

Jan 12, 2020, 11:30 pm

11:30 - 12:15 Potluck Lunch Birthday Party.

What have people been up to since Nov meeting?

- Nov 14 Meeting with DelBene Staff & Indivisible Kirkland, Indivisible Valley
- Dec 17 #ImpeachmentEve Rally 300 people Redmond
- Jan 9 #AlphabetResistance #NoWarWithIran (Louise, Hanna, Allison + 17 others)
- Friday Postcards & Coffee (Allison, Ruth, Christy)
- Legislative Session Prep Hanna, Louise, Allison
- Meetings with Legislators from LD 1, 41, 45, 48
- Clean Fuel Standards- still have an opportunity to submit comments
- King County will put together a Climate Action Toolkit for cities. They set aside funding, and are hiring a consultant.
- East King County Public Utility District campaign has been launched. 35,000 signatures are needed to get it on the ballot in November. This would replace PSE.
- Linda has been organizing Voter Registration at Bellevue College.

Speaker: Debbie Lacey - Eastside Refugee & Immigrant Coalition (ERIC) was formed 18 years ago also much needed right after 9/11, also a shooting of an unarmed Guatemalan man in Bellevue to address these issues. Mostly human services, but not a lot of advocacy.

- Eastside For All
 - <u>WelcomingAmerica.org</u> is a nationwide organization to support immigrants. ERIC joined them in 2016 and gave them a framework for the organization.
 - Establishes an Eastside Office for Equity and Advancement, Social Justice Initiatives, Welcoming Institute, and Welcoming Cities Collaborative.
 - Coordinates Latino providers to help undocumentedpeople in need.
 - Hope to hire a mobilizer early this spring to make sure local leaders are responsive. This organization is hyper local here on the Eastside.
 - In the process of getting their 501(c)3 designation. Non-partisan for now.
 - Combination of foundation funding, private donations, limited corporate donations if appropriate. Donate on their website www.EastsideForAll.org.
 - Needs an Administrative Assistant- possibility of paid position longer term
 - Needs volunteers for events to spread the word of the organization.
- ERIC will continue as a separate organization providing human services.
- Census Work- EastsideCensus.org will be a site for census information.

- Will set up tables in libraries to help people fill out the census form, and provide many different languages. Will need volunteers to staff these tables.
- We have $\frac{1}{3}$ of our population that are recent immigrants that have never even heard of the census or what it is.
- You will receive a postcard in mi-March. Can fill it out online, by phone or with paper. They are predicting 80% will be using online.
- Citizenship question is not on the form and count is everyone currently living in the US.

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Activity

- Group Photo then get some Cake
- Finish up 2020 Goals, Strategies, Tactics activities
- Ask for people to share some thoughts, OR get someone to read from charts
- Other prompts, if time:
 - What do you think IE's role should be? What's important?
 - Offering opportunities for people to engage
 - How is your engagement different in 2019/2020 than it was in 2017?
- Share the General Outline for 2020 Activities (in addition to Postcards & Alphabet Resistance
 - Jan 13 Mar 12: State Leg Work
 - Jan Women's March, Possible #RemovementEve Rally
 - Feb GOTV education for Feb 22-Mar 10 Presidential primary
 - Mar/Apr 1 Census Education? Postcards mailed in Mar
 - Apr TBD (Also WIN Gathering)
 - May Climate: cities asking for input on sustainability plans
 - June TBD + June 6 Eastside Dinner benefitting 4 eastside LDs and candidates
 - July TBD
 - o August Debate Watch Party After July 13-16 DNC Presidential Nomination
 - Sep/Oct Phonebanking/Textbanking sessions LD 5/CD 8/ Senate Race in ? AZ?
 - Oct Canvassing/Phone Banking/textbanking <u>CPNow.org</u> does organizing for nationwide races.
 - Nov Election Watch Party (could we stand it?)
 - Dec CELEBRATE BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO WIN

Door Prize

State Legislative Session - Calls to Action. Friday email during the session. If we don't have your LD, after the first two weeks you won't get an email, can also request No State Email. Google "District Finder WA" to identify your LD

Announcements:

- Finances Balance \$1130.61
- Women's March- Jan 18th. Meet at NW corner of park for photo at 12:30-12:40.
 watch social media and email in case of postponement for weather.
- Next meeting in **BELLEVUE** on Feb 8, 4-5:30
- Postcards Fridays + new weekend time at Lake Forest Park (Liz Standal)
- Person to help Louise with Canvassing/Phone Banking efforts? email hello@indivisibleeastside.com
- Anyone interested in helping with next Debate Watch Party? email hello@indivisibleeastside.com

15: Announcements from Members

- There will be a meeting with DelBene with partner organizations like WAISN and ERIC to talk about immigration issues here in her district.
- The city of Bellevue needs work on their environmental sustainability plan.

Good News: Shortened list. For full list go to

http://indivisibleeastside.com/good-news/

Nov 12 Supreme Court allows Remington case to proceed.

Nov 12 Federal court rules government's suspicionless searches of international travelers' smartphones and laptops at airports and other U.S. ports of entry violate the Fourth Amendment

Nov 25 Federal Judge Rules That McGahn Must Testify, Delivering Blow To White House The much-anticipated ruling could have implications for other key witnesses, such as former national security adviser John Bolton who has refused to testify until a federal court weighed in.

Nov 28 <u>Judge presses pause on I-976; car-tab cuts won't go into effect for now</u> The plaintiffs suing to overturn the initiative "have sufficiently shown they are likely to prevail," said the King County Superior Court judge.

Dec 2 Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter to plead guilty in campaign finance violations case Prosecutors allege that Hunter and his wife diverted \$250,000 in campaign funds for personal use.

Dec 7 New Redmond City Council member, is among Washington state's first Muslim women elected to local office Varisha Khan, 24, will represent a city of 67,600 residents that's seen rapid growth and demographic shifts — about half are people of color and 40% are immigrants.

Dec 10 <u>Dick's Sporting Goods crossed the NRA. Now Dick's has to deal with... its</u> best sales quarter in years

Dec 11 Kentucky governor to restore voting rights to over 100,000 former felons. Gov. Andy Beshear (D) signed an executive order that will automatically restore voting rights to people with non-violent felonies once they complete their sentence.

This is an incremental, but extremely significant, victory for voting rights advocates. Kentucky's constitution imposed a lifetime ban on voting for people with a felony.

Dec 11 Second federal judge blocks Trump from using military funds for border wallA federal judge in California ruled on Wednesday that the Trump administration could not use military funds for border wall construction

Dec 16 Congress reaches deal to fund gun violence research for first time in decades
Federal agencies will receive \$25 million from Congress to study gun violence in a
government spending deal reached by House and Senate negotiators — a major win for
Democrats who have long pushed for dedicated funding to research the issue
Dec 17 AG Ferguson sues to stop Trump Administration from using Washington
courthouses to snare immigrants with no violent history Attorney General Bob
Ferguson today filed a federal lawsuit against the Trump Administration for arresting
immigrants in and near courthouses in Washington. This practice is harmful to public safety
and Washington's justice system.

Jan. 7, 2020 U.S. greenhouse gas emissions fell by estimated 2.1% in 2019 due to coal decline

Jan 8, 2020 The Virginia House of Delegates was sworn in. For the first time in 20 years, we have a Democratic majority in the Virginia House, and Eileen Filler-Korn was sworn in as the first female speaker of the 400 year old VA Statehouse

Jan 8 Appeals court refuses to lift injunction on immigrant 'public charge' rule
A panel of federal judges in New York on Wednesday denied the Trump administration's
request to begin a program aimed at cutting back benefits for immigrants while a lawsuit
over the plan plays out in court