

Did you make a New Years Resolution This year? I usually don't but this year, I did based upon several expert activists:

Jess Craven of Chop Wood, Carry Water --

"I will stay in the day and do what I can" ... "I will ask everyone I know if they are registered to vote" ... "I will ignore polls" See the rest of Jess' post [here.](#)

Robert Hubbell --

"Let's not worry about imagined disasters..Action is the antidote to anxiety. The harder we work, the less anxious we will be. And our action will make Joe Biden's re-election more likely!" Read the full post [here.](#)

We all need to resolve to engage in the political process. 2024 is going to be a turning point for America when the results of the Nov. 5 General Election are known. Each of us must do what we can to influence the result – sitting on our hands is not an option! Support candidates that pledge to protect and defend our Constitution. Whether it is through campaign contributions, volunteering to help with a campaign, registering voters, or encouraging voter turnout – every little bit will help ensure that we turn in the right direction – towards democracy and not away from it.

Each of our Action Teams is working towards improving the life of Americans and everyone else on the globe. If you have not joined an Action Team, now is the time to do so. Visit our website at www.indivisiblehocomd.org to see what each team is planning for 2024 and sign up to be on at least one team's mailing list so that you know what you can do to help out. You will be glad you did so, especially when the General Election results are in.

You can also say "I did my part!"

Let's talk about Biden Bragging Points

Click [Ten Charts That Explain the U.S. Economy in 2023](#) so you have ammunition to back your positive comments to friends, family and the world about Biden's progress! Let's

Postcard Brigade



The Postcard Brigade has been doing amazing things. Within 24 hours of announcing a new campaign, Brigadiers committed to 900 postcards being written to Iowa Democrats who had been ousted from the rolls. Thus far, they have committed to writing more than 1800 postcards to support Tom Suozzi (pronounced Swazzi) in the NY-03 election to replace George Santos, and they are still requesting addresses!

They again stepped to the plate and committed to 510 letters going to the NY-03 District to help young voters within Democratic households register to vote or to request their absentee

ballot. This is truly a committed group!

The postcard brigade facilitators work with numerous organizations that are all working on our common goal of electing Dems. Along with campaigns for specific candidates who have been identified by the locals as having a fighting chance, there are projects to get out the vote (GOTV), register and re-register folks, and inform voters. We will announce projects as we discover worthwhile campaigns, and we cannot anticipate when they will occur. So keep an eye on your emails; we are in this for the long haul and appreciate all of your efforts! Contact the [Postcard Brigade Facilitators](#) to get on their email list.

Defend Democracy

*The Defend Democracy Team had their first meeting of the year on January 10th. We will be meeting every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm for the duration of the Maryland Legislative Session. To check the dates, click [here](#). **And we've added a new member!***

We have started tracking some key elections bills and have meetings set up with a number of legislators. We continue to work with a number of coalitions as well and have recently connected with the group Rank the Vote. Some of the bills we are following involve local campaign finance, ranked choice voting, enhanced automatic voter registration, voting rights restoration, and lowering the voter registration age. We are also meeting and looking for support of a new bill on ballot eligibility. Although there are requirements for running for office, there is no official procedure in place to assure that.

We are grateful to Senators Lam and Hester and Delegates Wu and Terrasa for their work on bills involving ranked choice voting and campaign finance. We have good working relationships with these legislators as well as with Delegate Feldmark.

Stay tuned for more information about ranked choice voting. We are hoping to host a webinar to educate both the public and our legislators on its qualities and mechanism.

You can see our Defend Democracy plans for 2023-2024 by clicking [here](#).

Environmental Action Team

Environmental Action team is that we'll be starting our regular bi-weekly meetings on **Tuesday, Jan 16th at 5:00 PM**. [Click here](#) to contact them.



Join an Action Team

If you are not already affiliated with an Action Team, visit our website at <https://indivisiblehocomd.org/> to identify a team that you want to join. Click "Join an Action

Team" at the bottom of the page to get on the mailing list for that Action Team.

The button below will link you to any new events and each Action Team's Meeting times as well as contacts for the Team.

Schedule



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