

vermont indivisible digest, 2026-10-16 to 2026-10-23

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Overview

This week, Vermont's Indivisible network celebrated a massive turnout for the "No Kings: Vote Early" day of action! From sideways snow in Waterbury to sunny, crisp skies in South Hero, hundreds of Vermonters gathered at rallies, parades, and block parties to champion democracy and push for early voting. While enthusiasm soared on the ground, organizers noted coordinated digital interference—including Meta temporarily suspending the No Kings [Instagram account](#)—which only underscores the vital need for decentralized, grassroots voter engagement as we approach Election Day.

With less than two weeks to go, the focus is squarely on election protection and [voter turnout](#). Local groups are rapidly pivoting from public protest to behind-the-scenes preparation, joining national webinars to learn about defending election results and de-escalating potential polling place intimidation. Organizers are heavily promoting early ballot drop-offs, tracking down unreturned mail-in ballots, and participating in nonpartisan poll observer trainings hosted by the League of Women Voters to ensure everyone's vote is secure.

On the state and local fronts, activists are throwing their weight behind Amanda Janoo's gubernatorial run, combating ICE's surveillance presence in Vermont communities, and advocating for the passage of Vermont's constitutional amendments, Proposal 3 and Proposal 4. Whether you're writing [postcards for key races](#), attending [ICE Out rallies](#), or signing petitions to safeguard election integrity, there are countless ways to flex your civic muscles before November 3rd!

Key State and Local Campaigns

- **No Kings: Vote Early Initiatives** Across the state, Indivisible groups are emphasizing the importance of banking your vote early to prevent Election Day suppression. A tidal wave of early voting makes the results "too big to rig," freeing up volunteer bandwidth for the final get-out-the-vote stretch. **Action:** Make your voting plan and track your ballot using the [Vermont Voter Portal](#).
- **ICE Out Vermont Protests** Advocates are holding ongoing visibility rallies outside DHS and ICE facilities to call for an end to the federal government's detention and deportation mechanisms. Upcoming actions include a "funeral procession" in Williston to honor victims of the agency's brutal tactics and highlight the dangers of the national tip line. **Action:** Learn more about the demands and sign the petition at [ICE Out Vermont](#).
- **Amanda Janoo for Governor** Multiple chapters are mobilizing in support of Amanda Janoo's grassroots campaign against incumbent Phil Scott, citing his influx of corporate PAC money. Volunteers are organizing phone banks, house parties, and door-knocking canvasses across the state to sway undecided voters. **Action:** Join a [Janoo for VT Canvass](#) or log into a virtual [Phone Bank](#).
- **Proposals 3 and 4 Constitutional Amendments** Vermonters will vote on Proposal 3 (protecting collective bargaining rights) and Proposal 4 (guaranteeing equal protection against discrimination) this November. Local groups and the League of Women Voters are hosting informational sessions to educate voters on these critical back-of-the-ballot additions. **Action:** Read the complete guide on [Vermont's Constitutional Amendments](#).
- **Don't Data Center Vermont** Activists are organizing against Governor Scott's veto of a data center moratorium, arguing that large-scale tech facilities exploit Vermont's energy resources and overwhelm small towns. Groups are joining forces with VPIRG to discuss community organizing tools to prevent these centers from advancing unchecked. **Action:** Register for the [VPIRG Webinar](#) to learn more.
- **Petition to Call on the Governor to Protect the Election** Rights and Democracy is rallying community members to demand proactive steps from the Governor to guarantee election safety. This petition aims to apply localized pressure to uphold election integrity across Vermont's polling locations. **Action:** Sign the [petition to call on the governor to protect the election](#).

National Actions

- **Indivisible National's Election Protection** Indivisible has launched the "Hands Off Our Vote" campaign to defend election results from authoritarian subversion. Volunteers are undergoing de-escalation training and pledging to mobilize if election sabotage triggers occur. **Action:** Sign up for the [Hands Off Our Vote Program](#) and tune in to Thursday's [What's the Plan?](#) call to discuss defense strategies.
- **Democracy Defenders Fund** Lean Left is directing its October Giving Circle to the Elections Safeguard Response Network, which expects to file dozens of lawsuits combatting election interference. Financial support helps fund their litigation, mobilization, and communication work in swing states. **Action:** Donate to the [Democracy Defenders Fund](#).
- **Hold Big Tech Accountable for Election Interference** Following Meta's suspicious takedown of the No Kings coalition's Instagram page during peak rally hours, activists are demanding that Congress investigate tech billionaires for election manipulation and suppression. **Action:** Sign the petition to [Tell Your Members of Congress to Reject Tech Billionaire Influence](#).
- **Solidarity with Ukraine** Amidst alarming reports of Trump's intent to lift sanctions on Russia and halt defensive weapon sales, groups are pleading with the public to call their Members of Congress to maintain support for Ukraine. **Action:** Call your Representatives using the [Congressional Directory](#).
- **Out-of-State Canvassing and Phone Banking** With the Senate and House control hanging by a thread, Vermont groups are running carpools to New Hampshire and dialing into North Carolina and Pennsylvania to cure ballots and get out the vote. **Action:** Sign up to [Phone Bank with National Indivisible](#).

Success stories and Bright spots

- **UVM Medical Center Workers Avert Strike:** Technical and support employees ratified a new contract securing a 7% wage increase over two years and better working conditions.
- **Federal Court Protects Voter Privacy:** A federal judge struck down a DOJ policy that allowed sweeping collections of state voter-registration data, ruling it violated federal privacy laws.
- **Massive "No Kings" Turnouts:** Rallies in Rutland, Bennington, South Hero, St. Johnsbury, and numerous overpasses saw vibrant, peaceful crowds of up to 250 people per event, earning coverage on local news and *The Rachel Maddow Show*.
- **Conservation Wins in the Northeast Kingdom:** Twenty-one acres of the Brousseau Mountain Trail were successfully protected for future generations and nesting peregrine falcons.

Upcoming events calendar

- October 21, 6:30 PM: [Election Integrity Community Conversations](#), Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro, Defend Our Vote project
- October 21, 7:00 PM: [Prop 4 Equal Protection Under the Law Discussion](#), Virtual, League of Women Voters of Vermont
- October 22, 3:00 PM: [What's the Plan? Call with Ezra and Leah](#), Virtual, National Indivisible
- October 22, 4:30 PM: Postcard Brigade, McCullough Library, North Bennington, Bennington Indivisible
- October 22, 5:00 PM: [Vermont Indivisible Network Statewide Call](#), Virtual, Vermont Indivisible Network
- October 22, 6:00 PM: All Pod Sing, North Chapel UU Woodstock, Three Rivers Indivisible
- October 22, 6:30 PM: [Migrant Justice Rapid Response Training](#), Virtual, Migrant Justice
- October 22, 8:00 PM: [Final Preparation for Election Defense](#), Virtual, No Kings Coalition
- October 23, 12:00 PM: [Don't Data Center Vermont Webinar](#), Virtual, VPIRG
- October 23, 2:00 PM: VPIRG Voter Registration Drive, Contois Auditorium Burlington, Indivisible Queen City
- October 23, 3:30 PM: [I-91 Friday Overpass Protests](#), Multiple Locations (Brattleboro, Vernon), Indivisible Brattleboro
- October 23, 4:00 PM: [RT. 302 Overpass Rally](#), Wells River Exit 17, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible
- October 23, 4:00 PM: Friday Defend Democracy Rally, South Hero, Indivisible Champlain Islands
- October 23, 4:30 PM: ICE OUT and No Kings Protest, Richmond Park & Ride, Camel's Hump Indivisible
- October 24, 11:00 AM: Weekly Rally in Bradford, Valley Floors lot, Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

October 24, 12:00 PM: Eye on ICE, Church Street Mall Burlington, Indivisible Queen City

October 24, 1:00 PM: [Janoo Town Hall](#), Bennington Theater, Bennington Indivisible

October 24, 5:30 PM: [League of Women Voters Election Protection Training](#), Virtual, League of Women Voters

October 25, 4:00 PM: Honk & Wave I-89 Overpasses, Multiple Locations, Indivisible Randolph

October 25, 4:00 PM: [Sunday Power Hour](#), Virtual, Lean Left Vermont

October 27, 7:00 PM: Lightworkers Documentary Screening, Randolph Playhouse, Indivisible Randolph

October 28, 8:30 AM: [Honk and Wave for Amanda Janoo](#), Bennington 4-Corners, Bennington Indivisible

October 29, 9:30 AM: [Apiary for Movement Builders](#), Spruce Peak Lodge Stowe, Office of Racial Equity

A Great Call to Action

"I share this story about my day... because of the connections that anchored each part of my day. From that first shift to the cleaning of paint brushes at 8:30pm, I was with people who are engaging, taking action, supporting community and building connections. It is through building meaningful connections and supporting one another that change is possible. This is what we will need as we continue to organize FOR a better country, locally, regionally and nationally." — Three Rivers Indivisible

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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- League of Women Voters of Vermont: lvovvt.org
- VPIRG (Vermont Public Interest Research Group): vpirg.org
- ICE Out Vermont Alliance: iceoutvt.org
- Vermont Workers' Center: workerscenter.org
- Democracy Defenders Fund: democracydefendersfund.org
- ACLU Vermont: acluvt.org
- Rights and Democracy Vermont (RAD-VT): radvt.org
- State of Vermont Office of Racial Equity: racialequity.vermont.gov
- BennDems (Bennington Democrats): benndems.org
- Ground Control: wearegroundcontrol.org
- Movement Voter Project: movement.vote