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This past week has been monumental in resistance. Here are just a few examples:

Hands Off Rally Recap: A Nationwide Statement



This past Saturday, we all made a powerful, *peaceful* statement at the Hands Off Rallies, demonstrating resistance across the nation and across Arizona. Demonstrations occurred at almost thirty locations in Arizona and Arizona List met you there!



The power of the people is indeed stronger than the people in power. Thank you to everyone who participated—your presence sends a resounding message that we stand united.

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AG Kris Mayes' Tucson Town Hall

Attorney General Kris Mayes delivered a compelling call to action at her recent town hall in Tucson, outlining a strategic framework to combat overreaches by the Trump administration. She emphasized the critical importance of leveraging **"the three Cs" – Crowds, Courts, and Courage** – as essential tools in our fight to safeguard democratic values.

Crowds: AG Mayes highlighted the importance of public demonstrations, stressing that large, peaceful crowds are powerful tools for voicing dissent and prompting political action.

Courts: She reaffirmed her commitment to using legal avenues to challenge unlawful policies, protecting civil liberties and public welfare through vigilant litigation.

Courage: She called on everyone to show bravery by sharing their personal stories, which can profoundly influence public opinion and policy decisions.

AG Mayes closed by reminding us of our collective responsibility: "We are all patriots tasked with defending our democracy. By showing up, fighting through

legal channels, and courageously telling our stories, we forge a united front that cannot be defeated." Read the full article <u>here</u>.

And our Arizona List Women Continue to Lead!



Our AZ List women are actively making strides in the leg, championing causes that matter to all of us. Here's a look at how they are standing up for education, inclusion, and the rights of all Arizonans:

In the House:

Rep. Betty Villegas fought for the independence of our public universities to teach accurate history in opposing SB1694. She questioned why anyone would want to block the teaching of diversity, equity and inclusion, things she said include opportunity, respect, inclusivity, fairness and collaboration. *"As a woman that has gone through many generations, I don't understand why people are so afraid of that term and so afraid about each other's cultures."*

Rep. Quantá Crews was fighting to provide supplemental funding for disabled children and shared her own experiences of DDD services that help parents raising children with special needs. "We can work to refine and reform the program, but we must pass the emergency funding first." On the floor, **Rep. Nancy Gutierrez** joined her calling out Republican foot dragging on helping family caregivers of disabled children pointing out that there have been hundreds of millions of dollars given to families for private schools but not for families who are caring for children with disabilities.

In the Senate:

Fighting HB 2062, **Sen. Eva Diaz** (D-Tolleson) read a letter from the parent of a young trans person in Arizona who could be directly affected. **Sen. Analise Ortiz** stated: "I want our trans community to know that we are not going to stop defending you against these horrific bills like HB2062. You belong, you belong as you are, and trans people will not be erased."

And **Sen. Lauren Kuby** was selected by the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators as Arizona's State Lead for 2025-2026 to facilitate collaboration between state legislators on the environmental issues that matter to all Arizonans and Americans.



Updates from City Councilwoman Solange Whitehead

In her latest newsletter, Scottsdale City Councilwoman Solange addresses a contentious decision by the city council that risks losing a \$31 million federal grant by potentially halting a roundabout project in North Scottsdale. She advocates for fiscal responsibility and public safety, stating, "Forfeiting this grant over a roundabout decision impacts our community's safety and financial health." Read the full newsletter <u>here</u> and contact the city council before tomorrow's vote.

Spotlight on Amanda Aguirre!



Arizona List's honoree Amanda Aguirre, President and CEO of the Regional Center for Border Health, was featured today in the Arizona Capitol Times. The article explores her unique perspective shaped by growing up on the border, highlighting her approach to health and political issues. Aguirre's commitment to enhancing community health services and fostering bipartisanship is emphasized as key to her leadership. Read the full article <u>here</u>.

April Green Wave Gathering!



Mark your calendars for our next Green Wave Gathering on **Monday, April 28th**! This month's focus is on protecting our rights and our planet. Join us to explore crucial environmental issues and their intersection with our ongoing advocacy efforts. Hear from Arizona List environmental leaders and enjoy an opportunity to connect over drinks and snacks.

This month, we are excited to extend our gatherings beyond Tucson and Phoenix to include gatherings in Yuma and Flagstaff! Save the date and stay tuned for more details.

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