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Check out Ali's [reel](#) from our Dec 7 community meeting



IWCCC protested in Dec. through rain in El Sobrante and snow in New Hampshire



IWCCC January 7 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Many of us took a well-deserved break in December. I admit that I really needed one. These are exhausting, chaotic times so it's vital to take respites when we can, renewing our strength and commitment for the battle to remake our country.

But as the new year begins, it's time to start reading the emails again. It's time to start signing up for trainings, writing postcards, texting, knocking on

doors, and showing up on the streets. Basically, it's time to get back to work, together.

We the people are America. It's time to take her back and make her proud as she celebrates her 250th birthday.

To quote an excerpt from the "The Hill We Climb" [poem](#) by the amazing Amanda Gorman:

"We will not march back to what was,
but move to what shall be:
a country that is bruised but whole;
benevolent but bold; fierce and free.
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation,
because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation."

Let's set electoral records this fall – creating a Blue Tidal Wave that wipes out Trump's authoritarian rule. Let's build the democracy that Americans, and future generations across the world, deserve. It's time to fight for what we want, not just fight against Trump.

Lastly, IWCCC is moving to Slack for our real time communication, you will need to download the Slack app and then use this link to join:

https://join.slack.com/t/indivisiblewe-u267020/shared_invite/zt-3i79kaqtv-EaYMumB89ENDu9jzp_8hZA

Jennifer Huber for IWCCC

Upcoming In-Person Events with Local Indivisible Groups

[Friday Flyer to print and distribute](#)

EVERY Friday, 4:00-5:00 pm, IWCCC Good Trouble Protest:
Come resist with us and connect with like-minded neighbors.

San Pablo Dam Rd. at Appian Way, El Sobrante, 94803

[Sign up here](#)

Saturday, January 10, 11 am-noon, Indivisible North East Bay, No War for Oil:
Sycamore & San Pablo Avenues, Hercules

Monday, January 19, 3:30-4:30 pm, Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Protest:
San Pablo Dam Rd. at Appian Way, El Sobrante, 94803

[Sign up here](#)

Every Saturday, 11 am-12 pm, Stand Up for Our Immigrant Community Rally:
Grocery Outlet, 2079 23rd St., San Pablo, 94806

[Sign up here](#)

Fourth Saturday of the month, 11 am – 12 pm, North East Bay Indivisible Protest:
Tennent Avenue & San Pablo, Pinole, 94564

[Sign up here](#)

*** Sunday, January 25, 3:30-5 pm, IWCCC Community Meeting:**
The Good Table, 5166 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante, 94803

[Sign up here](#)

National Indivisible Snapshot

- **Call Congress and demand action to stop Trump's war crimes in Venezuela** – Trump's recent bombing, kidnapping of Venezuela's head of state Madura, and ongoing lethal strikes on small vessels in the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean are wildly illegal, immoral, irresponsible, and dangerous. He is trying to drag our country into war by decree while treating the presidency like a throne—Congress must act. Here's the latest Indivisible [email with scripts](#) for calling or emailing your reps. **Also, join the [Healthcare Not Warfare](#) grassroots call on January 7 (today) at 5 pm.**
- **2026 Primary Program** – Let's fight for a Democratic party that'll actually fight for us. Check out the Indivisible [website](#) and a recent [news story](#) for details. [Pledge](#) to get involved!
- **Cancel Spotify Campaign** – Don't stream fascism along with your music. Cancel your subscription to pressure them to stop running recruitment ads for ICE. Instead, [check out](#) alternative music streaming services such as the more ethical Qobuz, which pays artists ~5 times

more than Spotify. Help track the impact of the Cancel Spotify Campaign by answering a [1-question survey](#).

- **Trump's redistricting coup is underway** – Find out how to fight back [here](#).

Action Group News

[Inspired to help? Reply to this email](#)

[Use this link to see a summary of IWCCC action groups' activities](#)

Protest Group is busy organizing our regular [“Good Trouble” Friday protests](#) and a special [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. protest](#). Sign up for our upcoming protests with [Mobilize, filter for 94803](#). During winter months, our protests are canceled for moderate to heavy rain, but bring an umbrella if it's just drizzling.

Want to join in with our great singers at the Good Trouble Friday protests? Check out a collection of protest songs [here](#).

Learn de-escalation techniques and help organize and run safe, peaceful, and energetic protests. De-escalation training from ACLU and MoveOn can be found [here](#). Reply to [this e-mail](#) if you want to help.

Outreach/Coalition Building Group continues to build partnerships with other local Indivisible chapters such as Hercules-based [Indivisible North East Bay](#), [Indivisible Kensington](#), [Indivisible ReSisters of Contra Costa](#), and Richmond Indivisible.

With the new year beginning, the group will be following up on outreach efforts that we decided at our December meeting. Specifically, we will reach out to several groups within our area and provide an overview of what IWCCC is all about, and build relationships so that we can work together with these allies to fight back the fascist takeover.

The list of organizations that we will contact are: El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council, The Moose Lodge, The Civic Leaders Luncheon, May Valley Neighborhood Council, NAACP-Richmond & El Cerrito, El Sobrante

Chamber of Commerce, and Green Team Planters Group. Finally, our group plans to hold an Open forum/Information Session at the public library. Stay tuned for updates. And if you want to get involved with our group, please email [here](#).

Immigrants' Rights Group continues canvassing El Sobrante business owners, and some in San Pablo and Richmond, to display “Immigrants are Welcome Here” posters, offer “Know Your Rights” red cards and “Rapid Response” yellow cards, and share legal resources to protect workers. Most owners and managers are friendly and open. Talk with your favorite cafe owners or local merchants to get them on board. For the “how-to,” talk with us or check out the [Toolkit](#) from Indivisible/No Kings with links to posters you can print (we have some as well).

We are now passing out red and yellow cards directly to immigrants in local food distribution lines. And we helped distribute Know Your Rights flyers in the Food for Thought food boxes last month.

At the Dec. 7 IWCCC community meeting, we shared the [SALUTE](#) protocol on what to report to the local Rapid Response team if you encounter an ICE raid in progress.

We encourage you to sign up for the Multicultural Institute’s online training for the “Adopt a Corner” rapid response efforts to make sure we're ready if/when ICE raids amp up in our area. You can [email](#) the immigration coordinator, Kimberly Castro, for details and to sign up. It would be great to have a group of IWCCC members trained to patrol locally by car or bike. (Speaking Spanish is not required.)

Information about immigrant rights is available at the Shed’s booth at the El Sobrante Farmer’s market every Sunday – check it out.

We now hold cafe hours at The Good Table every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 2-3:30 pm, getting to know each other and planning our actions. Join us!

For more info about any of this, please send a message to [this e-mail](#).

Writing Group writes letters to the editor, blogs, this IWCCC newsletter, and other persuasive writing to reach diverse audiences and apply pressure campaigns. Speak your mind with help, coaching, and encouragement from the group. Check out the writing group's [latest published letter](#) to the editor about the inaccuracy of media coverage for protests.

Letters to the Editor can be a powerful way to make your voice heard. Not sure how to get started? [Sign up](#) for a virtual training on January 20 to learn how to craft a letter to the editor that gets published. Or just ask Jennifer H. for resources and one-on-one training.

The Writing Group is also writing postcards and thank you notes. This month, we're sending [Majority Project](#) postcards to our representatives. In the near future, we plan to start weekly postcard writing events at the Good Table. Reply to [this e-mail](#) if you want to help.

Phone Banking Group has paused regular phone banks until the mid-term elections, or until a specific need or issue comes up. Stay tuned.

If you want to phone bank with other groups, including from home, Nancy Klein will train you and get you started. Calling voters is less scary and more effective than you think. In the future, text or call to sign up for phone banks: Nancy Klein, nancyklein44@outlook.com, 510-917-4045. [More information here](#).

Community Building Crew offers social activities because we need FUN to sustain ourselves and our community. Want to suggest or organize fun events? Reply to [this e-mail](#).

Social Media Group aims to inform, inspire, sustain, and grow our membership, especially with young people. We use social media platforms to produce and distribute social media posts, memes, and humor about relevant issues, concerns, and IWCCC events through [our website](#), blogs, and social media platforms. We are on [Bluesky](#) and [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), and more.

Want to make content, reels, and more? Reply to [this e-mail](#). Or [sign up](#) for Commit to Democracy's virtual trainings on (1) how to make a movie from your democracy photos (Jan 8) and (2) how to use Canva to create great graphics for social media (Jan 13).

And everybody, please **amplify our message including this newsletter**: cross post, share this newsletter, # iwccc, make and share content, and follow us from your own social media accounts (see below for IWCCC links).

Look after our Neighbors – Food Drive at Our Protests

Please spread the word to **bring non-perishable food items to donate to our protests!** At our Good Trouble Friday and mass

protests, we have donation boxes. Theresa Hardy collects the items and donates food to our local “take some, leave some” pantry on Appian Way and other items through the Safe Organized Spaces (SOS)

Richmond. Currently, items needed include **tarps, tents, men's clothing**, towels and toiletries, pop-top

soup cans, ramen, condiments, rice and beans, and more. Thanks for your help to build community and

provide mutual aid! You can also drop off food directly to the pantry, which is located by the sidewalk in front of Moose Lodge at 4660 Appian Way in El Sobrante. A special shout out to IWCCC members Anita and Rina, who are helping to manage the pantry.



Food Assistance

Food assistance is available for families in need. Please share these resources and consider donating to help provide aid to our community:

- [Find food in my city](#) search tool.
- Food distribution sites providing fresh produce, proteins, dairy, and nonperishable food in [El Sobrante](#), [San Pablo](#), and [Richmond](#).
- Contra Costa County [library after-school meal program](#) provides free student meals.

- [“Take some, leave some” non-perishable food pantry](#) at 4660 Appian Way in El Sobrante (by sidewalk in front of Moose Lodge).

Armchair Action Opportunities

Participate in Trainings to help keep yourself, IWCCC members, and our at-risk communities safer. For example, we encourage you to sign up for Indivisible’s [Solidarity in Action Speaker Series](#) and to watch the [recordings](#) of the ones you’ve missed.

Sign up for [Multicultural Institute](#) online trainings to assist with its “Adopt a Corner” rapid response and community watch efforts. [Email](#) the immigration coordinator, Kimberly Castro, for details.

Sign up for Bay Resistance trainings and alerts to prepare to be an ally to protect our neighbors from ICE and the National Guard operations. More info [here](#).

Consider linking in with the [Braver Angels](#), an organization that facilitates Democrats and MAGA individuals to talk with each other, helping to bridge the partisan divide and reduce toxic politics.

Learn how to become a more effective **public speaker** by attending a [virtual training](#) on Jan. 19.

Use the “[Goods Unite Us](#)” app to assess and choose companies to do business with that reflect your values.

Pressure your membership organizations and businesses to NOT capitulate. Let them know that you won’t donate, subscribe, or shop if they cave to the Trump regime. For example, UC alumni and friends can join the newly-formed [“UC Unbowed” organization – find out more on January 8](#).

Call Elected Officials using the “[5 Calls](#)” app to state your views on any issue.

Thank Brave Public Officials: Standing up poses a significant risk to public figures. Help them stand strong by thanking them. [Here's an open list](#) from IWCCC you can use and add to. Keep your eyes out for other local and national heroes and thank them too — [courage can be contagious](#).

Use your social media to amplify Indivisible and IWCCC events and actions. (See our social media links below.)

Move from “I dissent” to “I refuse”: [45 Acts of Non-Compliance for Ordinary People](#).

Fundraise or Donate: We can do more with more money. Indivisible is funding billboards in red states to push back on misinformation and much more – fundraising link for [Indivisible here](#). And here's the [fundraising link](#) for IWCCC. Thank you!

Fund local action on the ground in purple states with the [Movement Voter Project](#). An alternative to writing postcards from California – year-round progressive organizations have more influence with their own communities to push MAGA back.

Handy Links to Inform and Inspire your Activism

****Email me your suggestions for inclusion here ****

- **Indivisible's Latest [Newsletter](#)** and weekly [What's the Plan](#) Zoom calls on Thursday 12 pm.
- **[Mobilize](#) National and Right Now Ideas for Activism.**
- **The Rachel Maddow Show, MSNBC:** A [podcast](#) or [show](#) that's a great pick-me-up every Monday evening.
- **“Letters from an American”:** A daily ~10-minute Substack [blog](#) and [podcast](#) by Heather Cox Richardson on the historical context of what's happening in the news.
- **“[Chop Wood, Carry Water](#)”:** A well-informed, upbeat Substack blog by Jess Craven with a list of actions to make a difference.

- **[“Hopium Chronicles”](#)**: A substack blog by Simon Rosenberg with hopeful news, sharp analysis, and strategies on how to defeat MAGA.
- **[“Democracy Docket”](#)**: Daily & weekly newsletters by Mark Elias about the latest voting rights and election issues in the courts.
- **[Learn how redistricting has created 4 newly-formed districts](#)** that are now a “toss up” instead of Republican leaning.
- If you’re an artist or crafter, check out the activism handbook **[“Let’s Move the Needle”](#)** by Shannon Downey.
- **[Catch up on the Ukraine war and potential war in Venezuela](#)**

IWCCC Contacts, Communications & Social Media

- **Website:** <https://equalrights4all.us/iwccc/>
- **Calendar:** <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2025/10/1>
- **To join or unsubscribe from our email list:**
IndivisibleWestCoCoCounty@gmail.com
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- **YouTube:** coming soon
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