

vermont indivisible digest, 2026-07-24 to 2026-07-31

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This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters; all information should be independently verified. This digest covers the date range of 2026-07-24 to 2026-07-31. It synthesizes updates from Bennington Indivisible, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible, WeCAN, 50501 Vermont, Rutland County Indivisible, Queen City Vermont Indivisible, Indivisible Greater Falls, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Indivisible Mad River Valley, Indivisible Randolph, Indivisible St. Johnsbury, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Lean Left VT, Bristol Area Indivisible, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Three Rivers Indivisible, Indivisible Brattleboro, and Indivisible Middlebury. Please note that the group formerly known as Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. Per strict instructions, emails from Indivisible Brandon and Indivisible Calais were completely excluded from this summary. This project is maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible; please contact us with questions or concerns at indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com.

Overview

Welcome to your weekly digest! This week's communications highlight a massive surge of statewide organizing as we sprint toward the August 11th Vermont Primary and lay critical groundwork for the November Midterm elections. Across the state, groups are doubling down on election protection by plugging into the national [Hands Off Our Vote](#) initiative, stepping up as poll observers through the League of Women Voters, and launching ambitious phone banking operations for key swing states with Lean Left VT. If you haven't yet, now is the time to visit the [Vermont Voter Portal](#) and firm up your primary voting plan!

Running parallel to our electoral work is a passionate and highly coordinated wave of activism fighting for immigrant justice. Spurred by recent ICE violence in Texas and Maine, Vermont Indivisibles are showing up in force to say "ICE Out." A major centerpiece this week is the collaborative effort to maintain a daily protest presence at the ICE surveillance facility in Williston. This is accompanied by vigils, mutual aid campaigns like the Freedom For All Concert in Grafton, and a community movement to prevent the deportation of a local Palestinian Vermonter.

Finally, Vermont activists are punching above their weight on both local and national policy issues. From resisting the crypto-deregulation CLARITY Act to pushing for local town moratoriums on power-hungry AI data centers, this week proves the sheer power of persistent organizing. Thanks to coordinated pressure, we are also celebrating historic victories like the De-ICE Citizens Bank divestment win. It's an incredibly busy, deeply impactful time to be an activist in the Brave Little State!

Key State and Local Campaigns

Williston ICE Facility Protests Multiple groups are mobilizing to maintain a daily, peaceful presence outside the ICE National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center in Williston to protest digital spying and the extra-judicial killings of immigrants. (Featured in Rutland County Indivisible, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible, Champlain Valley Indivisible, and Camel's Hump Indivisible). *Action:* Join the peaceful vigils at 426 Industrial Ave, Williston, or connect with your local group to coordinate a carpool! [Sign up here](#).

Vermont Primary Elections and Candidate Support The August 11th Vermont primary is fast approaching! Local chapters have been aggressively rolling out candidate guides, hosting town hall debates, and running phone banks to support pro-democracy candidates. (Featured in Indivisible Middlebury, Queen City, Camel's Hump, Bennington, Three Rivers, and Bristol Area). *Action:* Verify your polling place and voter registration at the [Vermont Voter Portal](#), and research your local races using the [VT Digger](#) or [Vermont Public](#) guides.

League of Women Voters Poll Observer Training In response to threats of federal agents or hecklers at polling stations, the League of Women Voters of Vermont is urgently recruiting volunteers to serve as non-escalatory community election poll observers. (Featured in Indivisible Randolph, Queen City, Camel's Hump, and Indivisible Brattleboro). *Action:* [Sign up here](#) for Zoom training sessions scheduled for September 3rd or September 9th.

Stopping AI and Crypto Data Centers in Vermont Following Governor Scott's veto of H727 (which aimed to enforce sustainable data center deployment), activists have launched an initiative to pass town-by-town moratoriums on massive big tech data centers. (Featured in Bristol Area Indivisible). *Action:* Contact Kathy Cahill at kmslucky@gmail.com to get a petition template to bring to your local Selectboard ahead of Town Meeting Day 2027.

Fighting ICE Expansion in the Northeast Kingdom (NEK) A coordinated, regional pushback has emerged against ICE's plans to build new offices in the border towns of Derby and Newport to protect vulnerable communities from increased surveillance. (Featured in Indivisible St. Johnsbury). *Action:* [Sign the petition to stop new ICE facilities in Vermont](#).

Protecting Neighbors from Deportation The community is rallying to stop the Trump Administration from deporting Mohsen Mahdawi, a local Palestinian Vermonter. (Featured in Indivisible Mad River Valley and Camel's Hump Indivisible). *Action:* Attend the public support and fundraiser event on Sunday, August 9th at the Unitarian Church of Montpelier.

Vermont Public Banking Congress Activists are organizing to build parallel institutions—like a public bank in Vermont—to resist the takeover of the federal government by self-serving interests and late-stage capitalism. (Featured in Camel's Hump Indivisible). *Action:* Attend the 2-day Vermont Public Banking Congress event on August 4th linking agriculture challenges to the benefits of a public bank. [Details here.](#)

National Actions (if any)

- **Hands Off Our Vote Program:** Indivisible's national election protection program aims to ensure all eligible voters get to cast their ballot and that all ballots get counted amidst Republican subversion efforts. [Register here to get plugged into the strategy.](#)
- **Oppose the CLARITY Act:** Stop Trump's crypto-fueled bribery machine by urging Senate Democrats to oppose H.R. 3633, a misleading deregulation bill that serves billionaires and ignores consumer protection. [Write to your Senators.](#)
- **Lean Left VT Power Hours:** Jump onto a Sunday phone bank to recruit poll observers and voter assistance hotline volunteers in critical swing states like NC, NH, and PA. [Sign up for a Lean Left Power Hour.](#)
- **End Slavery in ICE Detention Centers:** Join the nationwide movement demanding an immediate end to forced labor practices in ICE camps. [Sign the petition.](#)
- **Oppose the NDAA US-Israel Military Partnership:** Call your US Senators to reject provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that further interweave US and Israeli militaries through weapons development and intelligence sharing without public transparency. [Take Action.](#)

Success stories and Bright spots

- **Citizens Bank Divestment Victory:** Following months of intense, nationwide pressure organized by the De-ICE Citizens Bank Coalition, Citizens Bank announced it will exit credit facilities for private prison companies CoreCivic and GEO!
- **Record Democratic Fundraising:** Defying the odds, ActBlue raised a staggering \$586 million for pro-democracy candidates and causes in Q2, marking the biggest non-presidential fundraising quarter on record.
- **DOJ Defeated on Voter Rolls:** The DOJ lost its 17th District Court case in an attempt to seize unredacted voter registration rolls, with even Trump-appointed judges tossing out the lawsuits.
- **DOJ Subpoenas Dropped:** The DOJ unilaterally withdrew highly intrusive subpoenas against New York Times reporters following intense judicial scrutiny, protecting First Amendment press freedoms.
- **Media Pushback on Election Lies:** Major networks, including NBC, ABC, and CNN, took a stand against disinformation by refusing to televise Donald Trump's July 16th speech due to its baseless claims of election interference.

Upcoming events calendar

July 24, 2:30 pm, Patriots Protest Persistently!, Brattleboro Common, Indivisible Brattleboro

July 24, 5:00 pm, ICE OUT Vigil for Victims, Bennington 4 Corners, Bennington Indivisible

July 25, 7:00 pm, Vigil to Honor Lorenzo Salgado Araujo and Johan Sebastian Guerrero, Brattleboro Post Office, Friends and Neighbors

July 28, 4:30 pm, Richmond Racial Equity Honk and Wave, Richmond Park and Ride, Camel's Hump Indivisible & Richmond Racial Equity

July 29, 6:00 pm, Vigil for the lives ICE has taken, Waterbury Congregational Church, Camel's Hump Indivisible

July 30, 7:00 pm, Freedom For All Concert, Grafton Community Church, Grafton Supporters of Democracy & United Way of Windham County

July 31, 1:00 pm, Protest at Williston ICE Facility, 426 Industrial Ave Williston, Rutland County Indivisible

July 31, 2:30 pm, Patriots Protest Persistently!, Brattleboro Common, Indivisible Brattleboro

July 31, 3:30 pm, Kurn Hattin Overpass Visibility Brigade, I-91 overpass Westminster, Indivisible Greater Falls

July 31, 4:30 pm, Camel's Hump Indivisible Making Courage Visible, Richmond Park and Ride, Camel's Hump Indivisible

August 1, 10:00 am, Brattleboro Indivisible Monthly Meeting, Beloved Community Church Brattleboro, Indivisible Brattleboro

August 1, 11:00 am, Stand Up for Democracy in South Burlington, Corner of Shelburne Rd and Hannaford Dr, Champlain Valley Indivisible

August 1, 11:00 am, HAD ENOUGH CORRUPTION YET?? Rally, Intersection of Routes 25 and 5 Bradford, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

August 3, 3:00 pm, Local Postcarding Event for VOTING, Tenney Library Newbury, Third Act/Newbury

August 3, 4:30 pm, Indivisible Mad River Valley Next Meeting, The Village Meeting House Waitsfield, Indivisible Mad River Valley

August 4, 3:00 pm, Joint Policy & Elections Meeting, Jim Dumont's Office 15 Main St Bristol, Bristol Area Indivisible & Middlebury Indivisible

August 4, 6:30 pm, Conversation with VT Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Fletcher Free Library Burlington, Queen City Vermont Indivisible

August 6, 5:00 pm, United We Sip, The Bidwell Waterbury, Camel's Hump Indivisible

August 7, 4:00 pm, Phone Bank for Jonathan Cooper, Virtual, Bennington Indivisible & VDP

August 9, 7:00 pm, Community Support and Fundraiser for Mohsen Mahdawi, Unitarian Church Montpelier, Beth Jacob Synagogue & UCM

August 11, All Day, Vermont Primary Elections, Statewide, All Groups

August 13, 5:00 pm, Indivisible Mad River Valley Community Round Up, Mad River Green, Indivisible Mad River Valley

A Great Call to Action

"Every day we're handed something new that's supposed to make us angry at each other. Another outrage. Another culture war. Another reason to see our neighbors as the problem... We don't have to agree on every political issue to agree that patients deserve safe care, workers deserve dignity, and our communities deserve hospitals that put people ahead of spreadsheets... Don't let yourself be consumed by the outrage of the day. Focus on the people in front of you. Build relationships. Support the people doing the work. Put workers and patients first. That's how we become harder to divide." —
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Mailing lists mentioned in this week's newsletters

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- Indivisible Calais: indivisiblecalais@pm.me | [Website](#)

Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- League of Women Voters of Vermont - <https://lwwofvt.org/>
- Migrant Justice - <https://migrantjustice.net/>
- Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP) - <https://www.vaapvt.org/>
- Vermont Immigrant Legal Defense Fund - <https://www.vermontlegaldefensefund.com/>
- Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG) - <https://www.vpirg.org/>
- United Way of Windham County - <https://www.unitedwaywindham.org/>
- Field Team 6 - <https://www.fieldteam6.org/>
- Oath - <http://oath.vote>
- Vote Forward - <https://vote fwd.org>
- Vermont Natural Resources Council - <https://vnrc.org/>
- Good Trouble Lives On - <https://www.goodtroubleliveson.org/>
- Third Act - <https://thirdact.org/>