



COMMIT TO DEMOCRACY

POWER IN NUMBERS AND PEACEFUL PROTESTS

If you are reading this newsletter, we know you are, like us, worried and scared. Our biggest worry today is to make sure that the October 18th turnout nationwide is so large that it cannot be ignored or defamed. **Our presence nationwide must be historic and it must also be peaceful – even positive in its message.**

That is why we are urging signs that focus on policies or action rather than disparaging words against a person. **We are encouraging signs** about what we are for and what we are against. We are urging peaceful chanting and deflection of any efforts to escalate. We are a powerful peaceful force for love, peace, and democracy.

We also want to acknowledge what looks to be a positive step towards peace in the Israeli/Gaza war. Whether we agree with the tactics or not, this is a positive step and the Trump Administration did help to orchestrate a major portion of this positive progress to the end of this horrid war.

At the same time, we **MUST** not forget the unlawful arrests of immigrants by masked ICE agents, military troops sent into American cities against the will of the Mayor and Governor, unfounded prosecution of Americans identified as enemies of

Trump, unsubstantiated lethal attacks on Venezuelan boats, and the coercion of Congress to violate its oath as an independent branch of the US government.



Together let's shake off our despair. Let's channel our worry to positive action.

Today we will take another step towards VICTORY!

Sign up now to attend a No Kings Rally. Call friends and ask them to come with you. **That is the way we will take back our Democracy and unite our country again!**

UPCOMING CTD SPECIAL EVENTS

NO KINGS DAY NATIONWIDE PROTEST IS COMING ON OCTOBER 18TH. You can find a No Kings Rally in your area [here](#). More and more events are being added each day, so stay tuned for more options. We need to flood the streets!



Last chance to [order one of the CTD No Kings in America T-shirts at our store](#). We are taking **pickup orders only** now and filling them before the big day. Order yours today before we sell out!

CTD is co-hosting two events in the SF East Bay, where CTD will have information tables and leaders to meet up with if you choose. These events are in Oakland and Walnut Creek. You can [sign up](#) and receive more details on these two events here. Drop by our table for a sign, buttons, flyers, sweets, and more!

THE TIME IS NOW! MEETING THE MOMENT On October 17,

Heather Cox Richardson, Senator Ruben Gallego, Ezra Levin, Bill McKibben, and Cristina Jimenez will join a Town Hall hosted by Volunteer Blue, Commit To Democracy, and other VB partners. The Time is Now: Meeting the Moment begins at 1 p.m. Pacific Time. These amazing speakers will examine the immediate responses we all can and must engage in. Don't agonize; organize. [Register today](#) for this important program and invite your friends.



OCTOBER TOWN HALL WITH ROBERT HUBBELL



Feeling down? **Need a Hubbell Hug?** We thought so, which is why we have invited Robert Hubbell back to speak to our community in October. He will join us on October 23rd at 4 PM Pacific Time for a virtual Town Hall. [SIGN UP TODAY!](#)

22 SHORT DAYS TO NOVEMBER 4TH Phonebank and Write Postcards

We are 22 days out until November 4th, and Democrats must win all the races in the Fall. Join us to get out the vote in the following ways. This is our last chance to ensure victory!

1. **Phone Bank with us** on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 PM to 5 PM for California Prop 50 and Virginia House of Delegates. [SIGN UP FOR PHONE BANKS HERE](#)
2. **Postcard with us every day.** Get what you need from our postcard hubs or through your email. Help us send out the last postcards for the VA, CA, and NJ Election. [SIGN UP FOR POSTCARDS HERE](#). And remember, you can also get postcards from us directly and sent to you. [ORDER](#)



[POSTCARDS HERE](#)

3. **Need training for phone banking?** Sign up for our Tuesday training hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. [SIGN UP FOR TRAINING HERE](#)
4. **CANVASS FOR CA PROP 50** Ready to knock on doors for **CA's Prop to stop Election Rigging?** It is going on everywhere. Find a time and place in your area [HERE](#).
5. **Learn about the issues** of the week with us and call Congress on Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 1 PM. [SIGN UP TO CALL CONGRESS HERE](#)
6. **Come to our Democracy Workshops** and take your activism to a new level. [SIGN UP FOR A WORKSHOP HERE](#)

COURAGE CORNER



The Sanctity of Life

Pope Leo XIV enjoyed overwhelming support from American Catholics in Rome last spring, but his latest brave and courageous comments on immigration are enraging some Christian nationalists in the church.

When addressing US Bishops in Rome last week Pope Leo told the Bishops to address the immigration crackdown. “A politician who says I am against abortion but I am in agreement with the inhuman treatment of immigrants in the United States, I don’t think that’s pro-life.”

That apparent knock on the president’s immigration policies while ignoring a pro-life sensibility suggests Leo’s “honeymoon with conservatives” is over. The new pope wants what most Americans want: humane treatment of our immigrants, the homeless, and

those with mental health issues.

Yes we have to have standards on who comes into the country but demonizing migrants, and in many cases arresting them and taking them out of the country with no due process, is evil.

Pope Leo's message carries lessons for all of us. We must respect life. All life. We must find the courage to do what's right. We can't lose our moral compass in these perilous times. If we lose our humanity they win. We can't let that happen. [SIGN UP HERE](#) to attend a rally/honk and wave at the Concord Immigration Court in California, with CTD.

BEFORE YOU GO...

LAUGH AT THEM

End of a hard week. The truth is they are all hard weeks these days. We all yearn for the times we took our Democracy for granted and then we gasp to realize that the time we are in is a major threat to everything we know and treasure.



Sparks of light and inspiration keep us going. This one from AOC makes us know we are in this together and we may have to leave our comfort zone to push back but that is okay! Leaving our comfort zone is something we are all doing in our work together. Courage is contagious and AOC is one of our most courageous leaders of this new generation of political leaders.

Listen to [AOC HERE!](#)

TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT THE CTD STORE! WE NOW HAVE PROP 50-YARD SIGNS, NO KINGS T-SHIRTS, JOURNALS, BUTTONS, AND MORE! [CHECK OUT OUR CTD STORE HERE](#)



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