

Quick Start Guide

What is Indivisible?

Indivisible began as a widely-distributed Google Doc entitled "Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda," written by a group of former White House staffers as a guide to organizing locally. They based the guide on the Tea Party's success during the Obama Administration in getting Congress to listen to a small, vocal, dedicated group of constituents.

What is Indivisible national?

Indivisible national is a social movement organization that grew as the Indivisible movement grew, building out a professional team of organizers, wonks, campaigners, digital and data specialists, and other experts to support the movement and fight for progressive values. Like other social movement organizations, Indivisible's staff both supports and works independently of the movement itself - just as local Indivisible groups both take autonomous action and also coordinate with each other and with the national team.

How can we be nonpartisan?

Indivisible isn't an arm of the Democratic Party, but we recognize the reality of the two-party system. While some Democrats will be allies and others will need pressure, our movement must exist alongside, but separate from, formal party infrastructure. The Party can be part of the solution, but it cannot be the whole solution. While we do not officially support any party, we recognize that our stance on some issues may align more with certain parties' values.

✓Visit <u>indivisible.org</u> for more information about their history, what they're doing now, and what their plans are for the future, as well as resources for support.

What does Snohomish County Indivisible do?

SCI is an all-volunteer, non-partisan organization that advocates for progressive policies and leaders to ensure a strong democracy.

How?

- Vetting and endorsing candidates for upcoming elections.
- Participating in Get Out the Vote (GOTV) through sign waving, canvassing, phone banking, and postcard campaigns.
- Calling and meeting with our elected officials.
- Planning rallies, marches, protests, and sign waving events, both on our own and in support of other political action groups.
- Attending town halls by our local elected officials to make sure our voices are heard.

Find links to more details about SCI, Indivisible National, and other useful information on our LinkTree linktr.ee/snocoindivisible

! While we normally run a standard schedule through the year in preparation for elections and legislative action, 2025 is going to be full of new challenges and obstacles from those in power aiming to overwhelm us. We appreciate your understanding of any hiccups in how things run as we adapt our efforts to rise to these new challenges.

Things you can do...

Today:

- ✓ Make sure you're on the SCI mailing list so you don't miss action announcements. Find a link to sign up on our LinkTree at linktr.ee/snocoindivisible or when you attend your first meeting.
- Sign up for Take Action Network (TAN), a Washington-based legislative action platform provided by our state group, Washington Indivisible Network (WIN). Start making your voice heard on legislative actions! When you create an account, you will receive customized actions relevant to your legislative district. New actions are added often, and you can choose to receive email reminders. TAN provides an outline of what the legislative action is, a recommended response, and direct links to the relevant contact method. Sign up link is in our LinkTree at <u>linktr.ee/snocoindivisible</u>
- Tonate to SCI for supply purchases, meeting rentals, and website maintenance. A link to our ActBlue account, a fundraising nonprofit, supporting Democratic and Progressive causes, is available at <u>linktr.ee/snocoindivisible</u>
- Sign up for Indivisible national virtual trainings that interest you at linktr.ee/snocoindivisible
- Seek out and support independent media sources, both locally and nationally. Independent media is invaluable for a thriving democracy. If you can, supporting with subscriptions is best, but giving them follows and likes on social media also helps.
- Foster positive social connections, participate in communities, and make it a point to act with kindness and integrity. While SCI is focused on changing our political environment for the better, upholding progressive values includes acting as positive forces in our daily personal lives.
- Continue to take care of yourself and those around you. We need to sustain our energy and health to keep up the fight.

In the future:

We are working as quickly as possible to shift with the increase in membership to make sure everyone can be involved in the issues they care most about.

- We will have different committees running to focus on specific issues, such as Climate/Environment, Immigration, Women's/Reproductive Rights, LGBTQ+, Education, Voting Rights, and others as time goes on.
- There will be additional need for volunteers outside of committees as well
- ! Due to how fast things are happening, we expect to have short notice on calls to action. We are working on a rapid response team to help make short notice events a success. We will do our best to respond to each issue, but please understand we may not have the ability to show up for every single one. Make sure you're on the lookout for SCI emails so you don't miss these opportunities to make your voice heard.