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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

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, help get automatic voting registration passed! All the information you need to do this can be found [here](#).

Did You Know?

Did you know that there is a great resource on our website to help you publicize an event? If you wish to organize your own event, [here](#) is a summary of instructions on how to publicize it. There are tutorial videos [here](#).

Did you know that, in order to have more space and more consistent days of the week we have changed our WEEKNIGHT meet-up location and day of the week? Now you can attend a Meet-Up every 1st and 3rd Saturday at Bagel's Plus (upstairs) from 10am-12pm, and every **TUESDAY** night from **7-8:30pm at Donelan's Cafe in Acton**.

Action in Acton

- **Come learn about how we can support one of our endorsed candidates, [Anthony Brindisi](#)**. A member of Anthony's campaign staff will be joining us at our Tuesday Meet-Up at Donelan's Cafe in Acton from 7-8:30pm. See below Calendar for more info.
- Submit any agenda items ideas for June's **Indivisible Acton Area's general meeting** to monica@indivisibleacton.org. The agenda will be closed on the 1st of the month in order to give time for speakers to be confirmed.
- **Phonebank with Sister District** for one of our endorsed candidates, Melissa Shusterman. Click [here](#) for more info.
- If you are a Boxborough resident, come to the **second day of the annual Boxborough town meeting** on May 15 (tonight!) 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

- Support the **banning of bump stocks**, an add-on that allows a weapon to fire almost as rapidly as a machine gun. So far the [majority of public comments have been pro-gun](#) and against the ban. Let's make sure we comment before June 26 that we cherish lives over guns. Click [here](#) to leave a public comment.
- Let's tell Senator Chuck Grassley (202-224-3744 or [at this comment link](#)) that we want to see a **bipartisan process for all judicial nominations** that continues to honor the blue-slip tradition. Senator Grassley (R-IA), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, used the blue-slip process to reject several nominees from President Obama. However, now that the Republicans are in the White House, [this is the second time he is ignoring Senate protocol](#) and proceeding with a nomination despite home-state objections.
- The White House has [cancelled NASA research that verifies and measures greenhouse gas](#) emissions. Let's ask our MoCs if there is a legislative way to **keep this important program** going.
- [115 former US ambassadors wrote a letter to the Senate opposing the confirmation of Gina Haspel](#) as head of the CIA, saying they had no reason to question her credentials but that "she is emblematic of choices made by certain American officials" after 9/11 "that dispensed with our ideals and international commitments to the . . . detriment of our national security." [Call our two Senators](#) to support them in **fighting hard against this choice for head of the CIA**.

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



Volunteer Needs



A liaison is still needed for Gina Ortiz Jones as well as a co-liaison is needed **immediately** to work with Marcy Kenah on Dr. Linda Sanborn's campaign. If you would like to help with flipping the House by joining the election team's contribution to the Blue Wave, please email Christine Brown at christine@indivisibleacton.org or Linda Vieira at linda@indivisibleacton.org.

Calendar

The Coming Week

Tuesday, May 15

- 7-9pm, Jamaica Plain: Mother's Out Front Massachusetts is sponsoring *We're In This*

*Together: **Advancing Clean Energy and Fighting Fracking** from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts.* For more info, click [here](#) .

Wednesday, May 16

- 6:30-8pm, Newton: **Delegate Training** for June conference at [320 Washington St, Newton](#). Please RSVP to sharonstout3@gmail.com for the Newton training.
- 7:30pm, Somerville: Join Ayanna Pressley at a **private screening of *RBG*** at the Somerville Theater. To buy tickets, click [here](#).

Thursday, May 17

- 3pm, Boston: **Democratic Gubernatorial Debate**, Campus Center at UMASS Boston. Click [here](#) for more info.
- 7:30-9pm, Brookline: Abby Finkenauer (IA-02) **Fundraiser** RSVP: 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](#).

Saturday, May 19

- 10am-12pm, Acton: **Meet-Up** at Bagels Plus, upstairs. Join in taking action TOGETHER such as postcard writing, emailing and texting for candidates, discussing best ways to resist, and more!

Save the Dates

- **Tuesday, May 22**, 7-8:30pm, Donelan's Cafe Acton: Meet-Up; please come to hear from a campaign organizer from [Anthony Brindisi](#)'s campaign on how we can help get Anthony elected and continue the Blue Wave.
- **Wednesday, May 23**, 6-9pm, Cambridge: Join us for a two-part series, *White Allies and the Immigration System*, with immigration attorney Matt Cameron. This workshop is geared towards white people who have been in close proximity with the immigration system as allies and are seeking to understand the mechanics of the system, our roles in it, and how we can best offer support. Dinner included. Please [RSVP here](#).
- **Thursday, May 31**, 6:30-8:45pm, Acton: Phone bank to flip the House at the Acton Memorial Library second-floor conference room .

Upcoming Town Meeting and Election Dates

Boxborough

- **May 15:** Boxborough Annual Town Meeting (second day)

- **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!](#)

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 or via the #ia_newsletter Slack channel. Newsletter Deadlines: For Friday's newsletter, deadline is Thursday at 4pm; for Tuesday's newsletter, deadline is 4pm on Sunday.



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