



INDIVISIBLE BENTON COUNTY

N e w s l e t t e r

August 4, 2026



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BENTON COUNTY



2026 Corvallis **CANDIDATE FORUM**

Mayor	Charles Maughan Andrew Struthers
Ward 1	Bre Irish
Ward 2	Briae Lewis Tarsa Weikert
Ward 3	Jim Moorefield
Ward 5	Christine Dashiell
Ward 6	Brennan Colberg Greg Shiffer
Ward 7	Danielle Chambers Jerry Ingersoll Asa Jorg
Ward 9	Alexis Hammer

Wed, August 12th

6:00 - 8:30 pm

**Corvallis Public
Library**

Main Meeting Room

Submit your questions for candidates to: voter@indivisiblebc.org

Additional candidates pending

Join us at our **Candidate Forum** at **6pm on Wed., Aug. 12** in the **Main Meeting Room of the Corvallis Library**. Hosted by Indivisible Benton County and [Our Revolution - Corvallis Allies](#) (ORCA), this forum will be a great way to get to know many of the your local candidates. We have invited all candidates for Corvallis Mayor and City Council. See the flyer for the current list of attendees, with additional candidates pending.

This event is open to the public, so bring your friends! (Hint: download a flyer from [our website](#) to print, share on social media, or email.)

While this forum occurs on our regular general meeting date and location, **please note that the forum will start at 6 pm, not 6:30 pm!**

Endorsement Process

For races with multiple candidates, Indivisible BC may consider an endorsement. This forum is one component of our process for our membership to decide which candidates (if any) Indivisible BC will endorse. Plan to attend our **Endorsement Meeting** on **Monday, Aug. 17 at 6 pm** at the **Corvallis Library**. Candidates who are unable to attend on Aug. 12 will have a chance to speak at the beginning of this meeting. See our website for a [full description of the process](#).

Indivisible BC will support our endorsed candidates in various ways. Please note that these efforts are separate from our voter registration and GOTV efforts (see below).

Speaking of Getting Out the Vote...

If you haven't already, take a look at our [Voter Registration and GOTV Plan](#) for the **2026 Midterm Election**.

We urgently need volunteers RIGHT NOW:

🗳️ **To canvas to unregistered voters!** Join the fun of visiting different neighborhoods to welcome folks who have recently moved and are not yet registered to vote here. Canvas with a buddy, or go your own way. Email voter@indivisiblebc.org to get started. We will provide training if you haven't registered voters before.

🗳️ **To register folks to vote or update their address at the Saturday Corvallis Farmers' Market!** Email farmersmarket@indivisiblebc.org.

Don't forget to sign up for Indivisible National's [Hands Off Our Vote](#) program. If you missed the Kick-Off Call, you can watch it [here](#).



CALENDAR

August

- **8/5** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **8/5** | Telephone Town Hall with Rep. Val Hoyle. 5:30pm. See below for registration and call-in info.
- **8/6** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #3. See below.
- **8/7** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **8/8** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **8/12** | Indivisible BC Candidate Forum. **Corvallis Library.** 6- 8:30pm.
- **8/12** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **8/13** | Visibility Brigade Corvallis Rush Hour Bannering.
- **8/15** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **8/16** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **8/17** | Indivisible BC Endorsement meeting. 6-8:30 pm. **Corvallis Library.** [Sign up!](#)
- **8/18** | COIN Interview with Gov. Tina Kotek. See below.
- **8/18** | *"What is Democracy?"* documentary screening with pizza. Corvallis Community Center. 5:30-7:45pm. \$5.
- **8/19** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **8/20** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #4. See below.
- **8/21** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **8/22** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **8/25** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **8/26** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center.**
- **8/26** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **8/27** | Immigrant Justice Summer Call #5. See below.
- **8/29** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.

September

- **9/2** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **9/4** | Postcarding - Get out the Vote. [Sign up.](#)
- **9/5** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **9/9** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **9/9** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Library.**
- **9/12** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **9/16** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **9/19** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.
- **9/23** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.
- **9/23** | Indivisible General Meeting. **Corvallis Community Center.**
- **9/26** | Indivisible BC at Saturday Market. 8am-1pm.

- **9/30** | Weekly Wednesday Protest.

Farmers Market [Sign up!](#)
Candidate Forum & General Meeting [Sign up!](#)
Visibility Brigade [Sign up!](#)

Scroll down for flyers about other community events.



Matching Donations in August!

Indivisible National will match all donations we receive in August up to \$500. That means if we raise \$500 locally we will receive another \$500 – for a total of \$1,000!

Your support is especially important right now as we launch a huge GOTV campaign leading into the midterms. We also rely on donations to cover our ongoing expenses for meeting room reservations, printing, events fees, supplies, etc. Please help us reach this fundraising goal by [donating any amount](#) – even a little can go a long way!

Local Issues = Local Action

Salem Data Center

The Salem City Council heard nearly five hours of testimony from the public about the Mill Creek data center on Monday, July 27. The main room and an overflow room were packed, and the meeting went well past midnight. Hundreds remained outside Loucks Auditorium chanting and holding signs. Members of Salem Regional Indivisible gave testimony, and Corvallis members attended. A second council meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 1; we'll share updates next week.

See [this story](#) in *The Oregonian* for more about the proposed data center.

#NoDataCenter #NoSalemDataCenter #SalemOregon



Election Protection Training

Salem Region Indivisible has booked an in-person Election Protection training with Common Cause on **October 7th from 5:30-7 pm at the First Congregational UCC Church in Salem**. They have invited Indivisible BC members to join the training.

Common Cause Oregon is creating an Election Protection Team to defend our vote-by-mail process by 1) combating election disinformation, 2) monitoring election drop boxes to ensure that they are not tampered with and that voters are not being intimidated, and 3) being the boots on the ground when emergencies pop up. [Sign up for the training and get more information on Mobilize!](#)

Saving Powers: Call to Action TODAY

The Benton County Commission is holding a hearing at **11 am on Tue., Aug. 4** in the **Kalapuya Building (4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis)** about a non-traditional conditional use permit for a rural residential (RR2) zoned property in rural North Albany.

According to the Saving Powers community group, "A mega-church is seeking a permit for a private complex that includes a private daycare, private youth center, private gymnasium, private outdoor event venue, plans for a 260+ car parking lot, and a 26,000 sq ft church for events with 700 to 1,000+ people. If the Commission grants this permit, it poses a significant risk to all RR-zoned land in Benton County by setting a precedent for data centers, distribution centers, and other non-traditional uses." Get more info on the [Saving Powers website](#).

Stay Informed

Join Representative Hoyle for a Telephone Town Hall

Wednesday, **August 5th** at **5:30 pm**

Please complete [this form](#) by **10 am** on Wednesday, August 5th to join the town hall. You will receive a phone call at the number you provide. This will be your invitation to join the call. Once you have joined, you will receive instructions for how to ask a question.

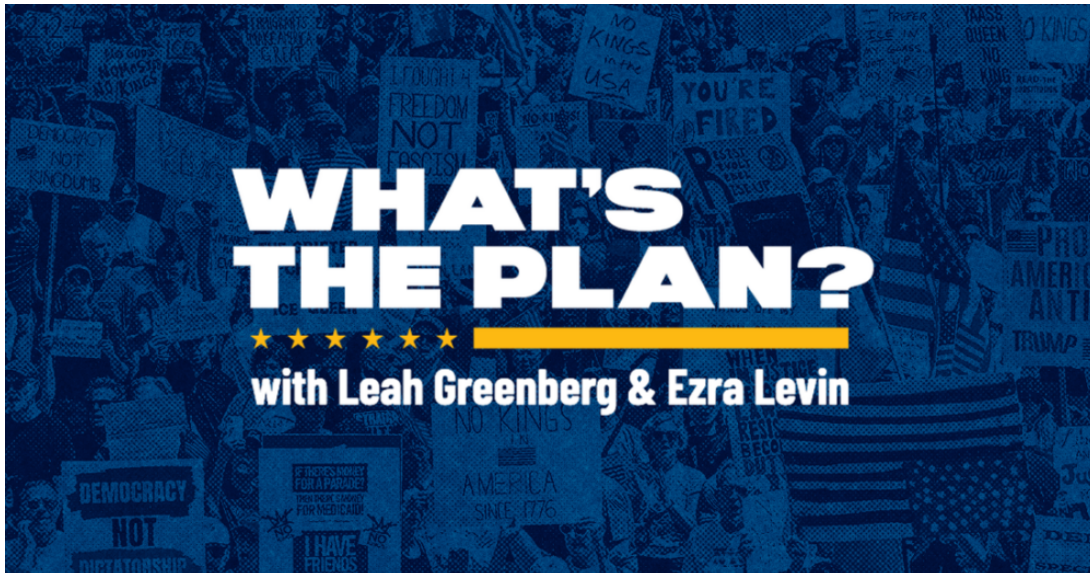


Gov. Tina Kotek Joins the COINversation Aug. 18

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: On Zoom. [Register to join the call.](#)

Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) will host **Tina Kotek**, Governor of Oregon, for a special interview open to Indivisible members statewide! [Submit your questions for Gov. Kotek on this form](#) by **Aug. 11.**



Indivisible co-founders Leah Greenberg and Ezra Levin host “What’s the Plan” every Thursday at 12 pm to break down the week’s biggest political stories, answer questions, and map out strategies for taking action. This is a great way to keep on top of latest developments and learn from not only Leah and Ezra but Indivisible members all over the country.

[Register here](#) to watch live and submit questions. You can also watch [recordings](#) or listen to the [podcast](#) of past calls.



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.](#)

[Watch recordings of the first two calls here.](#)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PORTLAND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION (PIRC)'S WEEKLY REPORT ARE AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER. SEE THE FULL REPORT [HERE](#).

Support Local Community Events

AUGUST 7
A STRENGTHENING
RURAL FAMILIES
SUMMER GATHERING



LUMOS
WINE COMPANY

Bring the family & enjoy an
easygoing evening
at Lumos Winery 5:30-8:00pm

Silent auction baskets and individual items
will be available for bidding and
a portion of Lumos evening's sales go to the benefit
of Strengthening Rural Families

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MULE ON FIRE

 **MUD OVEN** Mud Oven Pizza have
food for purchase!

Donate now
with Zeffy!



**OR YOU CAN BRING A PICNIC.
BRING A CHAIR.**

Date: Friday, August 7, 5:30pm-8:00pm
Location: Lumos Wine Company Wren Vineyard
24000 Cardwell Hill Drive, Philomath, OR 97370

Hosted by
Corvallis
Palestine
Solidarity

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY YARD SALE



*all proceeds
going to support
families in Gaza

Saturday August 8th, 9am - 2pm

910 SE Alexander Ave

Shop sustainably and support
a good cause! Baked goods,
local paintings, and items from
Palestine will be available!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
@ 9:00AM

GRAND PRAIRIE PARK
2530 Grand Prairie Rd SE, Albany

JOANNA ROBINSON
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 112-15

CANVASS KICKOFF
+ Pizza Party

• NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
• TRAINING & COACHING PROVIDED
• ADD'L DETAILS PROVIDED UPON *RSVP*

Launch @ 9:30AM
@ Doors by 10:00AM
Pizza @ Noon

 Join us!

block 15
STORAGE

DINE OUT!

FOR THE SOUTH CORVALLIS
FOOD BANK

AUGUST 11TH ALL DAY



On Aug. 11, a portion of food sales at both Block 15 locations will be donated to support South Corvallis Food Bank.

Volunteer for Corvallis Pride!



Scan the QR code to get involved!

Pride orientation will be happening on August 8th at 1 pm and will be recorded for those who can't make it!

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/
MidWillametteTransSupportNetwork
/VolunteerApplication](https://www.cognitoforms.com/MidWillametteTransSupportNetwork/VolunteerApplication)

or email [volunteer.coordinator@
midwillamettetsn](mailto:volunteer.coordinator@midwillamettetsn.org) for more info



RSVP



August 9 @ 4:30 - 8 pm
Santiam Place Wedding & Event Hall
139 S Main St, Lebanon



Join us for the Linn County Democrats' Annual Cookout and Pie Auction on **August 9, 2026 (4:30-8 pm)**, at **Santiam Place Wedding & Event Hall in Lebanon**. Please [RSVP here](#) to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

18TH ANNUAL

BLACK FAMILY BBQ

RSVP HERE 

FOOD MUSIC GAMES PRIZES

Get ready for one of the biggest community events of the summer! Enjoy delicious food, music, games, prizes, and family fun. Learn about emergency preparedness, tobacco prevention, and our AAYLC High School Mentorship Program.

AUGUST 29, 2026

GRAND PRAIRIE PARK
2530 Grand Prairie Rd SE
Albany, OR 97322

1PM - 5PM

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway!
K - 12
While supplies last

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Benton County




-  **Use your voice.**
Help shape local decisions that impact our community.
-  **Share your expertise.**
Bring your experience and perspective to the table.
-  **Serve your community.**
Make a difference where you live.

Volunteer. Advise. Serve.

 **Multiple volunteer opportunities available.**
Be part of the conversation. Help build a stronger Benton County.

 Learn more and apply:
boc.bentoncountyor.gov/boards-committees/

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PEER SUPPORT **August**

BENTON COUNTY: Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm
225 SW 4th St in Corvallis

LINN COUNTY: Fridays 4:00-5:00pm
1025 Pacific Blvd SE in Albany

Hot food and snacks!

August Topics:

- Hands on Car Maintenance
- Bike Maintenance
- Foraging & Local Mushrooms w/ Patrick W
- School/Study Skills

Questions?
Please contact Life Skills Coach Denzel Barrie
denzel.barrie@jacksonstreet.org
www.jacksonstreet.org

jackson street
YOUTH SERVICES



Our PS541 Peer Support group is designed to help youth and young adults ages 16-24 develop life skills, broaden their horizons, and have fun learning about the world we live in.



LGBTQIA2S+
SUPPORT GROUP

2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

at Manyworld DIY
1013 NW Taylor Avenue

5:00-6:30PM



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.

IMMIGRATION TRENDS REPORT FROM PIRC



TRENDS WE ARE OBSERVING IN JULY 2026

- While detentions are down ~18% from June, July had the 3rd-highest number of reported detentions to PIRC in 2026: June, 84; January, 79 (tail end of DHS/ICE Operation Black Rose); July, 69.
- 1 in 7 detentions reported to PIRC in July occurred in Clackamas County
- ICE detained people in 16 different Oregon Counties in July 2026 (in April-June ICE detained people in a total of 17 different Oregon Counties)
- 7 detentions after interactions with local law enforcement
- 9 detentions at Macadam ICE facility
- The rest occurred while people went about their daily lives and activities, and were snatched from vehicles, parking lots and outside homes.

PIRC 1-888-622-1510 + 07/31/26

TRENDS CONTINUED

We are noticing a troubling trend that we are still working to understand. 17% of detentions reported this month were of Venezuelans, the majority of whom were working delivery jobs when detained (in April-June Venezuelans made up 7% of detentions);

At least half of the detentions of Venezuelans occurred at various Walmarts across Oregon.

What is unclear is whether it is these individuals' nationality, employment as delivery drivers, or presence at a Walmart, or a combination of the three, that made them a target. **We will continue to update as our understanding of this safety threat becomes more clear.**

In the meantime, we encourage delivery drivers to use caution and take this trend seriously. We call on our community to seek answers from Walmart or any other retailer with suspicious kidnappings in their parking lots.

If you have any information related to this trend, please email us at info@pircoregon.org.
Note to employees, avoid emailing a tip from a work device or network.

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WE ARE PROTECTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Thanks to everyday Oregonians, PIRC can report that **6 people who were detained around the state by ICE in July were ordered released on the same day.** This is only possible because of our incredible, statewide, community Rapid Response. Everything came together in these situations:

- Fast-acting community members like YOU who saw a possible detention, recorded it, and/or contacted PIRC and our partners with the critical biographical information needed to initiate Rapid Response.
- Our amazing legal partners across the state who were able to use information from the public to immediately file a motion with a Federal Judge. When the Judge can see the injustices inherent in these arrests, the Judge immediately orders ICE to release our neighbor.
- After release, a web of partners, organizations, volunteers, and family members helped get these previously-detained individuals back home to their families so they can continue to live their lives. Upon release, they have to continue fighting their immigration case.
- All of this community response means less time away from a person's loved ones, less trauma for their families, less wages lost, and greater stability for our local communities.

This works because of you: your eyes, ears, recordings and quick calls to the PIRC hotline are making a difference in lives in Oregon. **We are so grateful to be in this with you!**

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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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