



Hello fellow activists,
This email is a doozy! It's jam packed with lots of things going on and ways to get involved in the time commitment continuum. A little thing called democracy is at stake in this country so we all need to do something!
Peace

Events



Attend the North Hunterdon- Voorhees Regional School District Board of Education Meeting

(action organized by [NJASL/NJLA](#) / Regional Response Team)

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional School District Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, January 23 @ 7pm

[1445 State Route 31](#) South, Annandale, NJ 08801
(Near the tennis courts at the Regional Rd entrance to NHHS; use side entrance at the end of the ramp on the left of the building)

Book banners are back!

There is another attack on intellectual freedom and ugly, intimidating personal attacks on school librarian Martha Hickson. [A timeline and details are here.](#) This is a call to action to make a show of support to Martha in a time of serious need. Your support is critical. Please make every effort to do one or more of the following, and please share with your networks:

1. **Attend the BOE meeting** this Tuesday Jan 23. This is the most important thing we can do as a group - simply show up. Please sign up [here](#) so we can plan and communicate. Wear RED.

2. **Make a statement at the Board of Ed meeting.** Talking points are [here](#). Prepared statements are a must. If you plan to be there and speak, please sign up [here](#) so we can coordinate. It serves no purpose to have 5 people say the same thing, especially when there is so much to say. We may also need speakers to read statements from other groups. A statement from NJASL will be read into the record.

3. **Send a letter** to Board President Glen Farbanish (gfarbanish@nhvweb.net), superintendent Jeffrey Bender (jbender@nhvweb.net), principal Greg Cottrell (gcottrell@nhvweb.net), and NHVEA president Steve Halldorson (shalldorson@nhvweb.net):

- a) Asserting the professionalism of the librarian.
- b) Requesting board support for the librarian as demanded by school board ethics stated in Policy 0142: Support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties
- c) Requesting that complainants, including those who attempt to speak during public comments, are redirected to follow the escalation processes outlined in Policy 9130. In other words, do not permit public meetings to become a forum for unquestioned complaints about staff or books. (Here's a [guide for managing out-of-process complaints](#); the previous board president refused to use it.)
- d) Requiring complaints about library books be submitted in writing to the building principal per Policy 9130.
- e) Requesting recusal of Reyes-Stadulis on matters pertaining to library operations or staff in order to prevent conflict of interest and influence of a "shadow" board member

Virtual Meet & Greet NJ Senate Candidate

(hosted by
the Hunterdon County
Democratic Committee)

January 23 @ 7pm

Hear directly from New Jersey Senate candidate Patricia Campos-Medina via a virtual Meet & Greet hosted by the Hunterdon County Democratic Committee. [Register here](#) for the meet & greet.

Click [here](#) to submit a question to the candidate!



The poster features a blue background with white stars. On the left, there is a photo of Patricia Campos-Medina with a sign that reads "PATRICIA CAMPOS + MEDINA FOR U.S. SENATE". The text on the poster includes: "Virtual Meet & Greet With Senate Candidate Patricia Campos-Medina Tuesday, January 23rd 7pm No Fee to Attend". At the bottom, it says "Join us for a virtual meet & greet with Senate Candidate Patricia Campos-Medina" and "Zoom link will be sent to those that register two hours before the event." A small note at the bottom left reads "Paid for by HCDC, PO Box 473, Flemington, NJ 08822".

Virtual Deep Canvass Training

(hosted by ILNH)

New to Deep Canvassing?

Join seasoned deep canvassers for an introduction to the technique. Build connections to voters to help Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope to Get Out The Vote!

This zoom-based training is split over two consecutive Thursday nights, with actual canvass opportunities each month. Make sure to sign up for both Part I and Part II.

Have you already taken Deep Canvassing Training?

For those of you who have already taken the training and want to further craft your story and/or practice your story within a script, feel free to register for Part II.

Questions? The website, [Changing the Conversation](#), has a terrific explanation! Other questions?? Please email us (info@indivisiblenh.com) and an experienced deep canvasser will be happy to talk with you in greater detail.

Virtual Deep Canvass Training Part I

Thursday, February 15, 7 – 9pm

Click [here to sign up](#).

Virtual Deep Canvass Training Part II

Thursday, Feb 22, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Click [here to sign up](#).

US Senate candidate for NJ Andy Kim and Indivisible co- founder Ezra Levin statewide meeting

(hosted by Indivisible One
New Jersey)

January 31, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Hear from US Senate candidate for NJ Andy Kim and Indivisible co-founder Ezra Levin at the IONJ statewide meeting on.

[Register here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email

New Jersey CD7 Congressional Candidate Forum

(hosted by Blue Wave NJ)

February 13, 7-9pm

Bridgewater Marriot [700 Commons Way](#)

[Register here](#)

Join BlueWaveNJ and our partners as we hear from all the Democratic CD7 Candidates:

Sue Altman, Greg Vartan, and Jason Blazakis

Spring 2024 Activist Training Program schedule

(hosted by the League of
Women Voters of New Jersey)

Introduction to the Legislative Process 2/1/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Introduction to Organizing 2/13/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

From Ideas to Law: The Activist's Role 2/21/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Understanding the State Budget Process 3/12/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Understanding NJ Local Government 3/19/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Understanding NJ School Boards 4/16/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Voter Registration 5/1/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

No Voter Left Behind: Getting Out The Vote 5/16/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Action Opportunities

Get Out the Vote (GOTV)/ Canvass

[Click here](#) to find GOTV actions near you!

Special Election Phone Banks

(hosted by Turn PA Blue)

The PA House of Representatives is tied at 101 Democrats and 101 Republicans with 1 vacancy to be filled in a pivotal February 13th special election. Abortion rights and voting rights are at stake. We can't allow an anti-choice MAGA takeover!

Parka-clad canvassers are slogging through ice and snow, reminding pro-choice and pro-equality Pennsylvanians to VOTE!

Good news: you can help without freezing. You can phonebank or donate from home. [Click here for more information!](#)

Petitions in support of ranked-choice voting

According to Action Network.org, "Voters are forced to choose between the lesser of two evils. Over and over and over again. Voters have little choice, and third-party candidates never seem to have a real shot at winning elections. Why? The spoiler effect. When a third-party candidate enters the race, they always run the risk of splitting the vote with the establishment candidate whose politics they most closely align with. If a progressive candidate enters the race, she draws votes away from the Democrat. If a conservative enters, she draws votes away from the Republican. If we're only allowed to choose one candidate on the ballot, the spoiler effect will always be a problem in our elections, and keep us trapped in a two-party system with only two choices." Click [here](#) for a video explaining RCV!

[Click here to sign the NJ PETITION!](#)

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Abolish NJ's County Line

What is the county line?

This peculiar New Jersey practice is not used in other states. In New Jersey, county party committees can endorse candidates for the party primary and have their names listed in one column on the primary ballot. In 2024, this column for Democrats will be headed by Joe Biden and include Cory Booker and – because she has already won the endorsement of most county Democratic committees – Tammy Murphy. Meanwhile, all those seeking the Democratic nomination who are not endorsed by the County Democratic committee will have their names scattered elsewhere on the primary ballot, where they are much less likely to be found.

To learn more about it:

Go to the Fair Ballot Alliance website for more information: <https://www.fairballotalliancenj.org>

Action:

A petition is being circulated by the Fair Ballot Alliance opposing the county line. [You can sign it by clicking here!](#)

Anti-Tom Business Cards



Take action by educating people that Tom Kean (NJ7) is a big wolf in sheep's clothing! Distribute these business cards at local events, post them on bulletin boards, or just leave them laying around in places they'll be seen. Cards can be picked up at Sharon's house @ [121 N. Main St. Lambertville](#). The house is on the corner of N. Main and Jefferson Streets. The cards will be on the side porch that is on Jefferson. Any questions? Contact Elycia @ elycialerman@yahoo.com. [Click here](#) for guidance on where and how to distribute them! Have fun!

Write an Op-Ed to a news outlet

Example of LTE written by Maggie Savoca (OneNJ7): [Use these examples as a model when you craft your own LTEs](#)
Resource on [How to Write Letters to the Editor that Really Get Attention](#) can also be very useful!

Join the "Let's Read Banned Books" Club

To find out more information, contact Julie Meyers on her [Let's Read Banned Books Fb page](#)!

News and Views: What ILNH is reading and listening

The real battleground of 2024 is emotion ([the.ink](https://theink.com))
'Would a Call From Tammy Help?' Pressure Grows in Race to Oust Menendez (nytimes.com)
NJ candidates for US Senate urged to help kill 'party line' ballot (njspotlightnews.org)

Friends of ILNH you might want to check out!

[One NJ7](#)
[Districts for Democracy](#)
[Action Together NJ](#)
[We the People NJ-07 fb page](#)
[New Jersey Citizen Action](#)
[New Jersey Working Families Party](#)