

# Indivisible West CoCo County



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Check out Whit's [reel](#) on Maria's altar at our No Kings 3 protest



By [Dennis Goris](#)

## IWCCC May 27 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Trump's outlandish 1.8B slush-fund deal is getting a lot of news coverage, resulting in outrage. People are infuriated at the thought of giving federal funds to the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrectionists who viciously attacked law enforcement officers during the deadliest assault on Congress in American history. The provision protecting Trump and his family from ever being prosecuted or audited for tax fraud is yet another bridge too far. Trump seems unfettered by any ethical or legal qualms now. But this particular act

of corruption is so egregious that we may be able to change some hearts and minds with it.

It will drive Trump's poll numbers even lower, helping us to get out the vote for the midterm elections and hopefully giving a few members of Congress a backbone.

Republicans were so angry about the slush fund and immunity agreement that the Senate leadership left early on Thursday instead of passing the \$72 billion funding for immigration agencies. And the House also left early, because Republicans didn't have the votes to defeat the War Powers Act.

Trump's ousting of anyone in his party who isn't completely loyal to him may also backfire by creating representatives with nothing to lose from defying an unpopular president. For instance, Louisiana Senator Bill Cassidy just voted for the War Powers Resolution, spoke out against Trump's ballroom, and opposed the slush fund. Representative Massie has promised to make Trump's life difficult during his last 7 months. And John Cornyn was just defeated by Ken Paxton in the TX primary, a crushing blow to more moderate Republicans.

As horrible as the news is these days, there are some hopeful signs. But it's up to us to ensure these bursts of dissent aren't fleeting — keep up the pressure (see [5 Calls script](#)). And we need to get all Democrats and Independents registered, engaged, and voting. Let's get to work!

*Jennifer Huber* for IWCCC

## **Upcoming In-Person Events with Local Indivisible Groups**

[Friday Flyer to print and distribute](#)

**Every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, In-person Phone Bank:**

Nancy Klein's House in El Sobrante

[Sign up here](#)

**Every Wednesday, 2-3:30 pm, IWCCC Postcard Writing Meetup:**

*Come write postcards together or pick up postcards to write at home*

The Good Table Cafe, 5166 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante, 94803

Sign up for [May 27](#) (today!), [June 3](#), or [June 10](#)

**Every Friday, 5-6 pm, IWCCC Good Trouble Protest:**

*Come resist with us and connect with like-minded neighbors*

San Pablo Dam Rd. & 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

**Fourth Saturday of the month, 11 am-12 pm, Indivisible North East Bay Protest:**

Tennent Avenue & San Pablo, Pinole, 94564

[Sign up here](#)

**\*\* Sunday, May 31, 3:30-5 pm, IWCCC Community Meeting: \*\***

The Good Table, 5166 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante, 94803

[Sign up here](#)

To access the materials from the last Community Meeting on April 26, 2026, please

[click on this link](#)

**Wednesday, June 10, 3:30-5 pm, IWCCC Immigrants' Rights Monthly Meeting:**

The Good Table back conference room, 5166 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante, 94803

## National & State Snapshot

- **No More Endless Wars:** Trump has dragged our country into wars by decree, while treating the presidency like a throne and committing horrific war crimes — Congress must act! Call and demand that your representatives stop Trump's wars in Venezuela and Iran and prevent one in Cuba; [script for Venezuela](#), [script for Iran](#), and [script for Cuba](#). And demand that they [impeach Trump](#).
- **Demand Congress Reign in ICE:** Funding for the Department of Homeland Security ran out on February 14, causing a partial government shutdown, because Democratic leaders are pushing for commonsense policies to end ICE's unlawful brutality. Republicans are trying to push through \$72B for ICE and Border Patrol using the [reconciliation budget](#)

[rules](#). Keep demanding that your representatives refuse to pass any appropriation bill that funds ICE and Border Patrol operations, unless it includes serious restrictions. Use this [5 Calls script](#) to call your Representatives. Do it every day.

- **Stop the SAVE American Act:** Save us from the SAVE Act! This bill would restrict the types of ID citizens can use to register to vote and would require in-person registration at government agencies like the DMV. Although it passed the House, it is currently stalled in the Senate. Call your reps to demand that they prevent this bill from becoming law. Check out 5 Calls for a [script](#) and this Indivisible [explainer](#).
- **Stop CA voter ID Ballot Initiative:** Californians will vote in November on a Republican-backed [voter ID ballot initiative](#) to amend the California constitution to require a government ID for voting in person and an ID number for mail-in ballot envelopes. [Learn more here](#) and [here](#). Research by [VoteRiders](#) and the Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement (CDCE) shows that nearly 1 in 5 Californians (4.5 million citizens of voting age) don't have a current driver's license with up-to-date info. And citizens of color and young people are less likely to have a driver's license at all.
- **2026 Primary Program:** Let's fight for a Democratic party that'll actually fight for us. Check out the Indivisible [website](#) and this [news story](#) for details. And check out Indivisible's [Endorsement Guide](#).
- **Central Valley Matters:** Support grassroots groups in CA's 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. [More info here](#) and [donation link here](#).
- **Eyes on ICE:** Learn how to document and record law enforcement encounters by watching this [recording](#). And check out California's new [online portal](#) for reporting misconduct by ICE, Border Patrol, and other federal agents, which district attorneys like Contra Costa County's Diana Becton plan to use to conduct independent investigations.

## Action Group News

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

**Protest Group** is busy organizing our regular [“Good Trouble” Friday protests](#). Sign up for our upcoming protests with [Mobilize, filter for 94803](#). And remember, absolutely no protest parking in Oliver's Hardware lot ever.

Also, check out the news story about our May Day (May 1) protest [here](#).

**If you take photographs or videos at our protests, please ask permission from anyone pictured before posting them online.** For example, give them the option to cover their face with their sign. This is an issue of safety, well-being, and respect for all of our attendees.

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 [Indivisible North East Bay](#), [Indivisible Kensington](#), [Indivisible ReSisters of Contra Costa](#), [Indivisible East Bay](#), and [Richmond Indivisible](#).

The trainings funded by the [GROW GRANT](#) were a big success. Check out the video of our first training, a conversation with John Powell, [here](#). The second training on May 16 included three trainings: (1) practices of inclusion, led by [Brian Rawson](#); (2) immigrants' rights, led by Attorney [Eleonore Zwinger](#); and (3) protecting our community, led by [Reimagine Richmond](#). The May 16 event was not recorded. These events were co-organized by Indivisible North East Bay, Richmond Indivisible, and Indivisible West CoCo County.

Ruth Horton has started voter registration activities at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Richmond High School.

And if you want to get involved with our group, please email us [here](#).

**Immigrants' Rights Team:** Support immigrants now, when there's minimal local ICE action, and plan for more intense times so we'll be ready to act quickly.

1. **Offer immigrants information about their rights** – distributing red cards (with what to do if ICE comes to the door) and yellow cards (with Bay Area Rapid Response phone numbers) at local sites.
2. **Build support for immigrants through local businesses** – creating alliances with business owners by offering red and yellow cards for their customers and information on how to protect their workers.
3. **Share skills** – sharing how those targeted can stand up for immigrants if/when ICE raids happen here. Learn the [SALUTE](#) protocol – how and what to report to the local Rapid Response number if you witness a raid. Ask us about patrolling local areas that may be subject to raids; training is available.
4. **Support a county-wide ICE Non-Compliance Ordinance** — showing up in person or via Zoom on June 15 at 10:30 a.m. to advocate that the Contra Costa County Equity Committee approve the ICE non-compliance ordinance and send it to the full Board of Supervisors for a vote. For more information about the ordinance, [read and sign this petition](#).
5. **Oppose the proposed Dublin ICE detention center** — fighting against the proposed ICE detention center in Dublin by June 1, by publicly commenting about the negative environmental impact the center would make. Check out [this toolkit](#) for details.
6. **Make Home Depot come clean about ICE** — supporting the CA legislation [REPAIR Act](#) (SB 1103), which will require big-box home improvement stores to share information with the public about immigration raids and arrests on their properties. [Learn more and sign a petition](#).

Interested in our action group? Email Mary Downs ([atapo.uma@gmail.com](mailto:atapo.uma@gmail.com)) or Marilyn Hill ([mhartworks@sbcglobal.com](mailto:mhartworks@sbcglobal.com)) for more info. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, June 10, from 3:30-5 pm at The Good Table Cafe in the back conference room. Ongoing meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**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. Letters to the Editor can be a powerful way to make your voice heard. Not

sure how to get started? Ask Jennifer Huber for resources and one-on-one training. And check out [Janice Bleyaert's letter to the editor](#) about the \$1.8B slush fund, which was just published in the East Bay Times.

The Writing Group is also sending handwritten postcards to voters. So far, we've already written over 6,700 postcards to voters. Every Wednesday from 2-3:30 pm at the Good Table Cafe, join us to write postcards together in person or pick up postcard packets to write at home. [Studies show](#) that receiving a personalized postcard can increase voter turnout by up to 2%, which can make a difference in close elections.

Sign up to write or pick up postcards at the cafe on [May 27](#) (today!), [June 3](#), and/or [June 10](#). You will need to provide your own postcard stamps, so [order online](#) or start hunting at post offices now before the rates increase. And we also ask for a small cash donation to cover the cost of postcards, printing, and other misc. expenses (request: \$5/100 postcards).

Reply to [this e-mail](#) if you want to help.

**Phone Banking Group** is now doing in-person, weekly phone banks on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm at Nancy Klein's house in El Sobrante. Have questions? Email, text, or call Nancy Klein: [nancyklein44@outlook.com](mailto:nancyklein44@outlook.com), 510-917-4045. Or just [sign up here](#). Newcomers are very welcome.

If you want to phone bank from home, with Indivisible or with other groups, and you would like a little more training and encouragement, Nancy Klein is happy to help answer any questions you may have. [Here is a list](#) of some groups doing virtual phone banks.

Calling voters is less scary and more effective than you think. You don't have to like it (at first), just do it!

**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](#). **We need someone to help lead this action group!**

**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](#), [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#), [Reddit](#), and more.

Want to make memes, reels, and more? Reply to [this e-mail](#).

And everybody, please **amplify our message, including this newsletter**: cross-post, share this newsletter, hashtag #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

Trump's new work requirements for CalFresh start on June 1. Officials estimate that 665,000 Californians will lose their eligibility.

Please spread the word to **bring non-perishable food, towels, and toiletries to donate to our Good Trouble Friday and mass protests** for our community members in need, as part of our commitment to local mutual aid. No glass, please. The food will go to the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), and the other items will go to the Safe Organized Spaces (SOS) in Richmond.

Sadly, the local “take some, leave some” pantry on Appian Way in front of Moose Lodge is no longer a secure place to donate food due to the food possibly being stolen and resold.

Also, share the [helpme365.org](http://helpme365.org) simple guide to connect people to resources in their area.

## 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 watch the recordings of the ones you've missed in [2025](#) and [2026](#).

**Educate yourself on general strikes** by checking out this slide deck [presentation created by Mauricio](#) about how to prepare for a nationwide general strike.

**Sign up for [Multicultural Institute](#) online trainings** to assist with its "Adopt a Corner" rapid response and community watch efforts. [Email](#) the new immigration coordinator, Daniela, for details. IWCCC members are currently ICE patrolling around Home Depot in El Cerrito through this group.

**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 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.

**Reach out to MAGA:** Do you have friends or family members who identify as MAGA? Check out [Leaving MAGA](#), an organization that empowers people to leave MAGA and reconcile with friends and family.

**Be a poll worker:** [Sign up](#) to be a poll worker on election day in Contra Costa County.

**Volunteer with [VoteRiders](#)**, the country's leading nonpartisan organization with the mission to eliminate ID barriers so every eligible voter can cast a ballot through voter education on required IDs, direct assistance to get IDs, and advocacy to eliminate ID laws that suppress votes. Check out the [volunteer opportunities](#), including texting, [writing letters](#), and answering their helplines.

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.

**Call Elected Officials using the “[5 Calls](#)” app** to state your views on any issue. Or write your own script and use this amazing [spreadsheet](#) of contact information for Congress, Cabinet members, and News Agencies.

**Thank Brave Public Officials:** Standing up poses a significant risk to public figures. Help them stand strong by thanking them — [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. Here’s our [fundraising link for IWCCC](#). Please donate what you can. Also, Indivisible National is funding billboards in red states to push back on misinformation and much more – fundraising link for [Indivisible here](#). 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 at 12 pm.

- **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.
- If you're an artist or crafter, check out the activism handbook "[Let's Move the Needle](#)" by Shannon Downey.

### IWCCC Contacts, Communications & Social Media

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