



INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

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intersect with Oregon law. She works directly with people navigating high-stakes legal situations—often involving multiple legal systems, language barriers, and unfamiliar processes. Yema herself came to the United States from Ethiopia early in her adult life and built her life and career here while learning to navigate a new language, culture, and unfamiliar systems. Additionally, she has served on local boards and has been actively involved in community education and outreach.

CALENDAR

April

- **4/15** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/15** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/16** | Visibility Brigade Banner Making Session. 4 - 5:30 pm, Unitarian Fellowship. Sign up on [Mobilize](#).
- **4/17** | Postcarding. 10 am - 12 pm, Natural Grocers. Sign up on [Mobilize](#).
- **4/17** | Visibility Brigade Bannering in Corvallis. 4:30 - 6 pm. For location, email visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com.
- **4/18** | Linn-Benton NAACP Town hall - Albany. See below!
- **4/18** | Voter registration drive at the Saturday Market. Sign up on [Mobilize](#).
- **4/18** | Love Melts Ice (Newport). Sign up on [Mobilize!](#) See flyer below.
- **4/21** | BC Commissioner Candidate Forum. See below!
- **4/22** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/22** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/22** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location:** Corvallis Community Center. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/25** | Voter registration drive at the Saturday Market. Sign up on [Mobilize](#).
- **4/25** | Linn-Benton NAACP Town hall- Corvallis. See below!
- **4/28** | Last Day to Register to Vote. See below!
- **4/29** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **4/29** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)

May

- **5/1** | Postcarding. 1 - 3 pm, Corvallis Plaza.
- **5/1** | May Day Strong. See information below.
- **5/2** | Visibility Brigade Freeway Overpass Bannering. 2 - 3:30 pm. For location, email visibilitybrigadebc@gmail.com.
- **5/3** | Peace & Justice Jam. 6 pm, Common Fields.
- **5/6** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/6** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/6** | Corvallis Town Hall on Elections. See below.
- **5/13** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/13** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/13** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location:** [Corvallis Library](#). Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/15** | Postcarding. 10 am - 12 pm, Natural Grocers.
- **5/20** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/20** | Song gathering. See flyer below. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/27** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)
- **5/27** | Indivisible General Meeting. **NOTE location:** Corvallis Community Center. Sign up on [Mobilize!](#)

Daily weekday protests. Benton County Courthouse, noon - 1 pm, every weekday.

Blue dates indicate new/revised items since last newsletter.

Scroll down for flyers about other community events.

Please note: We will be sending shortened-format newsletters the weeks of General Meetings, starting with next week.

To learn more about our ongoing campaigns, visit <https://indivisiblebc.org/ongoing-campaigns/>.

From the Editor's Desk

Elections are coming, and every race on every ballot is a chance to stop and reverse the damage caused by the Trump Administration. And *we* are the ground game. We have voter registration drives and canvassing coming up, and on May 6th **Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Reed**

will join Sen. Sara Gelsler Blouin and Rep Sarah Finger McDonald in a [town hall](#) and talk about how we protect our elections and make our votes count.

This is the moment our volunteers were made for. **Knock on doors. Register voters. Pack that town hall. Disrupt the economy. Build community. Grow resilience. Join an Action!** Read on to learn about upcoming events and actions.

May Day Nationwide Day of Economic Disruption



Led by [May Day Strong](#) and building on the momentum of No Kings III, this May Day (Friday, May 1) will be a day of economic disruption, as we flex our collective power to demand an end to the oligarch-enabled Trump regime. The central action will be a proactive, nonviolent choice to engage in little-to-no economic activity on May 1: **NO work, NO school, NO shopping**. Spread the word in your circles!

We recognize that not everyone is able to withhold all economic activity – if you can spend no money on May 1, that’s fantastic. If you can walk away from work or school, wonderful! Join a local activity? Also great! Activities are planned at OSU and the Courthouse.

Oregon State University

All are welcome - students, workers, alumni, and community members! We'll be meeting at 12 pm for a rally to demand affordability, freedom, and safety at our school. Bring your own signs! Sign up on [Mobilize](#).

Benton County Courthouse

Rally starting at 12 pm. Sign up on [Mobilize](#).

A core principle behind all our events 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 at these events. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.

Oregon's Primary Election May 19



Oregon will hold a statewide primary election on **May 19**.

In Oregon, major political parties have closed primaries, meaning **only voters registered with that party can vote for candidates of the same party**.

Learn more about voting in Oregon at this [webpage](#).

See [this post](#) on Indivisible BC's website for additional information, including Oregon's response to federal efforts to limit vote by mail.

Important Dates

See "Postmark Date" for information about when a postmark is applied.

April 28, 2026

Last day to register to vote or change party affiliation. Registration cards postmarked by this date or submitted online no later than 11:59 pm are valid.

May 19, 2026

Election Day. Last day to return ballot. **Ballots that are mailed must be postmarked by election day. Ballots deposited in an official drop box must be received by 8pm.** Find locations of Benton County drop boxes [here](#).



Registering to Vote

Registering to vote in Oregon is quick and simple.

- Online using [My Vote](#).
- By mail using a [voter registration form](#). This form also is available in [multiple languages](#).
- In person at the [county elections office](#) or at certain state agencies like the DMV.

- Many voters are [automatically registered when they go to the DMV](#).

You can **track your registration status, update your information, or check your ballot's progress** at Oregon's [My Vote](#) website.

Postmark Date

On Dec. 24, a new U.S. Postal Service (USPS) rule took effect, [stating](#) that mail is not necessarily postmarked on the day it is received by the post office. While there is disagreement about whether this rule represents a change or a clarification of existing practices, it's better to be safe than sorry.

If you are returning a ballot on election day, we recommend either 1) using an official dropbox **before 8 pm** or 2) going to the post office and **asking a clerk to postmark your ballot**.



Protect our elections & Get Out the Vote (GOTV)

Election Town Hall in Corvallis May 6

Secretary of State Read will answer elections questions from the community at a [town hall on Wed, May 6, 6 p.m.](#) in Corvallis. He will be joined by Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin and Rep. Sarah Finger McDonald at the **Linn-Benton Community College's Benton Center, 757 NW Polk Ave.**

This is your opportunity to ask questions about measures being taken to safeguard Oregon elections against the voter suppression attempts coming from Washington, DC.



Chalk Team Voter Registration / GOTV Campaign

The Chalk Team is preparing to launch this campaign with a focus on the OSU campus in the next few days. We will be helping to publicize a voter registration event on April 20. If you are interested in participating, send an email to visibilitybrigadefbc@gmail.com.



Voter Registration drive and GOTV canvassing

The Legislative and Voter Engagement Committee will be having multiple voter registration drives and will be canvassing to Get Out The Vote in **Corvallis, North Albany, and Philomath!** The number of volunteers will determine how many people we can reach and how many voters will exercise a right that is more important than ever.

If you haven't been involved in voter registration or canvassing, no problem! You will be joining a group of more seasoned activists to show you the ropes. Canvassing is a fun and unique opportunity to meet people where they are—literally and figuratively speaking.

The first **voter registration drives** will be on **April 18** and **April 25** at the **Saturday Corvallis farmers' market!** Sign up on [Mobilize](#) for more dates and canvassing locations!

Upcoming meetings and actions



[Contact your Members of Congress: Trump's war on Iran must be stopped](#)

Trump's unauthorized, unprovoked war in Iran has cost the lives of US service members and thousands of civilians in Iran and across the Middle East. And now, Trump is threatening a ground invasion and attacks on civilian infrastructure (which is a war crime). Email your Members of Congress via the above link, then call [your senators](#) and [your representative](#) to say: *Not one cent more for Trump's war*

**Your Family
Your Community
Your Oregon**

Town Halls Exploring the Impacts of Federal Actions on Oregonians

SAFETY
HEALTH CARE
HOUSING
AFFORDABILITY

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
KIDS WELCOME
(free childcare - Albany only)

APRIL 18 Albany Riverfront Community Center FREE CHILDCARE ALBANY ONLY	APRIL 25 C3 - Corvallis Community Center MORE INFO: 
    	

Linn-Benton County NAACP Policy Townhall

Your Family - Your Community - Your Oregon: Exploring the Impacts of Federal Actions on Oregonians

Saturday, April 18, 10 am - 12 pm, Riverfront Community Center, Albany

Saturday, April 25, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Corvallis Community Center, Corvallis

Oregonians across the political spectrum are concerned with changes affecting their welfare and security. You're invited to join town hall discussions this April addressing critical topics including Health Care, Housing, Education, Affordability, State Economy, Voting Integrity, Public Safety, and more. Break-out sessions led by informed speakers will examine how current and future federal actions affect Oregonians.

Children are welcome; childcare will be available on site (Albany only); and snacks and beverages will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and assist with the town halls on April 18 (Albany) and 25 (Corvallis)! Sign up [HERE!](#)



Chance Summer Essentials

Community Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.) is a non-profit agency working in the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties offering support for those who have experienced or are experiencing addiction and homelessness.

CHANCE has offices in Albany, Corvallis, and Lebanon. See their [webpage](#) for details.

Upcoming Community Events

SONGS AND SOLIDARITY

WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

CORVALLIS COURTHOUSE

APRIL 15TH 22ND 29TH
MAY 6TH 13TH 20TH

LED BY KJERSTEN HALLIN

ALL VOICES WELCOME

SINGING CORVALLIS RESISTANCE

LEAD WITH LOVE

GATHER. LEARN. SING!

 [@singingresistance.corvallis](https://www.instagram.com/singingresistance.corvallis) 



TRAININGS FOR 2026

MIGRA WATCH

Skill up and learn how to show up for your neighbors. Join us for our next ICE Watch trainings! **No prior experience is required.**

UPCOMING TRAININGS: (ALL VIRTUAL)

- Tuesday, April 21st
- Saturday, April 25th
- Wednesday, May 13th
- Saturday, May 16th
- Tuesday, June 9th
- Saturday, June 20th



Links to RSVP will be available 1 week before each training in our linktree.

THE MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY CONVENTION FOR COMMUNITY DEFENSE & IMMIGRANT JUSTICE



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SATURDAY | APRIL 25TH | 9 AM - 4 PM
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**LOVE
MELTS
ICE**



★ **KEEP ICE OUT OF NEWPORT** ★

♪ **FEATURING LOCAL MUSICIANS!** ♪

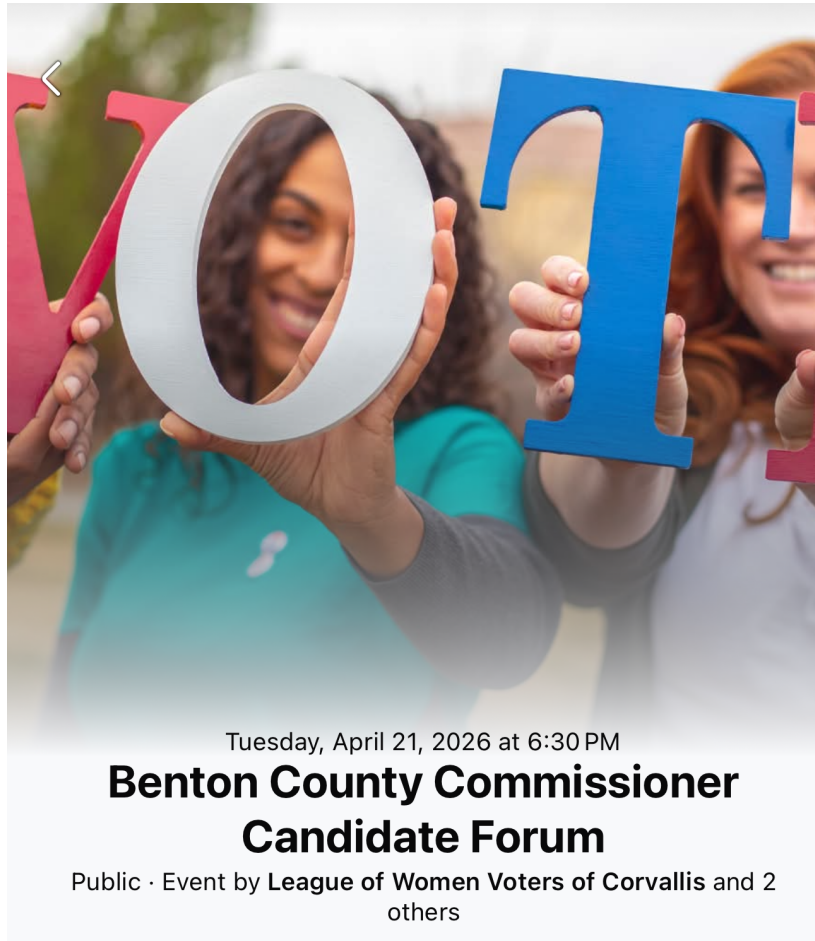
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
3 - 6 PM

**LAWN & HWY 101 IN FRONT OF
NEWPORT CITY HALL**

★ **SUGGESTED DONATION:** ★

\$5 - 1,000

Proceeds will benefit community members impacted by ICE



📍 **Corvallis-Benton County Public Library**
645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330-4722, United States · 3 mi

RAINBOW FAMILY CIRCLE



Free dinner & childcare!
Fun Raffle!

Join our free discussion & support circle of LGBTQ2SIA+ parents, caregivers, and families of LGBTQ2SIA+ youth. Share, feel heard, and build community.

Meets every other Thurs. evening in Corvallis starting 4/2 registrants will receive exact time, dates, & location

The group is facilitated by **affirming** parenting educators! Topics will be customized to suit the interests and needs of those who attend.

To sign up and be contacted, email parkerla@linnbenton.edu

Questions? Reach out to parentinged@linnbenton.edu

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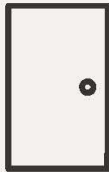


For accommodation requests, contact Accessibility Resources (CFAR) at 541-917-4789 or accessibility@linnbenton.edu at least three business days in advance. LBCC does not discriminate based on any protected status in its programs or activities. For more information, visit linnbenton.edu/nondiscrimination.

Keep 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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