



Dear friends,

Historically, ILNH has had a policy that we will not endorse any candidate that has a challenger before the primary in June. In the lead-up to this primary season, many New Jersey Indivisible and other grass-roots groups have made an exception to their similar rules and have decided to endorse a candidate in the Senate race. In fact, you yourself may have been asked to vote in that endorsement process.

The reasons that groups give for making the change are varied. Some are doing it as a statement against the [county line](#) - because “the line” puts the will of regular primary voters behind the will of people who run the party on the county level; some don’t like the optics of the Governor's wife on the ballot given the budget and political power he holds over counties and municipalities; and some just believe that Andy Kim is the most qualified candidate and best represents the grass-roots faction of our party.

ILNH has always operated on the idea that our constituents should decide individually who they will vote for in the primary and we have feared that a pre-primary endorsement could be divisive rather than helpful - particularly given that in the end, we will all need to come together and support the winner of the primary in order to keep this Senate seat in Democratic control. And finally, some feel that bucking the party line through the use of endorsement would be using the wrong tool to fight a good and worthy fight.

Given the large number of groups who have opted to endorse a candidate in this race and the fact that both the national and the state Indivisible groups have endorsed Kim and encouraged us to do the same, we decided it deserved our consideration.

Over Zoom, we held a meeting with ILNH's most active constituents laying out the pros and cons of a pre-primary endorsement. We then asked them (through a Google form) to vote yea or nay on the question, “Should ILNH endorse a candidate for the US Senate before the New Jersey Democratic primary?” Eighty percent of respondents voted to endorse.

Last, we sent the same constituents an OpaVote ballot asking them to vote using [Rank Choice Voting](#) for the four senatorial candidates (Patricia Campos-Medina, Lawrence Hamm, Andy Kim, and Tammy Murphy). Ninety-five percent of our constituents chose Representative Andy Kim as our endorsement choice!

Our next step will be publicly, announcing our endorsement. We thank everyone who participated for their time and energy in making this decision!

Indivisibly yours,
ILNH Leadership Team

Events

CD7 Congressional Candidate Forum

(hosted by OneNJ7 and cosponsors (including ILNH))

Tuesday, March. 12, 7-9pm

Bridgewater Marriot, 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater NJ

Join OneNJ7 and co-sponsors to hear from democratic candidate Sue Altman for New Jersey's 7th Congressional District. With the field changing, leaving Sue as the sole candidate in the CD7 race, We'll now be hearing from CD7 Democratic Candidate Sue Altman as she holds a mock debate with Tom Kean Jr., played by Joe Signorello. The event will be moderated by Congressman Tom Malinowski. (We have already asked the real Congressman Kean to join).

Control of the House of Representatives will be decided by just a few swing districts in 2024 and New Jersey's 7th is one of them, the only one in the Garden State. CD7 is comprised of parts of Union, Somerset, Morris, and Sussex Counties, and all of Hunterdon and Warren counties. Please attend and bring a friend or three. Voters should hear from the people asking to represent them.

[RSVP link is here.](#)

Spring 2024 Activist Training Program schedule

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

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](#)

Abolish the Line Rally

(organized by NJ Working Families Party)

March 18, 10am-12pm

On March 18, a federal judge will hear a case on eliminating New Jersey's county line in the primary election ballots! Come rally with us to show legislators, party leaders, and the people of New Jersey how much this matters! [Sign up here!](#)

Action Opportunities

<p>Get Out the Vote (GOTV)/ Canvass</p>	<p>Click here to find GOTV actions near you!</p>
<p>Register Democrats (hosted by The Democratic National Committee)</p>	<p>Join in registering Democrats in our highest priority states. All you need is a phone or computer to get started.</p> <p>RSVP here for this phone banking event to let us know if you can make it! All are welcome at this event</p>
<p>Call to Action: Freedom to Read Bill!</p>	<p>1. Call your NJ State Senators to ask them to co-sponsor S2421. Click here for for suggested phone script. If needed, phone messages can often be left during non-working hours. (Rationale: Focus on increasing support in the Senate as this version is expected to move to Committee sometime soon and thus needs support now. Studies show legislators pay more immediate attention to phone calls and in person visits than other forms of communication)</p> <p>2. Sign petition to raise awareness of the bill in both houses.</p>
<p>Petitions in support of ranked-choice voting</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Click here to sign the NJ PETITION! Click here to sign the PA PETITION!</p>
<p>Write postcards to PA voters</p>	<p>Who wants to write some postcards to PA voters?</p> <p>Addresses are preprinted, so we have just 3 sentences to write to encourage PA voters to apply for Vote By Mail ballots. In packs of 30, how many packs would you like? Please add postage, or return to my porch for donated stamps. We're asked to get them mailed by March 7, so please sign up and pick up quickly if you can help. Contact Sharon Hallanan (email: riverbrass893@gmail.com or through Fb post)</p>
<p>Looking to get more involved with ILNH?</p>	<p>Check out Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope's volunteer opportunities! Click here.</p>
<p>Abolish NJ's County Line</p>	<p>What is the county line?</p>

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](#), [Abolish the Line](#) & [Good Government Coalition of NJ](#) websites for more information.

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

[Click here](#) to see an example of a letter to the editor written by Maggie Savoca (OneNJ7) and [here](#) by Allson Levine (ILNH). Also [click here](#) for a resource on how to write letters that really get attention!

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

[American Fascism and Its Accomplices: Part XIII. Rampant Cronyism and Corruption \(OneNj7 blog post\)](#)

[Andy Kim Sues to Block Preferential Treatment on Ballots in Senate Race \(New York Times\)](#)

[US Rep. Andy Kim sues over what he calls New Jersey's 'cynically manipulated' ballot system \(AP News\)](#)

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](#)