

## Minutes

Hillcrest Indivisible Membership Meeting Thursday, November 13, 2019, 6:15 pm- 8:15 pm University Christian Church San Diego, CA

1. The meeting was called to order by John Mattes at 6:15 pm. The following corrections to the agenda were noted:

- Date of meeting was a Wednesday, not a Thursday.
- One of the members speaking on "Why I Am an Activist" was Juliet Hawk, not Tiffany Hawk. These corrections will be made to the official agenda.
- 2. Cindy Dickinson led the table introductions.
- 3. Michael Rudolphsen announced the results of the HI Officer Election. The officers for 2020 will be:
  - Co Chairs: John Mattes and Nancy Cottingham
  - Secretary: Cindy Dickinson
  - Treasurer: Nam Nguyen
  - IT Lead: Michael Rudolphsen
  - Membership Lead: Bernadette Latin
- 4. Michael Rudolphsen moved for the consent agenda as presented in the agenda (including the minutes of the September meeting, the Finance Report, and the activity reports) to be approved by the membership. The motion to approve was made by Karen Austin, seconded by John Mattis and approved unanimously by the membership through a voice vote.
- 5. Nancy Cottingham presented a revision to the previous policy entitled "Announcements by Political Candidates or Allied Political Groups at HI General Meetings." The policy would expand the announcement section to include progressive political candidates in addition to allied groups. The motion to approve was made by Jude Annunziata, seconded by John Mattis, and approved unanimously by the membership.
- 6. Juliet Hawk and Susan Pollock spoke on "Why I Am an Activist."
- 7. John Mattes updated the group on the status of the impeachment proceedings.
- 8. Allied Groups' Announcements and HI Announcements
- 9. Nancy Cottingham led the group in an action activity--writing postcards to legislators on three different issues.
- 10. Presentation: Nancy Cottingham introduced the evening's presentation entitled "Flip the Senate: Opportunities & Challenges", discussing the reasons that flipping the Senate is important. Cindy Dickinson discussed the races in Arizona, Maine, Montana; John Mattes discussed the races in Alabama and Colorado; Michael Rudolphsen discussed the races in Iowa and Michigan, and Nancy Cottingham discussed the races in North Carolina and Texas.
- 11. John Mattes made final comments and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.



Agenda

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Start Time	Minutes	Item	Who
6:15	2	1. Call to Order/Welcome	John Mattes, Co-Chair
			Cindy Dickinson, Secretary, Timekeeper
6:17	5	12. Table Introductions	Cindy
6:22	2	13. Election ResultsHI 2020 Officers	Cindy
6:24	2	14. Consent AgendaMichael Rudolphsen, IT LeadA. Finance Report:As of our September meeting, our operational balance was \$2230.71. After t-shirts sales, donations, and expenses at the September meeting, postcard writing sessions, and the well-attended debate viewing events, as well as other donations and expenses, our current operational balance is \$1989.91. Every dollar raised goes to supplying and organizing the many events that Hillcrest Indivisible conducts, including the general-body 	
6:26	5	15. Policy Approval: "Announcements by Political Candidates or Allied Political Groups at HI General Meetings"	Michael
6:31	6	16. "Why I Am an Activist"	Susan Pollock Tiffany Hawk
6:37	15	17. Impeachment Update	John Mattes, Co-Chair
6:52	5	18. Allied Groups' Announcements HI Announcements	Nancy Cottingham, Co-Chair
6:57	16	19. Activist Action	Nancy
7:13	60	20. "Flip the Senate: Opportunities & Challenges" 7:13 Intro 7:18 Arizona, Maine, Montana 7:33 Alabama, Colorado 7:43 Iowa, Michigan 7:53 North Carolina, Texas 8:03 Call to Action/Discussion/Questions	Nancy Cindy John Michael Nancy Nancy
8:13	2	Final Comments & Adjournment	John
8:15		ADJOURNMENT	1

Hillcrest Indivisible Reports Activity from 9/20/19-11/13/19 REPORTS				
			Membership	405 members in our HI database (404 in September)
				426 Facebook followers (425 in September)
	1,087 Meetup members (1,070 in September)			
	ACTIONS			
Call Lobbying to	9/25 Calls to House of Representatives: Start Impeachment Hearings			
Electeds	9/26 Calls to House of Representatives: Defund Trump Admin Anti-Immigrant Efforts			
	10/19 Calls to House of Representatives: Start Impeachment Hearings			
	10/21 Calls to House of Representatives: Pass Bill to Lower Drug Costs			
	11/13 Indivisible's National Call-In Day: Congress: Defund Hate (Not Funding Trump's Anti-Immigrant Activities)			
Meetings with Electeds	10/13 Met with Rep. Susan Davis, CD 53 (with Indivisible Coalition)			
Other Actions	10/22 Submit Public Comment USDA: Stop Proposed Disqualification of Children for Free			
	School Lunches			
Events	9/20 Global Climate Walkout			
	9/24 National Voter Registration Day (registered voters at three area libraries)			
	10/06 SD Mayoral Dem Candidate Debate, sponsored by Change Begins with Me Indivisible			
	10/15 Debate # 3: Candidates for Dem Presidential Nominee			
	10/17 HI Happy Hour (phone calls & postcards re: impeachment)			
	10/23 Register New Citizens, SD Dem Party, City Hall			
	10/23 League of Women Voters (HI co-sponsored): Public Banks			
	10/24 SD City Council: Support SD Divestment from Harmful Corporations			
	10/26 CBFD Indivisible: CD 53 Candidate Meet-and-Greet Series: Sara Jacobs			
	10/27 SD Indivisible Coalition: Register Voters at Hillcrest Farmers Market (HI staffed)			
	10/29 HI Coffee (postcards in support of Kentucky Dems running for state office)			
	11/09 CBFD Indivisible: CD 53 Candidate Meet-and-Greet Series: Joaquin Vazquez			

### 2019 Legislative Session Final Report: California Indivisible/StateStrong Priority Bills

The 2019 Session of the California Legislature is now over. State legislators are now on recess until they reconvene on January 6, 2020. HI joined Indivisible California (aka "StateStrong") in following 21 bills this session and we've got great news, good news and very little bad news!

#### GREAT NEWS: The governor signed seven of our priority bills--they will become law!!

- 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
- 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

Only one of our priority bills has died by being voted down in a committee, floor vote or Governor's veto:

 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 (Vetoed by the Governor)

MORE GOOD NEWS! The following 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

#### And, unfortunately, this bad bill that we opposed could still be brought back in January:

• 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

But thank you to all of you who supported our efforts to work with all California Indivisibles to make this happen. Thanks especially to:

- HI members who followed these bills for us (not easy!)
- HI Steering Committee for following bills and sending letters of support for our priority bills
- HI members who wrote, called or participated in meetings with Assemblymember Todd Gloria and Senator Toni Atkins. You guys rock!!

# We will be back at it in January! GET READY!