

Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance
Zoom Meeting 3:30 p.m.
September 12, 2022

Sign on and welcome to participants by Dana Offerman.

- Dana asked those who are attending the meeting for the first time to identify themselves. The new member is Amy Boran.
- Dana queried the members regarding continuing to use Zoom for the monthly meeting or should we attempt to meet in person. Joe Alexander, Sally Simmons, Margo Nichols, and Tricia Sauer voiced their opinions. The consensus was that a combination of Zoom and occasional in person meetings is a good balance.
- Chris Hawkins has started a new Indivisible group Votingforourlives to involve more young people. The group is also birdogging Justine Wadsack and Juan Ciscomani. The email is: Votingforourlivesarizona@gmail.com Chris can be reached at 520-222-9513 if you would like to help.

Speaker – Jason Berlin, Field Team 6

- Jason thanked ITAA for what they are doing and highlighted what happened in the 2020 election: Flipped the House, Got Rid of Trump and Won two Democratic Senate seats in Georgia. Recognized that 85% of volunteers are women who do and are doing the lion's share of the work.
- The goal of Field Team 6 is to register Democrats. The demographic they target are young people, women, and people of color. Field Team 6 currently has a data base of 12 million unregistered people in swing states including Arizona who may be likely Democrats. The methods used are in person voter registration, post carding, text banking and phone banking. Field Team 6 will hold a text banking event in Arizona on September 27th at 10 am to unregistered likely Democrats. You can contact Joe Smith of ITAA at: jocko3484@gmail.com or 407-928-5722. The text bank is on a new platform that is quick and easy to use. You will be texting from your computer and not your phone targeting women and gender-neutral individuals on the abortion issue.
- Dana asked if the Dobbs decision has influenced voter registration?
Jason – Yes, the numbers are Democrats voter registration is up by 4 to 1. The pro-abortion rights message seems to be working as evidenced by what happened in Kansas. Along with abortion rights, climate and LGBTQ rights are influencing voter registration.
- Margo asked if gerrymandering and losing the house is the focus in flippable districts?
Jason- Yes, based on the information he has seen, the Republicans are only ahead by two seats which is overcome able. In Arizona, Field Team 6 is concentrating on getting rid of Schweikert, keep Stanton in and replacing a Democrat to fill Ann Kirkpatrick's seat. The concentration is on those districts and when they run out of names for those districts they will concentrate on Arizona at-large.

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- Dana asked what is the deadline to register to vote in Arizona? October 11th is the last day to register. The deadline to request a ballot by mail is October 28th and early voting starts on October 12th.
- Dana asked what does Field Team 6 do after the voter registration deadline passes?
Jason – After the voter deadline the volunteers are cascaded to states where the deadline is later.
- Field Team 6 volunteering opportunities can be found at <https://www.fieldteam6.org/volunteer-ops>

Speaker – Tricia Sauer, Arizona Indivisible Coordinator

- The Masters campaign is funded by Peter Theil of Pay Pal.
- Blake Masters post card campaign will be sent to 20,000 Independent women in Arizona targeting his platform and beliefs such as: Privatizing Social Security, Federal Ban on Abortion, Believes Trump Won, Same Sex Marriage Should be Illegal, is supported by Neo-Nazi's and has stated that he loves the Unabomber.
- Indivisible is providing the names, addresses, script, and postage. All cards should be mailed by October 12th. Tricia wants the post cards to be mailed as you finish them instead of holding until all are completed.
- SOS signatures have priority over the postcards and should be completed first.
- Jan Counts is the lead in Tucson. ITAA will continue to work on Field Team 6 postcards as well as adding the Indivisible Blake Masters postcards. Tricia asked how many post cards they would like.
- Joe Smith asked if there is campaign targeting the Governor's race?
Tricia – Indivisible is not. The recommendation is if you are interested, work directly with the Hobbs campaign.
- A discussion by the membership on the Hobbs/Lake debate.
- Joe Smith indicated there will be another text bank session

Ballot Propositions/Judicial Races

- Sally Simmons discussed the judicial races. Judges' elections come up every four to six years. To learn more about a judge's performance review go to: www.azcourts.gov/jpr Judges are graded every two years.
- Other resources include, www.CEBV.org and the ITAA website.
- Karen Harris discussed the ballot propositions. Proposition recommendations can be found on CEBV and the ITAA website.
- Beth Smith asked for volunteers for canvassing in LD 17.

Jan Counts – Post Cards/Voter Registration

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- The next distribution will be Thursday, September 22nd. It will include post cards to Field Team 6 addressees and hopefully Indivisible Blake Masters post cards. You will receive an email with all the pertinent information in the next few days.

Joe Smith – Text banking

- There will be another text bank scheduled in early October with Indivisible focusing on the Senate race here in Arizona. You will receive the information via email.

Margo Nichols – Treasurer's Report

- Distributed Funds Balance (Restricted) - \$2,489.39
- Unrestricted Funds Balance- \$354.34
- Donations Raised - \$1,025 with Indivisible matching with \$500.
- With the annual expenditures and to support statewide candidates in flippable districts, Give No Ground funds through National Indivisible can be utilized. However, ITAA needs to request additional donations. There is no matching program currently. Margo is requesting any donations be sent directly to her which can be placed in the Unrestricted Funds account. Please make check out to Margaret J Nichols, Treasurer ITAA. Margo's address is 181 W. Roma Dr., Oro Valley, AZ. 85737. Margo will also take cash.

Karen Harris – Petition Drive on Voucher Expansion

- Signature gathering ends on September 21 or 22nd. If you have petitions, get them notarized and turned in ASAP.
- Notary event will occur Thursday, September 15th at the Oro Valley Library at 11:30 am. You can also get the petition notarized at Bank of American for free.
- Check with Save our Schools (<https://sosarizona.org/>) for additional information about petition signing and notarizing.
- You can contact Karen with questions at: kwharris1979@gmail.com

There will be a ITAA Happy Hour at Brother John's Bourbon, Beer and Barbeque on October 6, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:00. We will be on the patio. Please register your intention to attend at Indivisibletucson@gmail.com. ITAA will provide appetizers.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2022, at 3:30 pm.

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