



# INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

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*February 23, 2026*



**PDA** | PROGRESSIVE  
DEMOCRATS  
OF AMERICA

Progressive Democrats of America was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites, with policies that serve the broad public interest.

As a grassroots organization operating inside the Democratic Party, and outside in movements for peace and justice, PDA has played a key role in the rise of the progressive movement. Our inside/outside strategy is guided by the belief that a lasting majority will require a revitalized Democratic Party built on firm progressive principles.

## General Meeting, Feb. 25

As we stand up to this regime's illegal and heinous actions, we must also stand **for** something greater. Resistance alone is not enough—we need a bold, clear vision for our communities and our country. What does a truly progressive future look like? What are our shared values? And how do we turn them into real change?

To help us answer these questions, we've invited Dave Alba of Progressive Democrats of America to speak on the power and importance of movement candidates—leaders rooted in the people and accountable to our values.

Join us for our next general meeting on **Wednesday, Feb. 25** at the **Corvallis Community Center** at **6:30pm**.

In addition to his deep organizing experience, Dave brings extensive knowledge in de-escalation and will share practical guidance as we prepare for No Kings III. Safety and de-escalation are everyone's responsibility—together, we can build a movement that is not only strong, but also disciplined, strategic, and grounded in care for one another.

Let's organize with purpose. Let's lead with vision. Let's build the future we deserve.

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## CALENDAR

### February

- **2/24** | Virtual Town Hall with Wyden and Merkley (see below)
- **2/25** | Indivisible General Meeting, **Corvallis Community Center**. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **2/26** | Corvallis Singing Resistance Leader meeting. Email [corvallissingingresistance@proton.me](mailto:corvallissingingresistance@proton.me) if you'd like to get involved!!
- **2/25** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **2/27** | Visibility Brigade Banner Making Session. Sign up on [Mobilize.](#)

**Postcard writing** with Third Act has been an amazing event to build community and work towards democracy. Over 25 people attended the last event, and 400 postcards were sent! Be sure to join on 3/6!

### March

- **3/1** | Senator Wyden's Benton County Town Hall (see below)
- **3/1** | I-5 Overpass Bannering. Email [visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com](mailto:visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com)
- **3/4** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/6** | Rogue One Breakfast. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/6** | Postcard writing. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/11** | Indivisible General Meeting, **NOTE location: Corvallis Library**. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/11** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/18** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/20** | Rogue One Breakfast. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/20** | Postcard writing. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/25** | Indivisible General Meeting, **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis**. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/25** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/28** | NO KINGS III!!!

**To learn more about our ongoing campaigns, visit <https://indivisiblebc.org/ongoing-campaigns/> for a complete list.**

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## No Kings III

No Kings III will be a peaceful demonstration, starting at OSU at noon with speeches and songs, then marching along Madison Ave. to Central City Park, and ending at the Courthouse. At Central Park, there will be art and activities for the kids, as well as music at the gazebo. And at the Courthouse, back by popular demand, another Dance of Defiance. Of course, 4th St. will be filled with people waving signs the entire time.

Remember, every protest is a food drive!

To pull this off, **we will need 100 safety/peacekeeping volunteers, plus dozens of people** to set up tables, art, and sound equipment; staff information and first aid tables; and clean and pack up afterwards. **To volunteer for the day of the event, please email [indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com](mailto:indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com) with the subject "No Kings volunteer" and indicate which of the above you are willing to do.**

We also need help with a variety of tasks ahead of time, some of which can be done from your own home! **To be added to the "Put me to work" email list, email [indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com](mailto:indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com) with the subject "No Kings Worker Bee".** Once or twice a week, you'll get a list of possible tasks you can volunteer for. Or ask to join our Signal group for more frequent requests (and the opportunity to select the best ones before others take them)!



A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. Nonviolent peaceful action is not passive. It is a well-studied form of civil resistance that has been shown to be far more successful than the alternative. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values and to act lawfully. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.

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## Upcoming meetings and actions



**Corvallis Singing Resistance is getting organized!**

On **Tuesday, Feb. 24**, we will be having our first organizational meeting for those interested in leading the group! Please email if you'd like to get involved from the ground up. For those that want to sing, we are

organizing on Signal.

**We sing publicly in the streets for the sake of solace, strength, solidarity, to voice our dissent, and to refuse cooperation with oppressive and autocratic forces.**

To join or for more info, email [corvallissingingresistance@proton.me](mailto:corvallissingingresistance@proton.me).



Our next service at the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center is **Friday, March 6!** In partnership with **Rogue One**, we regularly serve more than 100 community members, and there are many ways to get involved:

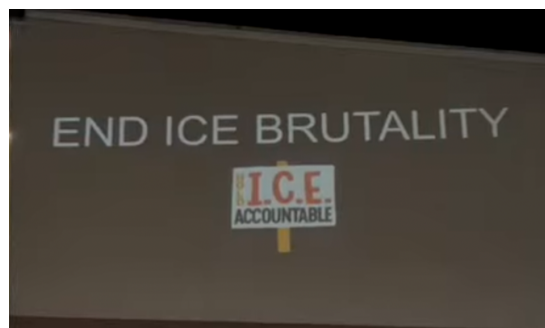
**8:00–9:00 AM** – Set up

**9:00–11:30 AM** – Food prep, cooking, and serving

**11:30 AM–12:00 PM** – Clean up

We're also looking for volunteers to help purchase food items in advance.

We'd love to have you join us! For more information or to sign up, see [Mobilize](#) or email [indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com!](mailto:indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com)



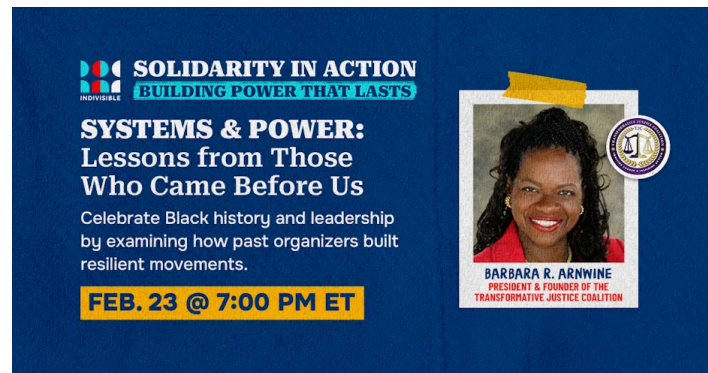
**Visibility Brigade Banner Making Session: Friday, February 27, 4:00** at the **Unitarian Fellowship, 2945 NW Circle**. Sign up on [Mobilize](#).

We are setting up an ambitious bannering schedule for March to get the word out about No Kings III. Send an email to [visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com](mailto:visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com) to sign up.

- On **Sunday, March 1**, from **1:00-3:00 pm**, we'll banner an **I-5 Overpass**.
- **Every Friday** after that we will banner **rush hour in Corvallis (4:30-6 pm)**.

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## Solidarity in Action Webinar



As the late Jesse Jackson said at the 1988 Democratic National Convention: "All of us who are here think that we are seated. But we're really standing on someone's shoulders."

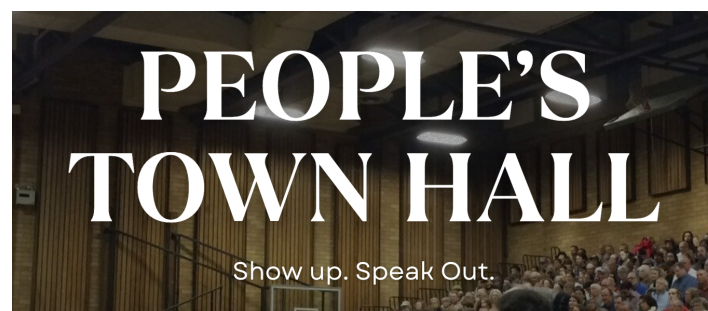
The struggle against tyranny and systemic injustice is far from new; the tactics and strategies of today's organizers are 21st century iterations of the work of communities long at the forefront, and owe an incalculable debt to Black leadership.

On **February 23 (4pm PT)**, in celebration of Black History Month, Indivisible will launch this year's Solidarity in Action: Building Power That Lasts discussion series with [Systems and Power: Lessons From Those Who Came Before Us](#).

Facilitated by Indivisible co-founder and co-Executive Director Leah Greenberg and led by president and founder of the Transformative Justice Coalition Barbara R. Arnwine, Esq, we'll explore systemic inequities and power structures, and discuss how best to translate historical lessons into contemporary, movement-building practices. Sign up [here](#).

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## Senators Wyden and Merkley to host Town Halls



U.S. Senators Wyden and Merkley announced they will not attend the State of the Union speech and will instead host a live on-line town hall, with [People's Town Hall](#), to offer all Oregonians the opportunity to ask questions as well as share their ideas and viewpoints.

The town hall, on **Tuesday, Feb. 24**, will begin at **2:30 pm PT** and can be watched [on YouTube](#). Oregonians can submit their questions in advance [here](#).

Both Senators hold a town hall in each of Oregon's 36 counties every year.

In fact, **Senator Wyden** will host a **Benton County Town Hall** on **Sunday, March 1**, at **1 pm**, in **Austin Auditorium at the LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State University**, 875 SW 26th St, Corvallis.

For everyone's security, backpacks and large bags will not be allowed in the town hall. Similar to major sporting events, there is a **clear bag policy** for town halls, allowing only clear bags (max 12"x 6"x12"), one-gallon clear plastic bags, or small clutches (max 4.5"x 6.5"), plus essential items like medical bags or infant necessities, with no storage for disallowed bags. Backpacks and non-clear bags are prohibited, though medical/infant needs have exceptions. Doors will open one hour before the town hall start time for attendees.

## Upcoming Community Events

A vibrant poster for a salsa event. On the left, a stylized palm tree with green and yellow fronds stands against a dark background with colorful stars and musical notes. Two maracas are positioned in front of the tree. The text is bold and colorful, with 'SALSA' in large orange letters at the top. Below it, 'PARA LA COMUNIDAD' is in light blue, followed by 'Latin dance night to support our neighbors' in green. 'All ages' and 'Food & drink specials' are in orange with a star icon. The date and time 'SAT MARCH 7TH, 7:30-10PM' are in yellow. The location 'BODHI BISTRO on 1st AVE' is also in yellow. The schedule '7:30-8PM - Intro salsa lesson' and '8-10PM - DJ & dancing' is in yellow. A QR code is on the right, and the text 'Lesson & music by Azúcar Cuban Dance y Más' is in white. At the bottom, 'More info here' is in light blue with an arrow, and 'Suggested donation of \$10-25 goes to the Neighbors Stand Together Fund: tinyurl.com/caringforneighbors' is in green. A small logo for 'Neighbors Stand Together NeST Live Better' is in the bottom left corner.

**SALSA**  
**PARA LA COMUNIDAD**  
Latin dance night to support our neighbors  
**All ages** ★ **Food & drink specials**  
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More info here →   
Suggested donation of **\$10-25** goes to the **Neighbors Stand Together Fund: [tinyurl.com/caringforneighbors](https://tinyurl.com/caringforneighbors)**

Get ready to move! Salsa para la Comunidad is **Saturday, March 7** from **7:30-10 PM** at **Bodhi Bistro** on 1st Ave — a joyful Latin dance night supporting the [Neighbors Stand Together Fund](#). The evening kicks off with a beginner-friendly salsa lesson by Azúcar Cuban Dance y Más at 7:30 PM, followed by a DJ & dancing until 10pm. Bodhi will be serving up a Latinx-inspired special menu and good vibes all evening. All-ages welcome! Suggested donation of \$10–\$25 at the door.

Join us to dance, laugh, and connect — because community resilience can start with something as simple (and joyful) as showing up and dancing together. More info [here](#).



On **Tuesday, February 24**, from **4:00 to 5:30 pm** at the **Benton County Courthouse**, stand in solidarity with Ukraine as we recognize the 4th anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates  
Cosponsored by League of Woman Voters of Corvallis

# Universal Health Care Town Hall

Speaker Speaker Speaker

**Tony Germann, MD**  
Vice President  
Health Care for All Oregon,  
member of the Oregon  
Health Policy Board

**Miriam McDonell, MD**  
Executive Director  
Oregon Universal Health  
Plan Governance Board

**Brian Mayo**  
Executive Director  
Oregon State Pharmacy  
Association

📅 4 March, 2026 | 🕒 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

🏠 Corvallis-Benton  
County Public Library  
and remote on Zoom | 📍 645 NW Monroe Ave.  
Corvallis, OR 97330

Come prepared for an interactive session on the following topics:

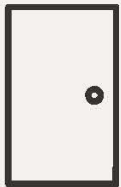
- What are the current gaps in our health care system?
- What additional challenges will we see with cuts in federal funding?
- What is the Universal Health Plan Governance Board proposing?

On **Wednesday, March 4**, from **6:30 to 8 pm** at the **Corvallis Public Library**, join Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates for a Town Hall on Universal Health Care.

**How to make our community safe!**

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

## DON'T OPEN THE DOOR



Communicate through the window or closed door. Immigration can only enter your home with an arrest warrant signed by a judge

## REMAIN SILENT AND DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING

You have the right not to speak. Say out loud that you will not answer questions or sign any documents without a lawyer present.



## DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR SEARCH



You have the right to refuse permission for immigration authorities or police to enter or search your car or person unless they have a warrant signed by a judge.

## TAKE PHOTOS, VIDEO AND/OR NOTES

Inform the officer that you will be using your right to record. Take photos, record the interaction, and write down the details.



## REPORT ICE ACTIVITY TO THE COMMUNITY HOTLINE



PIRC will contact rapid response teams that will verify and document immigration activity and offer support to affected people.

## CONFIRM NEWS AND RUMORS

Do not share unverified information, as this only creates fear. Ask people sharing news about ICE to share their sources and have witnesses call PIRC to verify.



**PIRC HOTLINE:  
1-888-622-1510**

# COMMUNITY ALERT

The PIRC hotline has seen an exponential increase in the number of calls we are receiving during this current assault on our communities. The hotline is staffed almost entirely by volunteers who are working around the clock to respond to this crisis. In order to help us meet the challenges of this moment and to center those most impacted, we have an ask of the community.



## Please continue to CALL the hotline with any urgent concerns:

- You are witnessing ICE presence (suspected or confirmed)
- You have witnessed or have information about an ICE detention
- You're looking for a missing loved one

## Please TEXT the hotline with nonurgent issues:

- Questions about accessing non urgent resources (as long as it isn't needed within the next 24 hours).
- Photos of possible ICE sightings, license plates, etc. If urgent, please call first before sending text messages



## Please EMAIL:

- [press@pircoregon.org](mailto:press@pircoregon.org) for any media inquiries.
- [volunteers@pircoregon.org](mailto:volunteers@pircoregon.org) for questions about volunteering, donating to the PIRC Resource Center, and Migra Watch.
- [pircpdx@gmail.com](mailto:pircpdx@gmail.com) with any VIDEO footage of ICE activity (please be sure to include information about date, time, location, any other relevant info) OR any other general inquiries



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## Indivisible Benton County's Action Committees

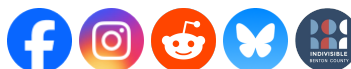
Most of Indivisible BC's work is done by our four loosely organized action committees. To read about the general organization of our committees, visit our website [HERE](#).

**To join or learn more about any committee, please email [indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com](mailto:indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com) with the name of the committee(s), or attend the committee meeting at the next general meeting.**

### Our Mission

Indivisible Benton County is a grassroots organization of volunteers committed to advance bold and progressive actions and policies. We are determined to resist corruption, authoritarianism, and inequality. We educate, engage, and mobilize to promote values of inclusion, tolerance and fairness with the goal of helping build a more perfect and representative government that is For The People and By The People.

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