](#) for the results and the explanation.
- If you are a Boxborough resident, come to the **second day of the annual Boxborough town meeting** on May 15 to support Article 38, which asks the Board of Selectmen to change their name to a gender-neutral name. The term "selectmen" was coined when women did not have the right to vote or hold elected office. At the time, it was an accurate description; however, language has evolved to reflect changing times. This sense of the meeting article is intended to reflect the public's awareness of the importance of language and the nature and value of inclusivity that gender-neutral language helps promote, as well as to send a message of welcome to all members of the Boxborough community.

### **Special State/National Action**

- Use this [five calls script](#) to ask the Department of Homeland Security to **grant the caravan of migrants currently at the U.S. border a fair hearing**. Two hundred people, many with harrowing stories of rape and gang violence, are trying to seek asylum; however the [government is refusing to let them in](#) and hear their cases.

- Call your senators and **ask them to vote NO on the deceptively named bill**, the Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act ([HR3117/S1512](#)), that aims specifically to [prevent factoring in the actual cost of carbon pollution](#). For more info on the importance of the social cost of carbon, click [here](#).
- Call your [state representative](#) and **ask them to support H.4234**, which will prohibit stores from providing single-use carryout bags to customers at the point of sale on or after August 1, 2019. The bill was reported favorably out of the Natural Resources Committee and is now in the House Ways and Means Committee. See this [fact sheet](#) for more details.

REMEMBER: Check out the [Indivisible state newsletter](#) for more ideas on how to get involved and for news on statewide happenings.




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## Volunteer Needs



We are still looking for liaisons for the following two IA endorsed candidates: [Sean Casten](#) and a Sister District supported candidate who will be announced soon.

Also, we're still looking for someone to oversee chairs and tables before IA general meetings. Thank you for helping in advance! Please email Stella Kos at [stella@indivisibleacton.org](mailto:stella@indivisibleacton.org).

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## Calendar

### The Coming Week

NOTE: Change of venue for Wednesday's postcard-writing meet-up: Now at Donelan's Cafe. See event listing.

#### Tuesday, May 8

- 7pm, Boxborough: Role of the Press in Our Democracy – **Speaker Series**, Sargent Library. This event will feature Dan Kennedy, Northeastern University professor and WGBH contributor. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters - Acton Area.

#### Wednesday, May 9

- 5-7pm, Fitchburg: MA-03 **Candidate Debate** at Fitchburg State University; candidates will be asked to focus on domestic issues, including the economy, immigration, [education](#) and national security. For more info, click [here](#).
- 7-9pm, Acton: **Meet-Up** with Activist Alliance and Indivisible Acton and friends. Join us at Donelan's Cafe at [248 Great Road](#) in Acton, where we can resist together. We will be writing postcards for campaigns as well as to Governor Baker about climate change.

#### Saturday, May 12

- 11am-12pm, Fitchburg: 3rd Congressional District **Democratic Candidate Forum**. All candidates will be at the Knights of Columbus.

## Monday, May 14

- 6:30-8:30pm, Acton: **Indivisible Acton's General Meeting** at the Acton Memorial Library.

## Save the Dates

- **Thursday, May 17**, 7:30-9pm, Brookline: Abby Finkenauer (IA-02) Fundraiser RSVP: [actblue.com/donate/fmaf](https://actblue.com/donate/fmaf).
- **Friday, May 18**, 5:30-7pm, Worcester: Special reception honoring Reps. John Lewis and Jim McGovern at Tuckerman Hall. To RSVP, click [here](#) .

## Upcoming Town Meeting and Election Dates

### *Harvard*

- **May 8:** Harvard Town Election

### *Boxborough*

- **May 14:** Boxborough Annual Town Meeting
- **May 22:** Boxborough Annual Town Election

### *Stow*

- **May 15:** Stow Annual Town Election

### *Maynard*

- **May 21:** Maynard Annual Town Meeting

Don't forget: You can always [check our calendar online](#) as well as our list of [Upcoming Events!](#)

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## Meeting Minutes

Check out the [minutes from the latest Steering Committee](#).

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## Contact Information

[Call your House representatives.](#)

[Contact your senators.](#)

Looking to contact someone from IA who is organizing a committee? Here is the [Indivisible Acton Area Team Contact List](#).

Or contact us: Submit action items to [newsletter@indivisibleacton.org](mailto:newsletter@indivisibleacton.org) or via the #ia\_newsletter Slack channel by 8pm on Saturday to be included in the Tuesday morning newsletter. Thanks!

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