

INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

Newsletter
March 8, 2026

DE-ESCALATION TRAINING for NO KINGS III

Thursday

March 12, 2026

5:30 — 7:30 pm

How to make actions safer —
and steps for you to stay safer, too



Corvallis Public Library
645 NW Monroe Ave.
Corvallis, OR 97330

A de-escalation training will be held at 5:30 pm on **March 12** at the **Corvallis public library**. De-escalation is a conflict avoiding skill that can be used in many situations. This skill is essential to protest participants. Each of us can contribute to our core principle and commitment to nonviolence.

Come early at 5:00 pm for social time. **Do not park in the underground garage; it closes at 6 pm.**

From the Editor's Desk

On Friday morning the Supreme Leader of a nation where religious extremists are decision-makers, declared that "there will be no deal" with the country he is at war with, "except unconditional surrender."

Less than two years ago, you were watching the first spring flowers bloom holding the belief that this would never be your leader. While shy green buds were showing on branches of old oaks, you were trusting that even if such leader were to be elected, he would never be Supreme because we lived in a solid democracy where Congress would have the spine to keep him in check, and you believed that the Supreme Court—the only power we call supreme—would uphold the constitution.

Here we are, recognizing how naive we had been and how fragile our democracy really is.

But if the country is no longer a democracy, we are no longer naive. In the midst of attacks on the rule of law, on decency, on diplomacy, on the people directly, we see proof—we are proof!— that we have power and we have resilience. We built a strong resistance movement that continues growing and pushing back. A resistance that refuses to bend the knee and is taking care of those abandoned or directly attacked by fascism.

Wins might seem small, but they are significant wins. Take a couple of examples: Newport and Lincoln City stood up to an imminent threat and closed their doors to a domestic terrorists' heaven. With the Attorney General and legal organizations forced a retreat. [ICE announced that it will not build a detention center in Newport or Lincoln County](#), according to a declaration by an agency official in a lawsuit brought by the state and city

Voters are saying enough and flipping dozens of electoral seats even in deep red areas. In Georgia alone, [Democrats flipped 22 seats](#).

Join Us! Our power and strength come from being more than they are. We stand on higher moral ground, and we are the majority. "We are only stronger together" is not just a slogan; it is a factual statement. Below are a series of actions you can take now. Many feel effortless and joyful. Some are serious and require deep commitment. **Come aboard!**

CALENDAR

March

- **3/11** | Indivisible General Meeting, **NOTE location: [Corvallis Library](#)**. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/11** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/11** | ICE off Campus - higher education. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/12** | De-escalation training. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/12** | "What's the Plan" with Indivisible founders. [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/16** | Corvallis City Council meeting. Join on [zoom!](#)
- **3/18** | No Kings Kick Off call. 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!](#)
- **3/23** | Know Your Rights for protesters. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/24** | Corvallis Singing Resistance Practice. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/25** | Benton County No Kings Events Coalition Meeting (in place of Indivisible General Meeting), **NOTE location: [Corvallis Library](#)**. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/25** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **3/28** | **NO KINGS III - make it the largest protest in US history!**

April

- **4/1** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/3** | Rogue One Breakfast. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)

- **4/8** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/8** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location:** [Corvallis Library](#). Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/15** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/17** | Rogue One Breakfast. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/22** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/22** | Indivisible General Meeting, **NOTE location:** [Corvallis Community Center](#). Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/29** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)

No Kings III is less than 3 weeks away!

Volunteers are working hard to create a safe, non-violent, lawful, engaging, and inspiring event. We need help!

We need partner organizations!

If you are a member of a local organization, please ask them to consider:

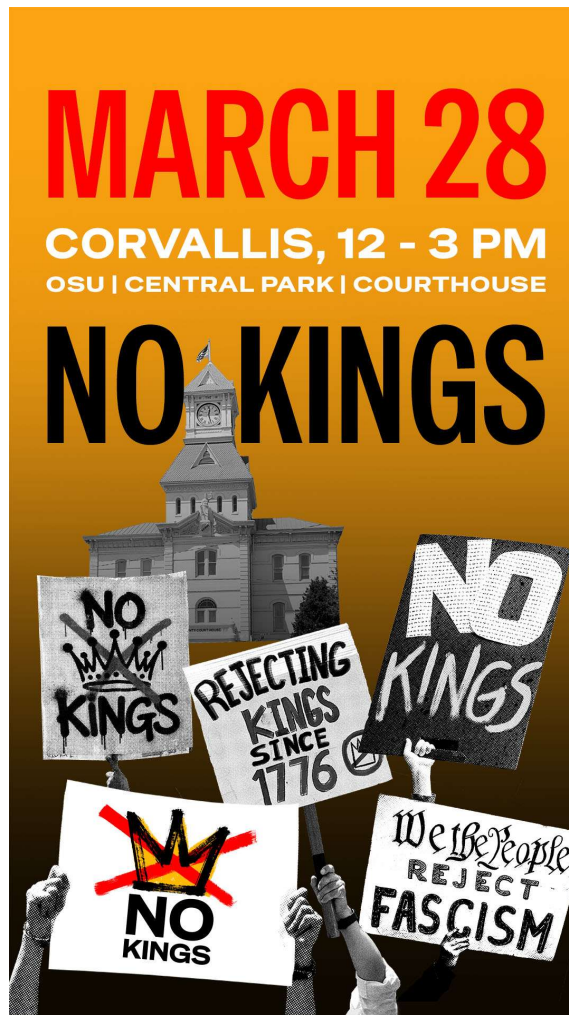
- Publicizing the event to their members and on social media,
- Participating in the event as a group (e.g., hosting a table, marching as a group), or
- Encouraging members to volunteer (see below).

Organizations can find more information [here](#). The tentative schedule can be found [here](#). Email indivisible.bc.org@gmail.com if you are planning an activity you would like to list.

We need volunteers to help us prepare for March 28!

- Inform residents & businesses along the parade route
- Post on social media & distribute flyers
- Write press releases

Please email indivisible.bc.org@gmail.com with the subject "No Kings volunteer" and **indicate which of the above you are willing to do.**



We need you to spread the word!

Tell everyone you know about No Kings. Emphasize the importance of having a huge turnout. Share "[Do protests matter?](#)" with those who question if it's worth attending.

You can **download flyers and graphics** for printing or social media from this [Google Drive folder](#).

When posting on social media, please include the hashtags **#NoKings** and **#NoKingsCorvallisOR** and **tag the Indivisible Benton County account**.

As you spread the word, remember, **every protest is a food drive!** As always, Good Trouble Corvallis will be collecting non-perishable items to distribute to local food banks.

A core principle behind all Indivisible events – including No Kings – is a commitment to nonviolent action. 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.

We still need safety volunteers!

The graph below represents our need of safety volunteers and the progression in achieving the goal of 100 volunteers for No Kings III The dark blue bar is where we were last week;

the light blue represents the additional volunteers since last week; and the red is how much further we have to go. As you can see, we need you!

See <https://indivisiblebc.org/no-kings-iii-volunteers/> for more information about all of these remaining volunteer roles.

As a safety team member, you'll help keep participants safe at crosswalks while allowing traffic to flow. To serve on the safety team, you'll need:

- The physical ability to walk and monitor for around 3 hours in Downtown Corvallis during the event (breaks will be provided)
- To attend one de-escalation training (the next training session will be **3/12 at 5:30 pm** at the **Corvallis library**). While in-person training is preferred, an online option will be available.
- To attend a mandatory safety team training session (either **3/19** or **3/21 at 5 pm** at the **Corvallis library**)
- A commitment to nonviolent and lawful action.

No prior experience is necessary!

To volunteer for the Safety Team, please email indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com with the subject "No Kings Safety Volunteer".

We need other volunteers, too!

Besides safety volunteers, we need people to help with all of these tasks:

- Host art or activity tables
- Set up or clean up
- Staff Indivisible tables
- Staff First Aid tents
- Count the crowd
- Pilot a drone for crowd counting
- Take photos and/or videos
- Send information to news media

To volunteer, please email indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com with the subject "No Kings volunteer" and **indicate which of the above you are willing to do.**

Put me to work!

We also need help with a variety of one-off 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 with the subject "No Kings Worker Bee".** Once or twice a week, you'll get a list of possible tasks for which you can volunteer.

Spreading the Word and Taking Care of Neighbors



More than 50 voices of the **Corvallis Singing Resistance** met at the First Christian Church on the evening of March 5th for its first rehearsal. With no singing experience required, the unity of sentiment gave the voices a warm and wonderful harmony.

The second practice is scheduled for March 23 at the First Christian Church (603 SW Madison) at 7 pm. The group will be singing at the No Kings III protest on March 28 bringing a voice of dissent, solace, strength, and solidarity and demonstrating that we collectively and creatively refuse cooperation with authoritarian forces.

To join or for more info, email corvallissingingresistance@proton.me.



Visibility Brigade will do **rush hour bannering** in Corvallis every Friday from 4:30-6 pm to publicize No Kings III. Banners will fly at four high-traffic locations.

Banner making session Friday, March 20 at 2:30 pm at the Unitarian Fellowship (2945 NW Circle). We will be prepping banners for the **No Kings III** protest. Sign up on [Mobilize](#) or email visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com to join us!



Come knock on doors to talk about No Kings III. Many in our community still don't know when protests are happening and, more importantly, why they are happening. Others are unsure if our

events are safe. Meet people where they are, and help them understand why these protests exist and our commitment to nonviolence. Email indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com

Join the Chalk Team!

The messages from the newly formed Chalk Team are starting to show up on sidewalks around town. Come join us! Be part of this color brigade!

No artistic talent required! If you'd can hold a piece of chalk and get down on your hands and knees, you can participate. There are stencils, but if you're artistically inclined, you are welcome to embellish or create your own designs.

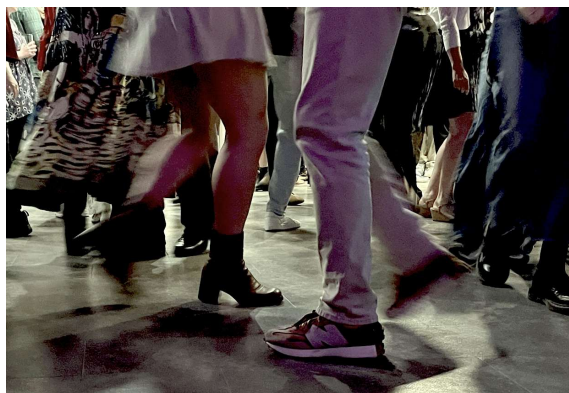
To join our group, email visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com.

Angry Knit In was a public knitting event that happened this past Sunday, March 8th at the BC courthouse. He hope it becomes an ongoing event. Stay tuned! Meanwhile, if you knit or crochet, make some Norwegian *red hats of resistance* to gift to marchers at No Kings III on March 28th.



Did You Miss Salsa Night?

On Saturday, March 7th, nearly 250 people came to Bodhi Bistro to learn to dance Salsa and then dance the night away. This was the largest FUNdraiser event organized by NeST (neighbor's standing together) yet! The group, founded late last year, collects funds to help neighbors in distress.



Words of an attendee *"I have never seen so many people at an intro dance lesson before. It completely blew my socks off and made me realize what a strong desire there is in our community to come together for good!"*

Upcoming meetings and actions



In partnership with **Rogue One**, we regularly serve more than 100 community members. Volunteers report this is fun and rewarding. The program is temporarily suspended but is expected to restart. We will share the next date when it is made available to us. The program is always looking for volunteers to help purchase food items in advance.

These events happen in a recurrent bases on Fridays with the following schedule.

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

Keep posted for updates or write to [indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com!](mailto:indivisible.bc.or@gmail.com) for information.



Growing Ancestral Roots is organizing a **tamale takeout fundraiser**. These Guatemalan tamales—often called jiggy tamales—are softer and more delicate than Mexican-style tamales, Guatemalan Tamales are made with higher moisture and little to no lard. Wrapped in banana leaves. The only option available is chicken for this week.

Order by March 11 at 6pm. Pickup will be at the Coho EcoVillage (1975 SE Crystal Lake Drive) in Corvallis.

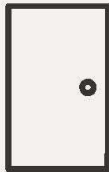
Order [HERE](#) For more questions, write to culturasunidasoregon@gmail.com

Growing Ancestral Roots (GAR) is a collective led by immigrant, refugee, and BIPOC communities in Benton and Linn counties. They are more than a food project—it is a living network where culture, livelihood, and survival come together.

How to make our community safe!

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

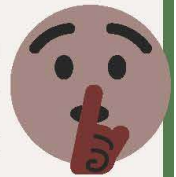
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR



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 for any media inquiries.
- volunteers@pircoregon.org for questions about volunteering, donating to the PIRC Resource Center, and Migra Watch.
- 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 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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