

SPRING HAS TO COME SOMETIME???

 Forward

Indivisible **HoCo** MD

LOCAL CAMPAIGNS

Spring Has to Come Sometime--Happy Hour



The **Red to Blue Team** is holding a Happy Hour

March 27, 5:00 PM at Seasons 52 in Columbia Mall

[Sign-Up Here](#)

CANVASSING IN WESTERN HOWARD COUNTY

Come knock on doors to get out the vote for [China Williams](#) (sole Democrat running for County Council Seat 5) and [Katie Fry Hester](#) (sole Democrat running for State Senate, District 9). These brave ladies need our help!

WHEN: March 25, 1 -3 PM

DETAILS: Email cgrazian@live.com to get the meeting place

DISTRICT 5 COUNTY COUNCIL DEBATE

China Williams is unopposed in the primary, but has a seat at the table for this forum against two Republican candidates. In previous debates involving only the Republicans, their support showed up in team shirts and filled the audience. She asks that those who support her come in blue and look for her campaign workers handing out stickers.

WHEN: March 27, 7 -8:30 PM This has been **rescheduled from the 20th**

WHERE: [Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church 2330 Calvin Circle](#)

VOTING RIGHTS



If you live in **District 12**, this message is especially important.

Election Day Registration (EDR) passed out of committee this morning and is headed to the Senate floor tomorrow. As a reminder, the House has already passed this bill with a supermajority. We need it to pass with a 3/5 majority in the Senate because it calls for a constitutional amendment. More than 3/5 of Senators have cosponsored this bill, so we're optimistic that we have the votes. Common Cause has asked us to make one final round of phone calls to our Senators.

Here's a brief, generic script for the calls. Please read through this entire email to make sure it is appropriate for your Senator.

- **Thank your Senator for voting for automatic voter registration (AVR) last week. Every Senate Democrat voted for AVR except for Nathan-Pulliam and Oaks, who missed the vote.**
- **Express your support for Election Day Registration (HB 532).**
- **Thank your Senator for cosponsoring the Senate version of HB 532, SB 594. Every Senate Democrat except for Brochin, Kagan, and Kelley is a cosponsor.**
- **Thank your Senator for voting for EDR last year. Every Senate Democrat except for Brochin voted for EDR last year.**
- **Ask whether you can count on your Senator to vote for EDR this week.**

As noted above, all of our Senators except for Brochin have cosponsored this bill and voted for a similar EDR bill last year. Senate leadership has flagged - in addition to Brochin - Kasemeyer and Zirkin were a little shaky on EDR, so we especially need to make calls to those three offices. Make sure to thank them for voting for AVR last week. If you discussed EDR with your Senator or a staffer at our lobby night, go ahead and refer to that conversation. Kasemeyer's staffer expressed his support for EDR during that meeting.

And thanks, everyone, for your continued advocacy for these bills!

Phone number for Senator Kasemeyer is: [\(410\) 841-3653](tel:(410)841-3653)

Voter Registration Drive in April

A coalition of several Howard County progressive groups, including IndivisibleHoCoMD, is organizing a door-to-door voter registration drive in Columbia's Harper's Choice Village each Saturday in April. We are focusing on rental communities where there may be newcomers who are not registered, and will also encourage them to vote in the June 26th Primary Election. Help us ramp up voter turn-out and create the Blue Tsunami!

Dates: April 7, 14, 21 and 28 (the March 17th date has been dropped)

Time: 10:45 AM

Address: We will meet at the Starbucks in Wilde Lake shopping center and canvass from there.

[Sign Up](#) for voter registration

EDUCATION

**MARCH
FOR OUR
LIVES** 

822 MARCHES WORLD WIDE ON MARCH 24TH

On March 24, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today.

March with us in Washington DC or march in your own community. On March 24, the collective voices of the March For Our Lives movement will be heard.

Keep up with the latest details or choose to join one of the other 822 marches worldwide.

[**SIGNUP HERE**](#)

FIND more info on the three marches closest to Howard County on our website:

<http://indivisiblehocomd.org/march-for-our-lives/>.

IMMIGRATION

The Maryland SAFE Act, HB 1461, will ensure that our local police do not serve as an extension of the federal government's retrogressive immigration policies. This bill will help protect our law-abiding foreign-born residents from being stopped by police and interrogated about their citizenship status.

The Judiciary Committee has held hearings on the SAFE Act but has not held a vote. Please contact your local delegates on the Judiciary Committee--Eric Ebersole, Vanessa Atterbeary, Terri Hill, Clarence Lam, and Shane Pendergrass--and ask them to hold a vote on HB 1461.

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LET OUR LIGHT SHINE

NATIONWIDE WALKOUT

Exactly one month after the shooting in FL, thousands of students nationwide made themselves heard March 14th during a walkout to protest



gun violence.

Locally Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) told the students he will help them vanquish opponents of changes to gun laws, including the National Rifle Association. Read more in the Washington Post coverage [here](#).

Senator Van Hollen has agreed to be keynote speaker at the next IndivisibleHoCoMD general meeting, May 12th.

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