

WEBSITE FACEBOOK CALENDAR APRIL 10, 2018

# INDIVISIBLE-ACTON \* MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

PARKING LOT IN BACK - HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

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FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 12

APRIL 9

**MAY 14** 

**JUNE 11** 

JULY 9

SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER 15 (3RD MONDAY)

NOVEMBER 19 (3RD MONDAY)

DECEMBER 10

WE TAKE PROGRESSIVE CIVIC ACTION LOCALLY, STATEWIDE AND NATIONALLY.

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# If you do just one thing...

If you do just one thing, click 5calls to ask your Members of Congress to demand the resignation of Scott Pruitt, as the Environmental Protection Agency's administrator. Pruitt's inappropriate conflict of interest, use of taxpayer dollars to fund first class flights, and irresponsible policy making are a danger to human health and the environment, and he cannot be trusted to run the EPA.

#### Action in Acton

- Be sure to vote when you get the OpaVote email following the April 9 general meeting.
   Indivisible Acton members will vote on a slate of endorsements put out by the IA elections research team. If we reach a level of consensus at 60%, we will endorse these candidates:
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- FEDERAL CANDIDATES
  - 1. Gina Ortiz Jones TX-23
  - 2. Brendan Kelly IL-12
  - 3. Anthony Brindisi NY-22
  - 4. Chrissy Houlahan PA-06
  - 5. Sean Casten IL-06
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- STATE CANDIDATES
  - 1. Jeanne Dietsch
  - 2. Melanie Levesque
  - 3. Dr. Linda F. Sanborn
  - 4. Melissa Shusterman
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- Sign up for Twitter, and learn to tweet your activism! Twitter is easy, fun, and a very
  effective way to resist the Trump administration. Open an account, then bring your laptop
  to join a Twitter party on Friday, May 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Starbucks in Acton. Maryellen
  Walters will teach you how to tweet, retweet, add a GIF or Meme, improve your profile,
  and connect with Resistance members throughout the country. Your voice on Twitter can
  make a difference.

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## **Special State/National Action**

The following bills need to get out of committee **this week** or they will die for the next two years:

- We are coming down to the wire for the anti-gun violence bill Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO). The ERPO bill allows a close relative to go to court to have another person's firearms be temporarily taken away because that person is at extreme risk of harming themselves or others. Please use this link to have an email sent to your state legislators to support this bill. It will only take a minute. If you live in Lowell or Chelmsford, we really need you! Your reps, Nangle and Golden, are the committee chairs. They are not in support yet and they will only listen to their constituents.
- Call your state legislators and ask them to pass S2302, An Act to Promote a Clean Energy Future. Click <u>here</u> for more info.
- Call your state legislators and ask them to pass bill <u>H. 4320</u>, An Act Automatically Registering Eligible Voters and Enhancing Safeguards Against Fraud.



And yes, these emails do make a difference if enough of them come in!

REMEMBER: Check out the <u>Indivisible state newsletter</u> for more ideas on how to get involved and for news on statewide happenings.

### Calendar

# The Coming Week

## Wednesday, April 11

- 7-8pm, Acton: Freedom of the Press Speaker Series. The Acton Area League of Women Voters is sponsoring a three-part speaker series with experts who have first-hand knowledge of the press, journalism, and information sources. Villageworks, 525 Massachusetts Ave, Acton. For more information see www.lwv-aa.org.
- 7-9pm, Acton: *Meet-Up* with Activist Alliance and Indivisible Acton and friends. Join us at Starbucks, where we can resist together. Join Sister District and Indivisible Acton volunteers to write postcards to help turn out young voters in Ohio! <u>More details & RSVP</u> here!

## Saturday, April 14

1-3pm, Boston: March for Science Boston. In contrast to last year's march, we're not
just defending science from attacks by the government--this year "Science Strikes Back!"
Click here for more info.

### Monday, April 16

 Concord: Join the *friendly counterprotest* of the Proud Boys group, who will be at Patriot's Day events with a "rally for free speech." The counterprotest will just be a presence to show that we are not condoning their hate speech on any day, and especially on such a symbolic day, no matter how they disguise themselves. Bring flags to show that patriotism is a full-spectrum ideal! For more info, click <u>here</u>.

### Save the Dates

- Thursday, April 19, 2-5pm, Boston: Volunteer With the Environmental Voter Project.
   Sign up <a href="here">here</a> to volunteer with EVP this Earth Day! If you have any questions please feel free to contact their Organizing Director, Kate Heffernan, at Kate@environmentalvoter.org.
- Monday, April 23
  - 5:30-7pm, Brookline: Meet <u>Brendan Kelly</u>, running in IL-2, at this fundraiser hosted by Marc Foster & Andrea Roberts. RSVP: tom.hallock2@gmail.com.
  - 7:30-9pm, Brookline Town Hall: Meet the candidates for lieutenant governor (Quentin Palfrey and Jimmy Tingle) and for secretary of state (Bill Galvin and Josh Zakim).

Don't forget: You can always check our calendar online.

# **Accomplishments Afoot**

Congrats, Jim!

Jim Hawkins in Attleboro won a state rep. election in a very flippable district. Jim's team delivered 3,000 pieces of literature, thanks in part to Christine Brown and Monica Burke. Way to go!

Wisconsin Win

For the first time in 23 years, a candidate backed by liberals won an open seat on the Wisconsin's highest court. We like to think that some of <u>Judge Rebecca Dallet's</u> win is thanks to Maryellen Walters, who wrote postcards and texted for her campaign. (Join in the postcard fun at a weekly Meet-up!)

## **Contact Information**

<u>Call your House representatives.</u>
Contact your senators.

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