



November 13 NEWSLETTER

UPDATES, MINUTES, AND ACTION ITEMS

The Government Shutdown AND THE VOTE

After the largest mass protest in U.S. history, after a historically successful election for Democrats, and while poll after poll shows that Republicans had the weaker hand in the shutdown fight, Democrats in the Senate have chosen to surrender.

As one of our Indivisible members put it, “They had the chance to show they were serious and instead they treated it like business as usual.”

If you are enraged, we understand. We’re right there with you.

So where do we go from here? The following statement is from national Indivisible:

“This country needs Democrats to fight like an actual opposition party to an authoritarian regime. We need them to fight like lives depend on it, because they literally do.

Republicans are working to strip away healthcare and food assistance from millions of Americans; they are enabling a would-be king to undermine our democracy; and they cheer on the invasion of our cities and kidnapping of our neighbors. And too many elected Democrats are content to watch from the sidelines as they do it—or worse, abet this machine of corruption and abuse.”

Our Democratic Senators, Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, stood firm, and our Democratic Representative, Val Hoyle, stood firm in the House. We need to let them know we appreciate that stand and we support them in continuing the fight against the Trump administration. INCC is also in support of the national Indivisible’s call for Chuck Schumer to step down as Minority Leader and allow someone else to lead the opposition to Trump. We will be asking Senators Merkley and Wyden to join that call.

Once again, we are reminded that we cannot rely on Congress alone to save this country. It’s going to take all of us, **we the people**, to continue our actions and increase them.

Rallies, postcards, letters, phone calls, talking with others, joining groups fighting for our values, speaking out, and standing up.

“When politicians fail us, we fight harder – together! **Despair is exactly what Trump wants.** He wants us to give up, tune out, and let him run our country into the ground unchecked. We won’t give him that.” (Common Cause)

AND HERE IS THE RESULT OF WE THE PEOPLE EXERCISING OUR POWER

When the city of Newport learned that its airport — which has long hosted a U.S. Coast Guard air facility — might be at the top of ICE’s list for a new outpost, WE THE PEOPLE showed up in force. City Councilors scheduled a Special Meeting last Wednesday to address the issue. According to the Newport fire chief, more than 800 people attended the council meeting; most were in overflow rooms and hallways, and many others watched the livestream. The public comments were powerful, ranging from concerns about the danger of losing lives due to the removal of the Coast Guard helicopter to the cruel disruption of lives caused by ICE and the Trump administration's policies. From the Newport Fishermen’s Wives to a young girl who tearfully recounted the day federal agents detained her father, people from all walks of life stood up, one after another, to speak out and have their voices heard.

AND THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE CHANGED THIS OUTCOME. A letter of intent from Texas-based Team Housing Solutions to lease the Newport airport property was withdrawn on Wednesday – yes, before the meeting began – but certainly in anticipation of the opposition they would encounter.

As the mayor of Newport stated, “Your voices and resolve guide our path forward.”

Rural Organizing Project (ROP) Is Visiting Port Orford

Our organizer representative from ROP, Stephanie Hunter, will be meeting with INCC on Monday, November 17, at the Port Orford library from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Stephanie will be introducing the Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) program conversation tool. This tool makes it easier to talk with community members, organizations, and institutions (such as schools and local elected officials) about what we are facing and find points of connection. It includes a survey script and a troubleshooting guide for how to start talking with community members about the current moment and bring more people into our movement. [Check out ROP.](#)

Join us for coffee, muffins, and great conversation!

Community Dinner

Given the ongoing food insecurity affecting many of our residents, INCC is hosting a weekly community dinner. Everyone is invited to enjoy a hot, delicious meal at no cost. While our main goal is to help those worried about having enough food or facing hunger, we also want to foster a sense of community and strengthen connections among our neighbors. Our first dinner will take place on November 24, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Senior Center in Port Orford. We invite you to join us and spread the word. If you would like to volunteer with your time, food, or donations, please contact Malcolm Young at malcolm@shellacshack.com.

Card Campaign for Democracy

Saving Democracy One Card at a Time

Our new card campaign, through the Card Campaign for Democracy [CC4Democracy](https://cc4democracy.com), is ready to go! The card below, showing both sides, will be our first campaign. The cards are being printed and packaged in sets of 10, with instructions for distributing them in the community. They are available at all INCC meetings and rallies.

America On the Brink

Our **DEMOCRACY** is under attack by this administration and Project 2025. They will not stop until we are no longer a democracy and become an autocracy. **WHAT WILL WE LOSE** if they succeed? Freedom and opportunity.

Our country is a Democratic Republic.

- **We are governed by laws**, not by any single person or group of people. This is known as the “rule of law.” *Under the law, everyone is equal.*
- **All citizens**, except for those convicted of felonies in some states, have the right to vote in free and fair elections and to *participate in the governing processes.*
- **Our Constitution protects our rights**, though work remains to restore and *ensure some of our freedoms.*
- **We have the right to express ourselves** freely through writing, art, music, and theater and even to *speak out against the government or government authority and policies.*
- **The law is not a political tool** used to oppress certain groups, silence free speech, or *seek revenge on political opponents.*
- **We all have equal rights** to education and economic opportunities and are free to worship (or not) as we choose. *Minorities and minority religions are protected.*
- **Within the bounds of the law**, we have the right to choose how and where we live and who we love. *The government doesn't make those decisions for us.*

Call your Senators and Representatives at (202) 224-3121 to demand they **STAND UP** for our **DEMOCRACY!**

For more info on the facts stated in this card, use this QR code or visit <https://cc4democracy.com>



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Under Dictatorships

- **The government** is led by a strongman ruler or a small group with unlimited authority.
- **All government officials** must be completely loyal to the leader(s). Project 2025 calls for replacing thousands of career civil servants with loyalists. *This is currently underway.*
- **Elections may take place**, but the results are rigged and controlled by the leader(s) through disinformation and lies. Some people are denied their right to vote. *The infrastructure for this is currently being built.*
- **Free speech**, especially if it opposes the government, is not tolerated. The press is censored or controlled by loyalists. Disapproved books are banned. *This is happening right now.*
- **Violence and the law** are used as political tools. Opponents of the leader(s), including the media, are harassed, targeted for revenge, and often imprisoned or killed. *This is happening right now.*
- **Ethnic, religious, and gender minorities** have fewer rights than favored groups and are often portrayed as threats (poisoning the blood...). Mass detention of minorities is widespread. *Concentration camps are now being built, with more on the way.*
- **The government controls** access to education and economic opportunities and may mandate religious beliefs. *The structure for this is being put in place.*

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Coastal Southern Oregon Climate Action Now

C-SOCAN is ready for action and inviting everyone to their meetings. They are trying out a new format and will meet via Zoom to make it easier for people to attend. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec 2, at 5:15 for a bit of socializing, then at 5:30 pm, Daniel Scotton will talk about the Six Faces of Climate Deniers and how we can get most groups to become active in the climate fight.

Here is the [Zoom link](#).

INCC encourages everyone to attend. As Bill Gorham, leader of C-SOCAN, put it, “One key tie between C-SOCAN and INCC is the recognition that **“The solution to climate change? Democracy!”**”

INCC Minutes November 6, 2025

- 1) Extended discussion on the community dinner organized by INCC. Plans are in place to host the first community dinner on Monday, November 24, 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the Senior Center in Port Orford. Discussed the different volunteer opportunities – prep, cooks, servers, clean-up, and greeters. Several community members have already volunteered. Presentations have been made to other local groups, and enthusiasm seems to be high. A decision was made to continue organizing meals weekly.
- 2) Discussed the Congressional vote to end the government shutdown. Discussed national Indivisible’s stand, including non-support of the vote and lack of confidence in Democratic leadership. INCC will follow Indivisible’s lead and will include a statement in the newsletter.
- 3) Discussed the Newport City Council meeting concerning possible ICE detention center (members expressed the need to call these what they are – concentration camps) and the removal of the Coast Guard rescue helicopter. Encouraged to see so many people turn out and to hear the resolve to fight this from all, including City Councilors.
- 4) Discussed the upcoming visit from the Rural Organizing Project (ROP). Stephanie Hunter, an Organizer with ROP, will be meeting with INCC on Monday, November 17, at 10:00 am at the Port Orford library to discuss ROP’s Neighbor-to-Neighbor conversation tool.
- 5) Discussed the Card Campaign for Democracy. A card has been chosen for our first campaign – America on the Brink. 500 have been printed. They are packaged in sets of 10, with instructions for distributing them throughout the community. They will be available at all INCC rallies and meetings.

- 6) Coastal SOCAN (Southern Oregon Climate Action Now). Bill Gorham has been in communication with INCC to provide our organization with information about C-SOCAN meetings and would also like to give a presentation to our group. Interest is high, and a tentative date has been set for December 4th during our regular meeting.
- 7) Messaging for Friday's (14) rally will be two messages – Support Newport/De-Ice Oregon and the Epstein Files.
- 8) The next INCC Information/Organizing Meeting – Thursday, November 20 (and every Thursday), at the Port Orford Library – from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- 9) The next regular INCC Port Orford Rally is on Friday, November 21 (and every Friday) at the corner of 16th and Highway 101 in Port Orford from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Call, email, or write our Senators, [Jeff Merkley](#) and Ron Wyden, and our Representative, [Val Hoyle](#).
 - A. Thank them for standing firm against the Trump Administration and understanding that the pain of the shutdown will only continue under Trump administration policies.
 - B Thank them for standing with the city of Newport.
- 2) **Build a culture of defiance – Shape the narrative!** If you are on social media, post and share information about the reality of living under an authoritarian government. Share the ways people are hurting. Share stories, perspectives, and pictures. Be a trustworthy source of information to your friends, family, and neighbors. Write letters to the editor. Check out the weekly updates for calls to action on nokings.org/next.
- 3) **Boycott campaigns –**



Spotify is running ads recruiting agents for ICE.

We're going to make them listen.

We're asking anyone who subscribes to Spotify Premium to cancel your subscription until Spotify stops running ICE ads



JOIN US ON NOV. 27TH - DEC. 1ST, 2025

Pause on shopping from major companies that are enabling this administration. This Thanksgiving through Cyber Monday – let's make our dollars count. We're asking Americans to hit **pause on shopping** from major corporations.

We Ain't Buying It:

This action is taking direct aim at **Target**, for caving to this administration's biased attacks on DEI; **Home Depot**, for allowing and colluding with ICE to kidnap our neighbors on their properties; and **Amazon**, for funding this administration to secure their own corporate tax cuts.



Target

Target has rolled back their DEI initiatives, which included ending programs that help Black employees advance, cutting financial support for Black-Owned businesses, and removing LGBTQ+ products from their stores.

Amazon



Amazon holds a monopolistic position in the market, contributes to dangerous working conditions for its employees and drivers, and its CEO, Jeff Bezos, has donated over \$1 million to this administration.

Home Depot



Home Depot is allowing ICE agents to illegally detain and kidnap laborers from their stores. The laborers in our communities cannot look for work safely.

How to Participate

In 2024, **196.7 million** Americans shopped during Thanksgiving weekend.

Thanksgiving retail week is a crucial period for big retailers; **nearly 20%** of annual sales happen between Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

You can take action in your community this holiday season:

- **Full Black Out:** Don't buy anything from Target, Amazon, or Home Depot stores during this week. Use the time and money to connect with those you love, and rediscover what matters.
- **Redirect Spending:** Skip the companies undermining democracy. Shop small, local, or with businesses affirming our humanity.
- **Join the Movement:** Pledge to be a conscious consumer.
- **Amplify:** Spread the word. Share the message in conversation and online.

[We Ain't Buying It!](#)