



INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

July 14, 2026

an emotionally laden pause, some of us rubbed our hands together, making a soft shushing sound, and others quietly spoke their thanks, both for her sharing and for her steadfast commitment to this work.

We encourage you to read the summary later in this newsletter of what she shared with us about the services PIRC offers, what ICE has been doing recently, the toll this is taking on our community, and what you can do to help. Scroll down! ↓

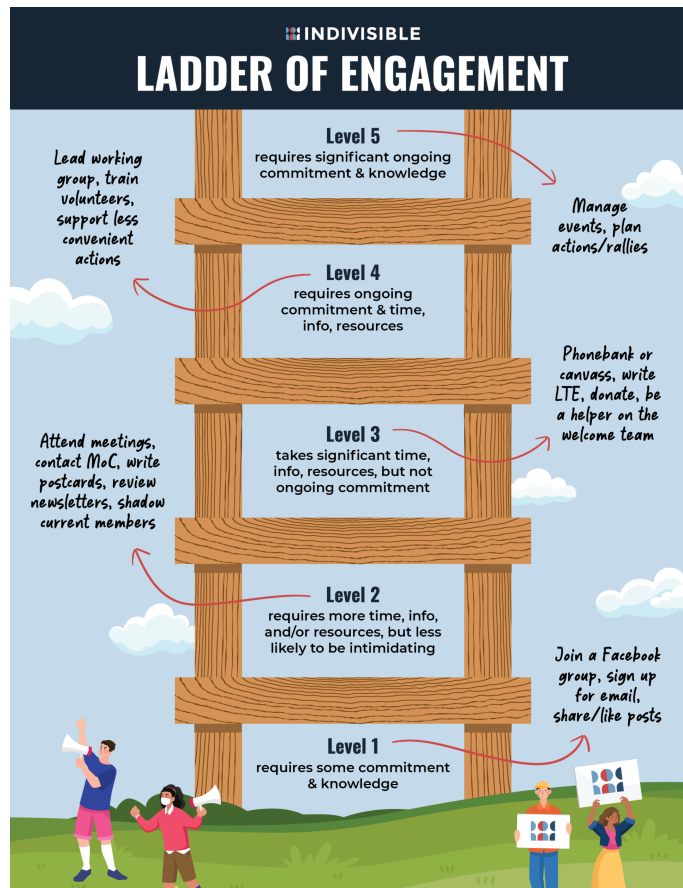
July

- **7/14** | Third Act Mtg w/ **Director of Benton County Records and Elections**. See below!
- **7/15** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/17** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/18** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/21** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/22** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/22** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center**. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/23** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #2. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/24** | Visibility Brigade banner-making. 4 pm. Email visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org.
- **7/25** | Visibility Brigade freeway bannering. Noon - 2 pm. Email visibilitybrigade@indivisiblebc.org.
- **7/25** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **7/29** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)

August

- **8/1** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/5** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/6** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #3. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/7** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/8** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/12** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Library**. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/12** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/15** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/19** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/20** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #4. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/22** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/26** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center**. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/26** | Weekly Wednesday Protest. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/27** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #5. See below. [Sign up!](#)
- **8/29** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am - 1pm. [Sign up!](#)

Scroll down for flyers about other community events.



Ramping Up For Election Protection (and More)

Indivisible Benton County has done some amazing things in the past year and a half! However, the midterm elections in November, as well as protecting our most vulnerable community members now and continuing the fight to resist authoritarianism after the election, require that we step it up!

As an example of how actions by government agencies can disenfranchise voters, see the [Corvallis Gazette-Times' recent article](#) about how a Corvallis Post Office order to focus on package delivery, rather than picking up mail, on primary election day resulted in ballots not being postmarked by the deadline!

To increase our capacity for action, fight burnout, and enhance our resiliency, we need to 1) recruit new members – bring in more folks at "Level 1" of the "Ladder of Engagement," 2) retain those members as consistent "Level 2 or 3" active participants, and 3) encourage those who are interested to "move up the ladder."

If you are interested in **increasing your engagement** and/or **welcoming new members**, please email membership@indivisiblebc.org.

And plan to attend the **General Meeting on July 22**, where we'll be discussing some of our plans to get out the vote (GOTV) for the November midterm elections!



Thursday, July 23: Connect with Immigrant Justice Orgs
Thursday, August 6: Roles & Rapid Response Strategies
Thursday, August 20: Funnel Support for Immigrant Justice
Thursday, August 27: Use Signal for Organizing

When ICE comes to your community, do you know what to do? This summer, Indivisible is giving you a blueprint. Immigrant Justice Summer is a five-call national training series that will level up how you show up for immigrant justice. You'll get aligned with the organizations already leading the response in your community, build a concrete plan for your role, and grow your circle of neighbors ready to act. By the end, you'll be equipped to mount a safe, hyper-local, immigrant-aligned response when ICE comes to your community.

[Learn more and sign up for the remaining calls.](#)

If you missed the first call last week, you can [watch the recording here.](#)

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Third Act is hosting the **Director of Benton County Records and Elections!** Join us on **July 14th, 4:30pm at the Willow Room at the Corvallis Community Center**, when Darla Rush, Director of Benton County Records and Elections, and her Deputy Director Jo Missler will give a presentation on how elections are administered in Benton County. This will include a discussion about the integrity of the process. There will be time for Q & A.

[Sign up for Indivisible's Hands Off Our Vote campaign](#) to get notified of key voting deadlines in your state, get updates on any threats to your voting rights and learn how to counter them, and be ready to mobilize in defense of your vote. You'll also play an important role in rapid response moments whenever and wherever they try to pull their dirty tricks.

Send **postcards to voters** for primary elections. Cards, addresses, and scripts will be provided. A \$10 donation for stamps is requested.

****New dates added.****

- **July 17, 10am to 12pm at Natural Grocers (Community Room)**, 1235 NW 10th St, Corvallis. [Sign up here.](#)
- **July 21, 4 to 6 pm at The Plaza**, 425 SW Madison Ave, Corvallis. [Sign up here.](#)
- **Aug 7, 1 to 3 pm at The Plaza**, 425 SW Madison Ave, Corvallis. [Sign up here.](#)

The Impact of ICE: Interview with a PIRC Hotline Volunteer

At the recent general meeting, we had the wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand about all the ways PIRC is helping our immigrant neighbors, while the volunteer's powerful stories brought home how

needed these services are. We also learned about recent ICE activity, and what you can do to help.

What does PIRC do?

PIRC provides a variety of services to the immigrant community, including the statewide hotline. The hotline, which most people are aware of, deploys the Migra Watch network when ICE is present in a community. Migra Watch is a trained network of people who monitor and document ICE activity and provide rapid response support. But this is just one aspect of their services.

PIRC also locates people in detention facilities. People picked up by ICE in Oregon are processed through offices in Portland, Eugene or Medford. They must be moved to a detention facility within twelve hours. Since there are no detention facilities in Oregon, they are shipped out-of-state, usually to Tacoma. Detainees also can be scattered around the country and moved from one detention center to another. Sometimes they just disappear. When families lose track of their loved ones, they often call again since PIRC has the ability to locate them.

Probably the most important service PIRC provides is to connect people with legal services through an organization called [ECO \(Equity Corps of Oregon\)](#). ECO is a coalition of lawyers who provide free legal services to immigrants who are residents of Oregon. A group of lawyers or paralegals is always at the processing facilities, ready to provide immediate emergency services. People who are undocumented should register with ECO. If they are picked up by ICE, this increases the ability of ECO lawyers to respond quickly. Recently, ICE has been moving the initial processing to out-of-state offices, which shrinks the time for ECO lawyers to determine their legal needs and then intervene on their behalf.

Another branch of PIRC's work refers families to organizations that provide a range of social services—like money for rent and groceries or mental health services for teens struggling with the emotional trauma when family members disappear. PIRC collaborates with a broad coalition of local groups to meet the specific needs of each family. Due to the high demand for these services, these organizations are all stretched thin, and resources are limited. Community donations are critical to sustain services.



PIRC
PORTLAND IMMIGRANT
RIGHTS COALITION

HAS SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY BEEN DETAINED BY ICE OR
ARE YOU A WITNESS OF AN ICE RAID IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

WITH THIS NUMBER
WE CAN ALSO INFORM
YOU ABOUT:

- Finding services of an immigration attorney
- Mobilizing the community if someone in your family is detained by ICE
- Finding accompaniment for immigration appointments
- Finding other community resources to help

IF SO, CALL THE PIRC HOTLINE
1-888-622-1510

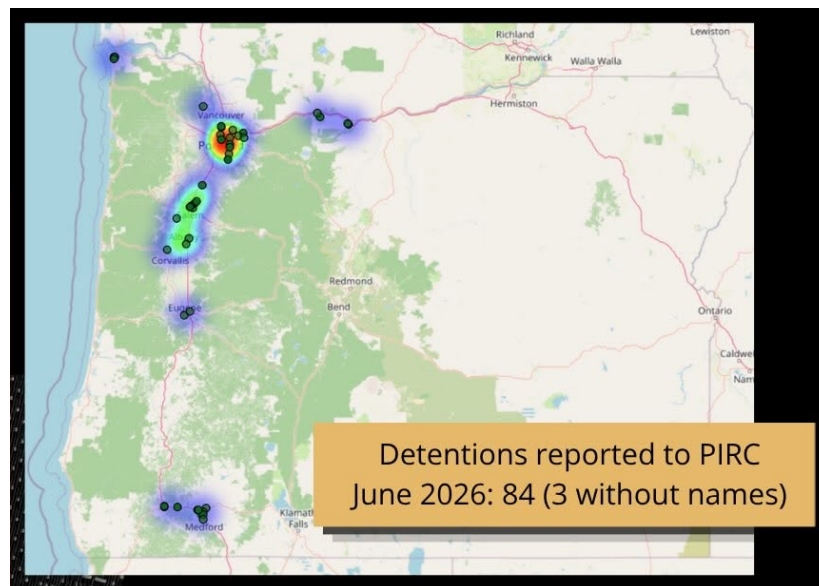
*I try to have a thick skin, but sometimes the calls just shatter me,
and I cry afterwards.*

What is being done to these people is a crime.

Tell us about your experiences working on the hotline.

One recent call was from a seventeen-year-old mother with a one-year-old baby whose husband was abducted. She was lost and broken. She was completely isolated— no friends, no family, no income—and had no idea what to do. We were able to locate her husband at the Northwest Immigration Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington. A social worker met with her in a public park the day after she called the hotline and spent three hours with her providing emotional support. Her husband opted to return to his home country and was flown back two days after he was abducted. She decided to join him, but her passport was expired, and her baby didn't have a passport. PIRC helped her connect with the Consulate to get the passports and connected her with an organization that assisted with living expenses until she was able to join her husband. This is the kind of situation we see all the time.

People's lives are torn apart in a matter of minutes. They might be taken out of their car while driving to work. In 15 minutes they are gone with no trace, their car left in the street. Families call because a husband, daughter, brother or parent didn't come home from work. Employers call because their employees haven't reported for work. They just disappear.



Now ICE is picking up people at the courthouse while they are complying with the law to pay a parking ticket or take care of a work permit that lapsed the week before. People who are undocumented need to check in with immigration authorities on a regular basis, and they are being picked up as they carry out this legally required procedure. Sometimes people are deported because of a DUI from years ago. In one case a person was accused in the past of domestic violence, but the accusation had been retracted. ICE officials look for any excuse that can be used to fit the narrative that these people are criminals.

The people who call the hotline are so polite and humble, and sometimes even apologetic. They are completely broken emotionally, and they still have the capacity to be kind and appreciative. Spanish-speaking callers invariably start with "Buenos dias, señorita, perdón incomodarla, ..es que hoy se le llevarán a mi (esposo/hijo/hermano)," and then proceed to tell us details. Invariably they end the call with, "Muchissimas gracias por todo, señorita, muy amable, que Dios la proteja siempre."

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What is the current level of ICE activity in Oregon?

Last year in late July, ICE activity began creeping up, and from late September through January it was a nightmare in Oregon. Every day in Beaverton dozens, sometimes hundreds, of people were taken. It was the same in North and Central Portland, Gresham, Salem and Woodburn. From February to June there was a calm period, and then ICE activity started creeping up again (20 detentions in April, 47 in May and 84 in June). They are active in different locations in Oregon and using new tactics. Southern Oregon and Eugene are now target areas. We also have seen an increase in activity in Albany and Corvallis. ICE uses FLOCK cameras to identify people's driving patterns between home and work, and they pick up people as they drive to work. They also target people at courthouses as a frequent tactic.

Only call the hotline if you are directly affected by a detention or actively seeing an abduction. Text otherwise.

For people who took Migra Watch training early on, has anything changed about the process?

Because of the overwhelming volume of calls, PIRC set up a text line in addition to its hotline. Only call the hotline if you are directly affected by a detention or actively seeing an abduction. Callers not directly affected must be firsthand witnesses. Text for all other situations. Always use "C.L.E.A.R" when you call or text: **C**ount the number of people; give the **L**ocation; describe ICE's **E**quipment; describe the **A**ctivity and **R**eport the time. If you have photos, text them with CLEAR information. Videos should be sent via email to hotline@pircoregon.org. Videos must be recorded continuously to be acceptable in court. Record horizontally to include as much of the scene as possible. Do not post on social media, especially if the targeted person taken is recognizable —this can put them and their family at risk. Never publicly mention that person's name.

In the current moment, how can people help?

Take Migra Watch training so you know how to respond appropriately. Do not try to intervene once ICE agents have their hands on someone! Once you are trained, be part of a local rapid response team and, most importantly, of a neighborhood watch by keeping an eye out for strangers and unfamiliar vehicles in your neighborhood. And please donate to organizations that are providing support to communities impacted by ICE.

Donate to [Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition \(PIRC\)](#), to support the work of the hotline and all the services you just read about.

To support **rapid-response legal help**, donate to [Equity Corps of Oregon \(ECO\)](#). ECO is a project of Oregon Worker Relief (OWR), a coalition of more than 100 immigrant-rights and community-based organizations. Together with the Oregon State Bar, OWR manages Oregon's Universal Representation system (i.e., ECO). Seeding Justice supports dispersal of grants from OWR, and all gifts to OWR through Seeding Justice go directly to OWR. (This is why the donate link goes to the Oregon Worker Relief Fund at Seeding Justice.)

To help provide **emergency housing, food and essential household items, and other services**, donate to [Latino Network's Emergency Client Assistance Fund](#).

To support immigrants locally, donate to [Casa Latinos Unidos \(CLU\)](#). Thanks to a grant from Indivisible National to Indivisibles of East Linn and Benton county, all donations to this campaign will be doubled, up to \$2,500!

Watch the Indivisible Benton County newsletter for updates about other ways you can help, including Migra Watch trainings.

This is a good time to remember what we already know works:

WE KEEP US SAFE!

- If you see a community member being detained, PLEASE let us know as soon as you safely can. Minutes can matter in getting documentation and assistance! *Call if you have eyes on them. Text otherwise.*
- Save the PIRC number in your phone now 1-888-622-1510
- If you are out in your community, stay vigilant! Pull over and call us if you suspect you see a detention happening. *Remember to use C.I.E.A.R. reporting.*
- Remember that in Oregon, you have the right to record and document interactions with ICE and law enforcement. Badge number, agency, vehicle descriptions: this information helps us determine how to support a family.
- Remember that the goal is to document the actions of ICE, not our neighbors in their most vulnerable moments while being detained.
- Send videos to hotline@pircoregon.org; you can text photos or call the hotline. Please do not share them on social media! *Text if you email a video, so we can look for it.*

PIRC 1-888-622-1510 ✦ 07/10/26

Remember to be **CLEAR** when you report to the PIRC hotline:

C

COUNT: HOW MANY VEHICLES AND AGENTS YOU SEE

L

LOCATION: WE ARE A STATEWIDE HOTLINE SO PLEASE INCLUDE NEAREST CROSS STREETS AND CITY

E

EQUIPMENT: VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS, UNIFORMS, DESCRIPTIONS OF WHAT THEY ARE USING

A

ACTIVITY: PULLING SOMEONE OVER, HANDCUFFING, KNOCKING ON DOORS ETC

R

REPORT TIME AND DATE:

Pro tip:
you can narrate
all of these points
while recording,
as well!

PIRC 1-888-622-1510 + 07/10/26

Support Local Community Events



"TASTE THE NATIONS" International Food event

This July, our food event will feature dishes from two families presenting authentic Syrian cuisine. Additionally, Azalia from Guatemala will be on hand to serve delightful desserts and takeout tamales.

Date: July 10th, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Location: **Imagine Coffee**
5460 PHILOMATH BLVD CORVALLIS
Please Cash or Venmo only

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR NEW
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For More Information:
info@corvallisforrefugees.org



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The Power of 100 is a giving circle - a group of people who pool their charity dollars. The group exists to give local non-profit organizations greater visibility and to create a fund capable of distributing \$10,000 every quarter to non-profit organizations. If 100 people each give \$100, they can make a BIG impact four times per year without a huge time commitment. The group meets in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. There is **no fee** to join and no cap on the number of members. The next meeting is **July 15th**. Guests are always welcome. Email powerof100pwc@gmail.com for more info or go [HERE](#).





HANDMADE PALESTINE

Meet & Greet • 5:00

Presentation • 5:30

Shop & Mingle • 6:30

POP UP
MARKET

5:00-7:30

July 13th

Join us for an evening with the
founder of Handmade Palestine

at

Plant Posse



133 NW 2nd St, Corvallis



RAINBOW DROP-IN HOURS

NAME CHANGE WORKSHOP

WITH TRANSPONDER

Learn about the process to legally
change your name or gender
identification!

Resources available for assisting in
the process.

JULY 17TH | 5:30-7PM
1025 PACIFIC BLVD SE, ALBANY

Questions?
Call 541-220-2955 or email
ysce@jacksonstreet.org



YOU'RE INVITED TO A HOUSE PARTY JOANNA ROBINSON STATE REPRESENTATIVE • HD-15	
 Sunday, July 26th  1:00-3:00 pm  The Home of Marie Long & Jan Bechler 3025 NW Hurleywood Dr. Albany, OR 97321 www.joannarobinsonforeregon.com	Meet Joanna Robinson and learn about her campaign and vision for change. Light refreshments will be served. PLEASE RSVP HERE 



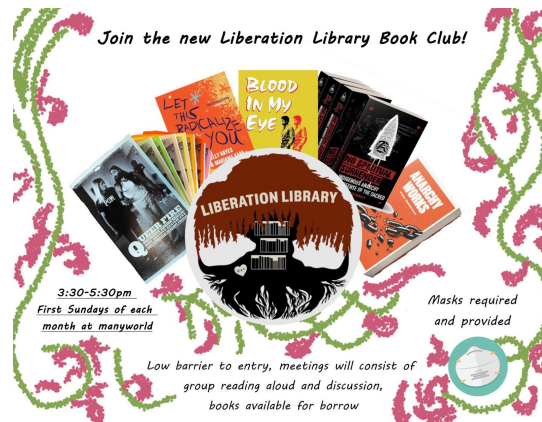
Rooted in the Mid-Willamette Valley, [KinCultivate](#) is a Black-led organization supporting Black youth and their families. *For Black Girls to Bloom* features garden-inspired ceramic tiles and vibrant self-portraits by elementary-aged Black girls from Linn and Benton counties. Set among these works are ivory-colored tiles created by adult supporters and community aunties, quietly reflecting the protection and collective care that surround the young artists.

In partnership with [Maxtivity Creative Space for Community Arts](#), the project reflects KinCultivate's mission in practice, honoring the beauty of Black girls' becoming and the community responsibility required to nurture and sustain their growth. Showing at the Corvallis Arts Center through Aug. 1.



Join us for the Benton County Democrats Picnic and Pie auction!

We will be gathering on **Sunday, Aug 2, at 2 pm** at the **Rotary Shelter in Willamette Park** to enjoy a summer afternoon, grill some burgers and dogs, and auction off some delicious pies. Bring a side dish to share, a beverage, and plan to bid on some pies.



EVENTS THIS MONTH

📍 1025 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany

1ST	Medical Drop-In Hours 2:30-3:30 OHP Support Hours 2:30-3:30PM
4TH	BBQ Party 4-7PM
8TH	Linn County Mental Health Drop-In Hours 3:30-5:30PM
10TH	Rainbow Drop-In Hours: Game Night 5:30-7PM
11TH	Luca Watch Party 4:30-6:30PM
15TH	STI Testing 3-6PM
17TH	Rainbow Drop-In Hours: Name Change Workshop 5:30-7PM
18TH	Karaoke Night 5-7PM
22ND	Recovery Rocks 4:30-6:30PM
24TH	Breakfast Club 8-9:30AM Rainbow Drop-In Hours: Craft Night 5:30-7PM

Questions?
 Call 541-220-2955 or email ysc@jacksonstreet.org



**GROWING
ANCESTRAL ROOTS**

LUNCH COMMUNITY MEALS

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH FEATURING
HEALTHY, KID-FRIENDLY FOODS AND
MADE FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE.

- STARTING JULY EVERY
THURSDAY AT 12PM

LOCATION: LILY PARK
865 SE LILLY AVE, CORVALLIS, OR 97333

  **SPIRIT MOUNTAIN
Community Fund**



OPEN HOURS

FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 12-24

**1025
PACIFIC
BLVD SE,
ALBANY**

YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

S E R V I C E S

- SHOWER
- LAUNDRY
- TEACHING KITCHEN
- FOOD PANTRY
- CLOTHING CLOSET
- RESOURCE CLOSET (BASIC
NEEDS SUPPLIES)
- YOUTH SPACE

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Summer Snack + Water Drive

Bottled water
Granola/protein bars
Peanut butter packs
Applesauce pouches
Trail mix/ nuts
Fruit snacks
Fruit leather
Beef jerky
Freeze-dried meals
Chips



Drop off Hours:
10am-1pm
Tuesday + Wednesday
225 SW 4th St, Corvallis
10am-1pm
Thursday
Albany Public Library

Help our Outreach team provide nonperishable snacks and bottled water to youth across Linn and Benton County this summer!

Contact Ben at 541-760-5825 or
ben.martens@jacksonstreet.org



We want to uplift the community and our coalition partners. If you have a community event that you would like us to consider including in our weekly newsletter or website, please email newsletter@indivisiblebc.org.

We have New Email Addresses!

Email info@indivisiblebc.org, with general questions, comments, and suggestions.
Email newsletter@indivisiblebc.org, to send items for the newsletter (space permitting, and subject to editorial review).
Email voter@indivisiblebc.org with questions or comments about voter outreach.
Email legislative@indivisiblebc.org for legislative-related issues.
Email events@indivisiblebc.org for questions about specific events.
Email community@indivisiblebc.org for questions about community outreach activities.
To read about the general organization of our committees, visit our website [HERE](#).

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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