

A Real Coup

"January 6th was not the final act, but perhaps the prologue to a titanic struggle between democracy and violent authoritarianism in America." Rep. Jamie Raskin

Recent revelations show that the attempted Jan. 6, 2021 coup d'etat was not only organized by Trump and his fascistic minions, it was aided and abetted by Republicans in the House and Senate as well as the extremist spouse of a sitting Supreme Court justice. Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Alabama) said last week that Trump asked him repeatedly since early September 2021 to "rescind the election of 2020," oust President Biden, and install Trump in his place.

Just days ago, Trump urged Vladimir Putin (whom he'd called "savvy" and a "genius") to provide dirt on the Biden family, even as Putin wages a brutal invasion of Ukraine that has killed thousands and displaced millions. A Putin spokesman suggested that it was time for Russia to "again" help their "partner," Trump.

Trump and his Republican allies continue to pose a clear and present danger to American democracy.

The stakes in 2022 could not be higher.



So, we are thrilled to announce that Maryland's own Rep. Jamie Raskin will be our guest speaker at the May 15 IndivisibleHoCo Members meeting (see details below). He is a bighearted, compelling speaker; a Constitutional scholar; a leading member of the House Select Committee on the January 6 Attack; and, the author of a powerful new book, "Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy." Who better to help us better understand what's at stake, how we win in 2022, why it matters and why we must?

We invite you to sign up today for our May 15 Members meeting and to join us in safeguarding America's democracy, prosperity, and security. Below are some of the ways you can get involved.

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Co-Coordinator, IndivisibleHoCoMD

General Membership Meeting



May 15,2022 5:30 PM Via Zoom

Since Trump left, Republicans have jeopardized America's economic security by attempting to raise taxes on the poor and middle class, gut healthcare, plan to end Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and perpetuate dependency on fossil fuels. They continue to tear at our social fabric, with racist and homophobic tropes and enacting mean-spirited laws to dehumanize women, erase LGBTQIA+ people, and harm other marginalized groups. The next few elections are crucial to saving our democracy. Learn what you can do.

RSVP For the Zoom Link

Or

Email IndivisibleHoCoMD@gmail.com

Defend Democracy





















It's primary season, so, let's make sure our candidates are not receiving Developer or Dark money.

To reduce the influence of the developer lobby in Howard County's local and state-level politics, several community organizations along with *IndivisibleHoCoMD* are sponsoring a pledge for candidates to sign:

No Developer, No Dark Money

This allows the candidates to show voters they are not taking these kinds of donations. The initiative comes after decades of heavy developer influence in Howard County, primarily through large campaign contributions from developers and their affiliates to state and local elected officials and candidates. Candidates running for county council, county executive, board of education, state delegate, state senator, and party central committees are all encouraged to sign.

We encourage you sign on, too. The link below will enable you to send an email to those running for office urging them to sign on to the pledge. Click <u>here</u> to see which candidates have signed on to the petition.

Sign on to the Petition

A few candidates have already signed on as well; they will leverage the Citizen Elections Fund. They have not listed the names yet, but evidently are about to. The *Citizens Election Fund* was created after Howard County voters approved a measure in 2016 to allow for a publicly funded election campaign system, which allows candidates who raise enough small donations and shun large contributions to receive matching funds from a county fund.



Be An Election Judge Sign up to be an election judge.

An election judge plays a very important role in the election process. Election judges work as a team to ensure a fair and accessible election. Under Maryland law, you can serve as an election judge if you are:

- 1. 17 years old or older *;
- 2. A registered voter in the State of Maryland;
- 3. Able to speak, read, and write English;
- 4. Physically and mentally able to work at least a 15-hour day;
- 5. Willing to work outside your home precinct; and
- 6. Able to sit and/or stand for an extended period.

Check out the rules and apply <u>here.</u>

Climate Action

THE GOOD NEWS IS:



Thank you for your calls and emails during the legislative sessions. Climate Solutions passed Maryland legislature!

THE BAD NEWS IS:

Governor Hogan may veto it!

Tell Governor Hogan NOT TO VETO

Email Governor Hogan. Ask him not to veto HB 528. https://governor.maryland.gov/contact-us or call him at 410-974-3901.

Red2Blue

The Midterms are well underway -- time to get busy with phone-banking!

You need a computer, tablet, or cell phone with reliable internet service and a comfy, quiet place in your home. If you are a newbie don't worry! There is guidance on getting set up for your shift upon signing up.



New to phone banking or need a refresher? Join **TurnPABlue** to learn the basics of making calls. They'll answer your questions and make sure you're prepared to phone bank to PA. Next meeting is April 11 from 7-8PM.

Click to sign up



For the more experienced, join the ALL IN For PA phone bank on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 4-6 to talk with voters about electing Pennsylvania Democrats up and down the ballot!

Click to sign up.



Texters can join **All IN PA** on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 3-6PM. Pick a shift (or two) to text PA voters in support of Democrats at every level! *And join us for our Day of Action on April 9!*Training provided each session. Click to sign up.



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