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APRIL 3, 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

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

WE TAKE PROGRESSIVE CIVIC ACTION LOCALLY, STATEWIDE AND NATIONALLY.

[HTTP://WWW.INDIVISIBLEACTON.ORG](http://www.indivisibleacton.org)

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If you do just one thing...

If you do just one thing, [click 5 calls](#) to ask your senators to block the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. You'll help prevent [dramatic negative effects](#) on the drawing of political districts, allotment of congressional representatives, and fair distribution of federal funds for education and social services.

Action in Acton

- As many of you know, the research team of IA has identified 10 out-of-state candidates to potentially endorse. Please be prepared to present your candidate (after research and vetting on your own) with a PowerPoint presentation at the general meeting on April 9th. If you would like to endorse your own candidate, please email Bob Bottino at rbottino@comcast.net with your candidate, rationale, and your questions.
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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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- Look for an email from OpaVote after the April 9 general meeting, where 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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Special State/National Action

- Tell your Senators to **oppose the nomination of Mike Pompeo** as Secretary of State by voting no on his confirmation. Pompeo would help Trump take us closer to war with Iran as well as possibly making our relations with North Korea worse. He doesn't believe in climate change, supports torture and is Islamophobic. For all those reasons and more, call your Senators using [Indivisible's link](#).
- S1447, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act, has passed in the Senate and now awaits a HOUSE vote. This would allocate funds to extend the successful [Clean Diesel](#) program of the EPA which has been subsidizing the swap of high-emission diesel engines, like those typically found on school buses, with modern, low-emission engines. **Please ask your House rep to vote YES on S1447/HR3107.**
- **Consider donating to Black Lives Matter Boston's [Campaign 21](#)**, which supports families who are fighting for housing equity in the Boston area. BLM Boston currently has requests from 7 families with children who need immediate assistance in accessing permanent, sustainable housing.

Help Wanted! (volunteer help...)



We are looking for someone who is familiar with Facebook to help Indivisible Acton Area in posting events and sharing events on Facebook. Please email Joris at joris@indivisibleacton.org or Nate Finch at nate.finch@gmail.com and cc Monica at monica@indivisibleacton.org if you can help out. Thanks!

Calendar

The Coming Week

Tuesday, April 3

- 7pm, Concord: Conversations in a Civil Society: Agreeing to Disagree. For more info click [here](#).

Wednesday, April 4

- 10am-2pm, Boston: Immigrants' Day at the State House. For more info, click [here](#).

Thursday, April 5

- 7-9pm, Carlisle: Candidating Forums. This free event will feature Beej Das, Rufus Gifford, Juana Matias, Lori Trahan, and Keith R. St. John. Seating is limited, so please register [here](#).

Friday, April 6

- 6-7pm, Acton: #Follow Friday at the local Starbucks: Learn how to get on Twitter and how you can use it to help up your activism game. Maryellen Waters will train us on how to use Twitter. Bring laptops/ipads/iphones. Please create an account **before** coming Friday, if possible.

Saturday, April 7

- 9am, online: Healey Signature Saturday and Zoom Call with Maura Healey. Help Maura get 10,000 signatures by signing up [here](#), and signature papers will be mailed to you. The Zoom Call is just for Indivisible-MA folks, limited to 100 people. Don't miss out!
- 9:30am-2:30pm, Milbury: PDM Gubernatorial Candidates' Forum. To RSVP, click [here](#).
- 10am-2pm, Acton: Meet-Up with Activist Alliance and Indivisible Acton and friends; come join us at Bagels Plus (upstairs) where we will be writing postcards through ACLU's People Power campaign for Paid Family and Medical Leave in MA. Click [here](#) for more info.

Save the Dates

- **Saturday, April 14, 1-3pm, Boston:** March for Science Boston 2018; click [here](#) for more info.

Don't forget you can always [check our calendar online](#).

Accomplishments Afoot

Acton Elections: Way to Go!



Many members of Indivisible Acton went to the polls on Tuesday, March 27. The town turnout was 13.66% -- the most since 2011! Check out the celebratory post-election picture from the Red Raven-based after-party. We helped get Jon Benson, Erika Amir-Lin, and Ginny Kremer win election in Acton. Hooray!

Campaign Training

Congrats to Linda Vieira, our newest campaign manager! On Sunday, March 24, she completed the Mass Alliance Campaign Training in Worcester. How awesome is she?

Addressing Arizona

Maria Albarran and Kristan Smith-Park led the charge for Arizona's amazing candidate for special election to Congress, Dr. Hiral Tipirneni, by addressing 30 postcards to potential voters. Join in the fun at one of the weekly meet-ups at Starbucks or Bagels Plus!

Contact Information

[Call your House representatives.](#)

[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!

