

## Minutes

Hillcrest Indivisible General Meeting  
September 19, 2019

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Co-Chair John Mattes.

II. Table Introductions

III. Report on National Indivisible Meeting: Nam Nguyen

- a. Consideration of endorsement
- b. Filibuster removal
- c. Helping other state in senate races

IV. Consent Agenda

Treasurer Nam Nguyen announced that the Finance Report was delayed and would later be posted. (Posted as a part of these minutes--see Agenda) A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Jude Annunziata, seconded by Michael Rudolphsen, and approved by voice vote by the membership.

V. Announcements

- a. Global Climate Action Sept 20: Bernadette Latin
- b. Oct 6, Debate of all Dem candidates for Mayor
- c. Oct 23: Public Bank. HI is co-sponsoring with League of Women Voters

VI. "Why I Am an Activist"

- a. Jarret Montera
- b. Ruth Kirk

VII. HI Officer Elections

Co-chair Nancy Cottingham explained the nomination and election process for 2020 HI officers. Members will be receiving an email describing the process.

VIII. Activist Action: Members called their representatives in Congress regarding Iran or possible impeachment of Kavanaugh (their choice).

IX. Presentation/Q&A: Dr. S. Deborah Kang: "US Immigration and Border Policy in the Trump Era"

- a. History of undocumented immigration from 1965-2019
- b. Gave ideas for advocacy groups on how to push back
- c. 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965: ended overt racial discrimination. Still had had an unfair impact on Mexican immigrants: quota on western hemisphere countries 120,000= 40% reduction
- d. Braceros before 1965 = 170,000 and 32,000 legal immigrations. If you were 200,001 you were illegal. Technicality in the law. There had been quotas on Eastern hemisphere immigration and there was a sense of needed equity. Labor was against unchecked Mexican labor.
- e. Cold war measure: equality around immigration quotas
- f. Short term: very few were concerned with undocumented in 1965 to early 1980s. More optimistic views on documentation. Heshburgh Report (1981): Yes to immigration, no to undocumented immigration and yes to immigrant rights. Economically hardworking. Shaped policy to the early 1990s. Recommended expansion. Need to strengthen immigration control, but was in the interest of immigration rights. Undocumented = shadow population living in fear and exploited.
- g. Heshburgh: proposals: employer sanctions. For the benefit of immigration rights: pathway to citizenship. Advocated a robust refugee and asylum policy.
- h. Views on immigration change with economic welfare. Always the scapegoat. Focus on undocumented. Mexican workers. Xenophobia in 2000s: four themes: blaming for taking unfair share of benefits, taking jobs, higher rate of fertility, and threatening white race (Samuel Huntington). Violate rule of law. "Latino threat narrative". Failed to find full expression in laws. 1980s trying to draft new laws in this new context. Nativists vs. neo-liberals (Business)

vs. Mexican/Am. Org. The later wanted legalization versus employee sanctions: 1986: Immigration Reform and Control Act 1986 (IRCA): Employee penalties without teeth; IRCA allowed 3 mil farmworkers to adjust status resulted in increasing in flow. Look at Legal Immigration by John Oliver: 3 main tracks.

i. 1996 it's not a thing: IRAIRA ( Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility act of 1996: More restrictive. FAIR is a racist right-wing group very angry about IRCA. Very high up in Trump Administration.

Recession and bombing of World Trade Center (1993): New initiatives based on Xenophobia

j. Latino Vote increases and gave Clinton 71%: Voter outreach increased by the Republican Party and Democratic Party. Bush engaged with Vicente Fox.

k. 9/11 brought a huge change: US immigration Agencies are reorg and Congress passed legislation and gave more money. INS never had enough funds. Agro business would call. Increase in Deportations after 9/11 built on 1996 framework and made possible with increase in funding.

l. 2006: A day without Immigrants. Protest of Sensenbrenner's bill to sanction those helping undocumented. Made visible the contribution of undocumented. Paved the way for DACA 2012. Redefined illegal status.

Triggered a backlash. Rescinded 2015. DACA will be remembered as an attempt to right the wrongs of 1986. Acknowledges that immigrants have needs to be addressed.

m. Obama: Deportations increased and in the second term there was a slight decline and shifted to criminal background

n. Trump administration: Revived Latino Threat narrative. All policies are a sharp departure from the past. Change courts, trying to change legal immigration, strengthen the enforcement and eliminate refugee and asylum program

o. Since 2017: Narrative Asylum seekers: threat to security, economic

i. Create " paper wall", unraveling our asylum systems, measures issued without any consultation with congress... unilateral

p. Since 2014 a radical shift in who is coming across the border: from Central American families and children. Crossing as asylum seekers. We need to treat them as refugees and asylum seekers.

q. Recommendation: strengthen US asylum system, create alternatives to detention, train CBO to be more sensitive to children and families, regional cooperation that focuses on root causes of migration. Need to find humanitarian solutions. A lot is being caused by climate change "the dry zone" is causing these mass migrations.

r. Change the Narrative, economic contributions of immigrants, demographic changes, asylum seekers not lawbreakers, raise awareness of harms, need policies that solve, Volunteer awareness of harm, need policies that solve, volunteer, donate, and vote

X. Upcoming Events and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by John Mattes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Dickinson  
Secretary



## Agenda

Hillcrest Indivisible Membership Meeting  
 Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:15 pm- 8:15 pm  
 Mission Hills United Church of Christ  
 San Diego, CA

Start Time	Minutes	Item	Who
6:15	3	<b>1. Call to Order/Welcome/Recent HI Actions</b>	John Mattes, Co-Chair  Michael Rudolphsen, IT Lead & Timekeeper
6:18	4	<b>2. Table Introductions</b>	Cindy Dickinson, Secretary
6:22	2	<b>3. Report on National Indivisible Meeting</b>	Nam Nguyen
6:24	2	<b>4. Consent Agenda</b> A. <b>Minutes, July 8, 2019</b> (posted on website) B. <b>Activity Reports</b> (reverse side)  The Finance Report has been delayed. It will be posted online within the next few days. Added sent to me	Nam
6:26	4	<b>5. Announcements</b>	Allied Groups* <i>*Per policy, outside groups check in with co-chairs prior to meeting. Announcements limited to 2 minutes per outside group, no fundraisers or candidate pitches.</i>
6:30	6	<b>6. "Why I Am an Activist"</b>	Jarett Montera  Ruth Kirk
6:36	10	<b>7. HI Officer Elections</b>	Nancy Cottingham, Co-Chair
6:46	10	<b>8. Activist Action</b>	Nancy
6:56	70	<b>9. Presentation/Q&amp;A:</b>  <b>"US Immigration and Border Policy in the Trump Era"</b>	<b>S. Deborah Kang, Ph. D.</b> Associate Professor California State University San Marcos, California
8:06	9	<b>Upcoming Events &amp; Adjournment</b>	John
8:15		<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	

# Hillcrest Indivisible Reports

Activity from 7/09/19-9/19/19

## REPORTS

<b>Finance Report</b>	<p>(Note: Report submitted 10/13/19: As of our July meeting, our operational balance was \$1943.59. After t-shirts sales, donations, and expenses at the July meeting, postcard writing sessions, and the well-attended debate viewing events, as well as other donations and expenses, our current operational balance is \$2230.71.</p> <p>Every dollar raised goes to supplying and organizing the many events that Hillcrest Indivisible conducts, including the general-body meetings for things such as venue rental, food, and supplies (e.g. postcards). Also, funds raised provides opportunity for inviting guest speakers and sending representatives of Hillcrest Indivisible to larger events at the state and national Indivisible level. Donations can be given at meetings, for T-shirts, and also on the website at the following link: <a href="https://secure.actblue.com/donate/indivisiblehsd386058486">https://secure.actblue.com/donate/indivisiblehsd386058486</a></p>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>404 members in our HI database (397 in July)            425 Facebook followers (422 in July)            1,070 Meetup members (1,019 in July)</p>

## ACTIONS

<b>Call Lobbying to Electeds</b>	<p>7/17 House (Levin, Hunter, Vargas, Peters, Davis): Defund hate (no more \$ for deportation machine)            7/18 House (Davis &amp; Hunter): Start impeachment hearings            8/07 Senate (Feinstein &amp; Harris): Act on gun control            8/09 House (Peters &amp; Hunter): Support Green New Deal            8/16 House (Peters &amp; Hunter): Support Green New Deal            8/23 House (Davis &amp; Hunter): Start impeachment hearings            8/26 CA: Support Free the Vote            8/28 CA: Support SB 29 for all seniors' health            9/03 CA: Support AB 32 to end private prisons            9/05 CA: Support SB 47 to get money out of politics            9/06 CA: Support AB 857 to allow public banks</p>
<b>Meetings with Electeds</b>	<p>7/18 Meeting with Sen. Atkins &amp; staff (with Indivisible coalition) re: issues in CA Legislature            8/28 Meeting with Assemblymember Todd Gloria's staff            9/13 Meeting with Rep. Susan Davis (with Indivisible group coalition)</p>
<b>Legislative Support Letters Submitted</b>	<p>8/12 Portantino: AB 1076 (correct criminal records) Support            8/12 Gonzalez: SB 54 (reduce single-use plastic) Support            8/12 Portantino: AB 1080 (reduce single-use plastic) Support</p>
<b>Events</b>	<p>7/10 Register new citizens, SD Dem Party, City Hall            7/12 "Lights for Liberty", Cesar Chavez Park            7/30 Dem Presidential Candidate Debates II Watch Party, Night 1, MHUCC            7/31 Dem Presidential Candidate Debates II Watch Party, Night 2, MHUCC            8/08 HI Activist Happy Hour, Refill            8/09 Debate: SD Dem Mayoral Candidates, Dem Party            8/10 "Walk for Progress" (Dem Party Canvass), Tierrasanta            8/17 "Walk for Progress" (Dem Party Canvass), El Cajon            8/21 Register new citizens, SD Dem Party, City Hall            8/24 "Walk for Progress" (Dem Party Canvass), Escondido            8/31 Chula Vista??            9/07 Davis Speaker Series: Iran            9/10 Support students' Global Climate Walkout, San Diego School Board            9/13 Border-to-Border #DefundHate, Waterfront Park            9/18 Protest Trump visit, U.S. Grant Hotel</p>

## Legislative Session Update: California Indivisible/StateStrong Priority Bills

Friday, September 13 was the deadline for the legislature to send bills to the Governor for his consideration. Indivisible California (aka "StateStrong") followed 21 bills this session and we've got great news and good news!

**GREAT NEWS: The governor has already signed two of our priority bills:**

- AB 392 (Weber) – Redefines the circumstances in which use of police use of deadly force would be considered justifiable to be in self-defense
- SB 200 (Monning) – Ensures that every Californian has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible drinking water

**Six of our priority bills have passed both houses of the legislature** and are on the way to the Governor's desk for his review. He has until October 13 to either sign these bills into law or to veto them. If he does not take any action, the bill will become law by default.

- AB 32 (Bonta) – Prohibits California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from entering into or renewing contracts with private, for-profit detention centers
- AB 857 (Chiu) – Gives municipalities and the power to create their own public bank
- AB 1482 (Chiu) – Prevents rent gouging and protects people who rent from unfair evictions by requiring landlords to have a "just cause" for any eviction
- SB 47 (Allen) – Requires ballot initiative, referendum, or recall signature gatherers to disclose top funders/endorsers
- SB 136 (Wiener) – Fights mass incarceration by repealing an ineffective and unnecessary sentencing enhancement for people with a prior prison conviction
- SB 139 (Allen) – Requires counties with more than 250,000 residents to establish an independent redistricting commission, ensuring a more fair, nonpartisan system for drawing the lines of county supervisorial districts

**Now for the good news!** None of our priority bills that we support have died by being voted down in a committee or floor vote or by a veto by the Governor. These bills may not have passed through the legislature this year, but, because this is the first year of the two-year session, these bills may be revived in January.

- AB 4 (Bonta) – Expands Medicaid to undocumented immigrants of all ages
- AB 177 (Low) – Create a statewide holiday for election day
- AB 363 (Gonzalez) – Requires voting centers in all counties to be open the Saturday, Sunday, & Monday before an election.
- ACA 6 / AB 646 (McCarty) – Restores voting rights to people on parole
- AB 1080 (Gonzalez) / SB 54 (Allen) – Requires a 75% reduction by 2030 of waste generated from single-use packaging and single-use plastic products in the state
- AB 1217 (Mullin) – Requires issue ads to disclose top funders/endorsers
- AB 1276 (Bonta) – Develop and implement the Green New Deal with the objective of reaching specified environmental outcomes within 10 years
- AB 1332 (Bonta) – Prohibits localities from entering into new contracts or investing in with entities that work with ICE/CBP by sharing data or providing detention facilities
- AB 1611 (Chiu) – Prohibits surprise bills from "out-of-network" ERs, and caps prices to bring down health costs
- SB 29 (Durazo) – Expands Medicaid to undocumented immigrant seniors
- SB 386 (Caballero) – OPPOSE – Undermines our clean energy future by allowing large hydro to count toward our Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) for 2 districts

**State legislators** are now on recess until the legislature reconvenes on January 6, 2020.