Minutes of the August 3, 2022, meeting Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance

Vicechair Margo Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. There were 31 people in attendance. She asked those who were new to the meeting to introduce themselves. Larry Waggoner, Jeanne Hardie and Karen Moscato (from Mohave) introduced themselves.

Margo announced that the theme of the meeting is for each of us to do what we can to obtain the right results in the election in the days before the election. She also announced important dates to remember:

October 11 is the last day to register to vote. Early voting is between

October 12 and November 4. October 12, mail in ballots will be mailed out and November 8 is election day.

Margo then called on several ITAA leaders to provide information on opportunities to help and information on the elections.

Misty Atkins: Website information

Misty showed those in attendance where to find information about the election on the website. There is information on candidates and on the propositions., much of it provided by Civic Engagement Beyond Voting and by Karen Harris. If you click on the Election 2022 tab here, you can find information from the County Recorder's office on your legislative district, the status of your ballot, where voting sites are and your registration status. If you did not vote in the primary election, you

should check your registration status as some voters have found they are no longer registered. Misty showed us links on the website that lead you to the information on the candidates all up and down the ballot, including contact information, and there is information on judges and propositions as well. She reminded folks that in some instances, including the legislative races for House of Representatives and the Arizona Corporation Commission, you can and should vote for more than one candidate.

When asked about being a poll watcher or a poll observer, Misty indicated that there is information about these subjects on the website and there is a training on October 6th through PCDP. Click here to sign up.

Finally, Misty encouraged everyone to contact their legislative district leaders and Mission for Arizona to find out how to help.

The website is <u>www.indivisibletucson.org</u>

Joe Smith: Text banking

Joe reported that at their last session of text banking they had 95 people present and sent out 150,000 texts. He told the members that you do not have to use your own phone and can be anonymous. There are two more sessions coming up on October 19 here and October 24 here, and they will be supporting Katie Hobbs and Mark Kelly. You also can do phone banking much more easily now. He provided links to information on both text and phone banking and especially urged members to go to Indivisible's site at https://givenoground.org

Beth Smith noted that a phone bank for Dana Allmond will take place soon and told members to get in touch with her if they are interested. Larry Waggoner also supported text and phone banks, and Misty Atkins advised members that legislative districts are holding sessions for text and phone bankers.

Jan Counts: post cards

Jan reported that she has 2500 extra post cards about Blake Masters from Indivisible Arizona which target independent voters. She also has 1500 that ITAA is working with Field Team 6 to distribute which are more general in message and which target Democrats who haven't voted recently and target Independents. In all cases, scripts are provided as well as postage. The ITAA postcards emphasize voting all the way down the ballot. Postcards have been focusing on registration to vote but now will concentrate on candidates. Jan will be distributing postcards on October 9 at 9 o'clock (River Front Park) and 11 (Dusenberry Library) and you should contact Jan if you want to help with post cards. Her email is nevcou@aol.com.

A question was asked if there was any text or phone banking for Adrian Fontes. No one was aware of any. However, Jan noted that the post cards support him.

Karen Harris: Social Media

Karen introduced two websites that Indivisible has developed to help with sending messages on Twitter and Instagram. One provides information on the bad positions taken by candidates like Blake Masters and Mark Finchem here. The other page is more issue oriented here. Karen demonstrated how to use the websites. She suggested that a new message should be sent daily.

Karen Moscato said that her experience showed that the sites were easy to use.

Tricia Sauer emphasized that new messages should be sent daily. She noted that 70% of people in rural counties get their news from Face Book.

If people need help with using the website, they can contact Karen Harris at kwharris1979@gmail.com or (919) 349-0195.

It also was noted that you can post on the Arizona Political Face Book page if you don't want to use your personal page. Eileen Hollowell suggested that using your personal Face Book page is better as the more posts that are done, the more likely the posts will be noted.

It was suggested that Instagram or Tik Tok are more likely to reach younger voters.

Karen Harris also noted that the voting guide is posted on Twitter, Face Book, and Instagram.

Jackie Marshall: Letters to the Editor

This group had 12 letters published in September and 77 thus far in 2022. She welcomes more members as well as those who are willing to be signers for letters others write since *The Arizona Daily Star* limits each person to one letter per month.

Happy Hour

The next Happy Hour is on Thursday from 4-6 at Brother John's Barbeque 1801 N. Stone Avenue. The email address to rsvp was

incorrect so rsvp to indivisibletucson@gmail.com or to sallybob75@comcast.net. Appetizers will be provided; drinks are each individual's cost.

Karen Harris showed the T-shirts that will be for sale at the Happy Hour for \$20 apiece. We cannot accept credit cards so please bring cash or a check.

Announcements:

Contact Beth Smith at bsmith334@gmail.com if you are interested in canvassing for LD 17.

The Women's March, Paint Broadway Blue, will be held this Saturday. Go <u>here</u> for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.