



IE All Group Meeting Notes
Sun Oct 13, 2019 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Redmond Library

What have people been up to?

- Alphabet Resistance - September REFUND FEMA/DEFUND ICE
- Postcards to Voters - 3 evening events since September meeting
 - Federal Way - newly registered voters,
 - Lance Gurel & Tim Hattenburg - Spokane Valley City Council
 - PLUS: weekly Friday Postcards And Coffee in Bellevue - Lance Gurel, Tim Hattenburg
- Washington Invisible Network Gathering in Ellensburg.
Five organizing trainers from national Indivisible met with over 45 participants from many Indivisible groups from all parts of the state. They discussed how to bring the Indivisible groups together to become a more powerful and influential organization statewide and how to share information on what works to strengthen each others' actions. The most valuable time was spent meeting other committed individuals face-to-face and networking with them. Louise Pathe and Hanna Floss represented Indivisible Eastside.
- What have YOU been up to?
 - Young people's climate strike and marches need to be helped along to move these events into actions. Jan Keller will be working to make this happen.
 - An immigration forum in Issaquah was held today and there will be follow-up by several Indivisible groups, with Indivisible 1 (Duvall) to be the lead. There is a need for volunteers to accompany kids to their hearings. There will be a meeting on Thursday, Oct 17 with Cong. Suzan DelBene District Director for the four Indivisible groups in her District. The immigration system, defunding ICE and Border Patrol issues will be discussed. Indivisible Eastside is coordinating this meeting.
 - A wall of people surrounded the mosque in Redmond in support of the Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) that had been threatened by a right-wing group to show up to protest the mosque. Valeri and Roger Probert-Baker participated.

- A future action for next year was announced. People interested in going to Arizona to canvass for US Senate race and Presidential race will be invited by local people. More information at future meetings.

Announcements:

- Thank people for bringing refreshments and reminder to eat!
- Finances – Balance **\$749.55**
- Upcoming events: (all in Monday's action email)
 - Tues, Oct 15, 7-9 pm [Postcards to Voters](#) Bellevue - Sign up to attend
 - Tues, Oct 22, 7-9 pm [Postcards to Voters](#) Bellevue - Sign up to attend
 - Thur, Oct 24, 4:30-5:30 pm [Alphabet Resistance GOTV](#) - Sign up to attend
 - Sun, Oct 27, 1-2 pm [Town Hall with Congressman Adam Smith](#), Machinists Union Hall, Seattle
 - Mon, Oct 28, Deadline for online or mail-in Voter Registration to be able to vote in the November Election
 - Tues, Nov 5, ELECTION DAY, Ballots must be postmarked that day or in drop box by 8 pm
 - Sat, Nov 9, 2-4:30 Indivisible Group Meeting, Redmond Library
- Re: Friday postcards sessions. While currently at Cafe Dillentrante in Bellevue, the group is trying to arrange to move to a Crossroads. Any changes will be announced in emails to participants and Indivisible Eastside newsletter.

Alpha Resistance video for Gun Safety: [YouTube Video](#) of Indivisible Eastside members calling for gun safety now above I-405 was shown.

Speaker 1:

Sue Shutz | Redmond/Woodinville Local Group Lead ([MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA](#))

- Sue Shutz said that Moms Demand Action focus on fighting for common sense gun laws. There are 25 local groups within the state. The group started by one woman moved to action after the Sandy Hook killings. The group merged with Everytown, Bloomberg's organization of mayors, to expand resources and data sources in support of gun laws. This effort is meant to match the NRA by talking with data when reaching out to elected officials and community leaders.
- We Take Action to create enforceable gun safety laws.
- GSAN Gun Sense Action Network (text VOLUNTEER to 6433 to volunteer) contacts elected officials and speaks to staff on a regular basis. This effort focuses on Federal actions and voter outreach.

- BeSMART focuses on kids and laws such as storing guns at home.
- Red Flag legislation is supported; see www.onethingyoucando.org
- Their meetings also provide training on active steps such as how to write letters to the editors.
- Students Demand Action have about 400 students organized throughout the state. They are currently focusing on GOTV.
- Everytown Survivor Network (Text SURVIVOR to 64433) involves survivors of gun violence telling their stories in hopes of stopping gun violence and enacting sensible gun laws.
- Alliance for Gun Control website is a good source of information. Put State Reps and Senators into your phones to contact them on gun safety laws. Keep calling them frequently. Start now; don't wait until Legislature convenes.
- State Legislature SB5174 - require training
- Talking about gun safety means carefully watching words that trigger backlash, i.e. "gun safety", not "gun control". Moms Demand Action uses a pamphlet with very specific non-triggering words and phrases. [Words We Use](#)

Donation request for refugee boys in Fife

Thank you for all donations.

Items needed:

- backpacks
- "throw" size soft cozy blankets,
- reusable BPA free water bottles,
- socks
- men's hygiene products (NO aerosol products please)
- individually wrapped snack foods.
- school or art supplies
- clothing (mostly mens medium size but some smaller and larger) Can be gently used

Good News

There were 25 items on the list of "good news" items ranging from local to national news of court rulings against Trump Administration immigration actions.

Voter Education:

- Importance of Bellevue City Council race in conjunction with homeless shelter. Bellevue's proposed men's shelter has permits, a site, and 3 years to build it. It is important to review candidates closely on this project and to address the "not in my backyard" opposition.
- Mail In & same day Voter registration information.
 - [King County vote centers](#) were shown on a projected map. They are looking for volunteers to observe the vote counting.
- [What is on your ballot?](#)

- R-88/I-1000 Restoring fairness and opportunity to Washington's public employment, contracting, and education enrollment policies. Voting YES on R-88 means you agree with I-1000 <https://wafairness.org/>
- Video Voters' Guide presentation by former Governor Gary Locke.
- I-976 Tim Eyman's gutting transportation funding <https://www.no976.org/>
- Removes car tab funding of local and regional transportation funding.
- What's up with the 12 Advisory Votes on the ballot?
- Laws that passed the legislature that involve taxes, a Tim Eyman.
 - Advisory votes are **non-binding**. The **results will not change the law**.
 - You are advising the Legislature to repeal or maintain a tax increase.
 - In reality, [this is a push-poll for Tim Eyman](#) to use to craft future initiatives
 - [Stick it to Tim Eyman by Voting "Maintained" on all Advisory Votes](#)

Candidates:

- Jane Aras - candidate for Bellevue School Board, Position 5. She came to the U.S. to be with an adoption family and became committed to being a teacher at a very young age. She is a special education teacher who wants to see greater equality of funding for schools in wealthy areas and those in poorer areas, especially for Title I program allocations. She went to public schools in Spokane and undergrad and grad school on special education. Special education research there is inequality. Created a Special Education Task Force to create programs for special ed students. She is running because she wants to see policies for each and every student. Union teacher and Democratic Districts have endorsed her. Wants to look forward not
- Francine Wiest - Bellevue School Board, stated that she has a long history of public school participation and currently serves on the board. . As a doctor, looks at the entire child and supports family engagement and community participation in the school system. The Board now goes to schools and listens to students and does other outreach beyond evening meetings and expecting people to come to them.
- Carlos - City Council Redmond, Position 7 - talking to voters outside of supermarkets rather than knocking on peoples' doors. He is working with Hispanic organizations to help people.

Announcements from Members:

- Cuts to SNAP program through proposed rules. Comment period action item in Indivisible Eastside newsletter.
- Question was raised about charging financial donations for postcards. State records require record of donations by those people who are paying for items while those under "Tony the Democrat" are handled by his organization.

- Canvassing contact candidates directly best way to get information on that.
- Candidate forums are listed in our newsletter.

Thank You, Refreshments and mingling

Good News since the last meeting

Sep 13 [Judge Sanctions Eyman ruling \\$766,000 given to him were political](#)

Sep 17 From Jen Hoffman - CA legislature passes a bill requiring app-based companies, such as Uber and Lyft, to treat contract workers as employees, providing workers with more stringent labor law protections.

Also JH - CA legislature passes a bill banning private prisons, including ICE detention centers, from operating in the state.

Also JH - 145 business leaders representing the U.S.'s leading corporations advocate for gun safety, urging the Senate to pass red flag and background check legislation.

Sep 19 [Federal court blocked South Dakota law suppressing protest.](#)

[Colt Ending production of AR-15's](#)

[DHS Formally backs off of plans to deport sick immigrant children](#)

Sep 21 [Millions of Youth Strike around the world for action](#)

Sep 26 [17 State Attorneys General sue over weakened Endangered Species Act Rules](#)

Sep 27 [Judge blocks effort to indefinitely detain migrant families](#)

Sep 30 [Inslee directs State board of health to ban flavored vape products](#)

Oct 1 [Federal judge upholds Harvard's race conscious admissions process](#)

[Firm ordered to pay \\$1million for illegally funneling money to Tim Eyman](#)

[Geo Group runs out of banks as 100% of partners say no to private prison sector](#)

Oct 2 [Judge blocks Georgia's controversial abortion ban](#)

Oct 7 Gala planned by anti-Muslim group at Mar-a Lago is cancelled after accusations from civil rights advocacy groups that the president was “profiting from bigotry”

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/oct/07/act-for-america-mar-a-lago-gala-cancelled-anti-muslim-group?CMP=share_btn_fb

Oct 7 Unilever announces plans to halve its use of non-recycled plastic packaging by 2025.

https://www.npr.org/2019/10/07/767983664/unilever-vows-to-reduce-plastic-packaging-use-by-2025?utm_medium=social&utm_term=nprnews&utm_campaign=npr&utm_source=facebook.com

Oct 8 Dick’s Sporting Goods Destroyed \$5 Million Worth of Guns

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/08/business/dicks-sporting-goods-destroying-guns-rifles.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share>

Oct 9 Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) put a permit decision on hold for a massive fracked gas-to-methanol refinery in Kalama, WA, stating the company behind the refinery provided insufficient information about its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

[Ecology-permit-delay](#)

Oct 11 Five Federal Courts deal blows to Trump administration in one day

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/11/politics/donald-trump-court-rulings-bad-day/index.html>

- Federal Judges In 3 States Block Trump's 'Public Charge' Rule For Green Cards

<https://www.npr.org/2019/10/11/769376154/n-y-judge-blocks-trump-administrations-public-charge-rule>

- Trump loses appeal to stop House subpoena of his tax documents

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/11/politics/trump-mazars-appeal-decision/index.html>