

Hillcrest Indivisible Membership Meeting
University Christian Church
Wednesday, Jan 8, 2019

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. Update: 2020 Campaign
 - a. Sunday Debate on Jan 12
3. Table introductions: What is one place in the world you would like to visit?
4. Announcements
 - a. Jean-Huy Tran for Janessa Goldbeck, candidate for CA-53
 - b. Speaker for Georgette Gomez, candidate for CA-53
 - c. Suzette Santori, candidate for CA-53
 - d. HI announcements:
 - i. Debate info for Sunday
 - ii. Go Team training for canvassing
5. Consent Agenda: moved for approval: John Mattis Second by Bernadette Latin.
Unanimously approved
6. Why I am an Activist: Tracy Cummings
7. Update: War with Iran
 - a. 2018 Trump pulled US out of Iranian Deal: tensions were heightened
 - b. Strike on a US base and contractor was killed
 - c. US strikes Iranian revolutionary guards
 - d. Embassy stormed.....
 - e. Trump kills Iranian general, Suleiman
 - f. Protests in Iran
 - g. More troops ordered to US
 - h. Trump threatens cultural site
 - i. Iraq states they want to kick out US troops
 - j. Iran responds with missile strikes
 - k. Today Trump says Iran is backing down and no further actions planned
 - l. Pelosi will call for a vote to ensure that Congress has to approve any military action

8. Update: Impeachment

- a. McConnell says he has the votes to start without witnesses
- b. Feinstein and other Democrats are calling for the trial to move forward
- c. This is irrelevant as this is really a long game political process to either get rid of Trump or educate the public.
 - i. We will find out the evidence after the trial is done.
- d. MoveOn and others are targeting the Senators who are vulnerable.
- e. Lev P. wants to assist the House
- f. John Bolton would submit to a subpoena: what's in it for him? Money for a book deal

9. Activist Action

- a. Focusing our action
- b. Antidote to anxiety is action
- c. Indivisible:
 - i. Targeted races:
 - 1. See grid.
 - 2. These orgs have good data:
 - a. Vote Forward.org: targeting voter registration and turnout
 - b. Postcards to Voters (Tony the Democrat): They give you three compulsory bullet points and you may add a few points from a list of optional points

10. Prof. Gary C. Jacobson spoke on "The Filibuster: Opportunities & Challenges"

- a. Theme: You can rid of the filibuster if you want, but "be careful what you wish for."
 - i. Filibuster was an accident
 - ii. 1805 threw out the motion to call the previous question. 30 years later they figured out they could gum things up by just one Senator debating until they fell asleep.
 - iii. Then 2/3 could stop debate
 - iv. 1975, then 3/5 vote could stop the debate
 - v. Changed it so the person didn't have to be present and then they could vote to stop it
 - vi. Popular as a technique for obstruction.
 - vii. Now quite common and needed 60% to pass i.e. to stop the debate

- viii. Harry Reed got rid of the filibuster for judicial appointments: no more filibusters with a simple majority vote.
- ix. McConnell does it for Supreme Court
- x. Getting rid of it, it could really happen with 51% of the vote
- xi. If it happens, it is not clear that Elizabeth Warren will be happier than Donald Trump
 - 1. Senate changes hands frequently... look forward. Majority party usually wants to put up with obstruction so that in the future if in the minority in the future, can obstruct
- xii. Can't think of the Senate as a great Democratic institution: very mal-apportioned and this favors Republicans and conservatives
- xiii. More likely Republicans will hold the Senate more frequently and for longer period of time.
- xiv. Filibuster forces bipartisan support to a significant degree so it will last.
- xv. Have to think if it in terms of whether it is worth it. Almost a matter of taste versus strategy.
 - 1. Read "Filibustering: A Political History of Obstruction in the House and Senate" by Gregory Koger
 - 2. "Politics or Principle: Filibustering in the US Senate" by Sarah Binder and Steven Smith.

11. Final Comments & Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Dickinson, Secretary



Agenda

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 Wednesday, January 8, 2019, 6:15 pm- 8:15 pm
 University Christian Church
 San Diego, CA

Start Time	Minutes	Item	Who
6:15	2	1. Call to Order/Welcome	John Mattes, Co-Chair <u>Timekeeper</u> : Michael Rudolphsen, IT Lead
6:17	5	2. Table Introductions	Bernadette Latin, Membership Lead
6:22	20	3. Announcements Groups allied with Hillcrest Indivisible and progressive political candidates may speak for 2 minutes each after checking in with designated HI co-chair before the meeting. Handouts may be offered on back table after the meeting, but will not be distributed during the meeting.	Progressive Groups & Candidates <u>Monitor</u> : Nancy Cottingham, Co-Chair
6:42	2	4. Consent Agenda A. Finance Report: As of our November meeting, our operational balance was \$1989.91. After t-shirts sales, donations, and expenses at the November meeting, postcard writing sessions, and the well-attended debate viewing events, as well as other donations and expenses, our current operational balance is \$1701.30. Every dollar raised goes to supplying and organizing the many events that Hillcrest Indivisible conducts, including the general-body meetings for things such as renting space at the Hillcrest Farmers Market for voter registration, food, and supplies (e.g. postcards). Also, funds raised provides opportunity for inviting guest speakers to better educate the membership about the complex issues facing the nation. We will use these funds further in the new year for education, outreach, and voter registration efforts in this pivotal election year. Donations can be given at meetings, for T-shirts, and on the website at the following link: http://bit.ly/2UIS0sj B. Minutes, November, 2019 (posted on website) C. Activity Reports (reverse side)	Cindy Dickinson, Secretary
6:44	3	5. "Why I Am an Activist"	Tracy Cummings
6:47	5	6. Update: War with Iran	Nam Nguyen, Treasurer
6:52	5	7. Update: Impeachment	John
6:57	5	8. Update: 2020 Campaign	Nancy
7:01	30	9. Activist Action	Cindy & Nancy
7:32	40	10. "The Filibuster: Opportunities & Challenges"	Gary C. Jacobson, Professor Emeritus Department of Political Science University of California at San Diego
8:12	3	Final Comments & Adjournment	John
8:15		ADJOURNMENT: Stay to take group pic immediately after meeting!	

Hillcrest Indivisible Reports

Activity from 11/14/19-1/07/20

REPORTS

Membership	395 members in our HI database (405 in November) 424 Facebook followers (426 in November) 1,111 Meetup members (1,087 in November)
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ACTIONS

Call Lobbying to Electeds	11/13 Calls to House of Representatives: Defund Hate (\$ for ICE) 11/15 Calls to House of Representatives: Pass HR 4 & Stop Voter Suppression! 12/17 Calls to House of Representatives: Impeach Trump Now 12/18 Calls to House of Representatives: Impeach Trump Now 12/20 Calls to House of Representatives: Thank You for Impeachment Votes 1/03 Calls to U.S. Senators: Stand Firm for Fair Impeachment Trial 1/07 Calls to U.S. Senators: Stand Firm for Fair Impeachment Trial
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Meetings with Electeds	11/26 Met with Rep. Susan Davis, CD 53 (with Indivisible Coalition) 12/11 Holiday Open House, state legislators' event (Atkins/Gloria/Weber)
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Events	18 11/20 Register New Citizens to Vote, City Hall, SD Dem Party event 11/20 Watch Party: Debate # 5-Candidates for Presidential Nominee, HI event 11/23 CD 53 Candidate Meet-and-Greet: Janessa Goldbeck, Indivisible CBFDF event 12/07 CD 53 Candidate Meet-and-Greet: José Caballero, Indivisible CBFDF event 12/08 Voter Registration Event, HI Event, Hillcrest Farmers Market 12/09 CD 53 Candidate Meet-and-Greet: Georgette Gomez, Indivisible CBFDF event 12/10 Activist Coffee, HI event (wrote cards for Michael Schroeder's January race--4 seats from flip of PA State Senate & urging Florida voters to sign up for Vote-by-Mail) 12/15 Impeach & Remove Rally, Waterfront Park, with Indivisible Coalition 12/19 Register New Citizens to Vote, City Hall, SD Dem Party event 12/19 Watch Party: Debate # 5-Candidates for Presidential Nominee, HI event
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