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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
RESISTING THE TRUMP AGENDA

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SFV Indivisible Volunteers,

Last week was yet another mind-numbing, stomach-turning episode of the Trump presidency, with his pardon of racist Joe Arpaio, his decision to bar transgender people from military service, and more shakeups in the White House staff.

The pardon of Arpaio was Trump letting his co-conspirators in the Russia case know that he'll protect them with pardons from jail time. The pardon power of the president isn't quite unlimited; pardons used to cover up crimes constitute obstruction of justice. Bob Mueller will have more to investigate. The decision to exclude transgender Americans from serving in the armed forces is a blatant appeal to Trump's hateful base. The Pentagon is already looking for ways to soften and counter it. And Nazi Sebastian Gorka may have been pushed out of the White House, but his Nazi wife is still there. Gen. Kelly, fire her and keep the alt-right out of government.

Last Saturday, Indivisible held events nationwide to March for Women's Equality and in memory of Heather Heyer. Here in LA, SFV Indivisible members joined the rally at City Hall and the march through downtown.

This Saturday, SFV Indivisible volunteers will be canvassing and doing voter registration in Simi Valley, part of CD25 where Steve Knight is the last Republican member of Congress in all of LA County. Only by flipping this district and more districts red-to-blue in next year's mid-term election, can Dems retake the House and impeach Donald J. Trump. Please join us. See event info and an RSVP link below.

Congress is still on recess until after Labor Day, but when House and Senate members return they face one critical job--increasing the debt limit by the end of September, not to increase spending, but to pay for money already spent by the government. We saw back in 2011 and 2013 how crazy the Tea Party was about resisting raising the debt limit, actually shutting down the government to pressure for what they wanted, but now it's Trump himself threatening to shut down the government if he doesn't get his wall. This crisis will dominate the news in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, Sep. 2: 9:30am - 2:30 pm, in Simi Valley
Simi Valley canvass and voter registration drive

Please join us as we go to talk to our neighbors and register some voters! This will be a Labor Day-themed event and focus heavily on the economic topics that impact the hard-working families of Simi Valley.

Please make sure to RSVP:

> *We know you're all busy, so do what you can.*
> *Remember that this is not a sprint, but a marathon.*

RESOURCES AND HOW-TO GUIDES:

**(this info will appear in each newsletter and
be updated with significant new resources)**

The essential tactics we use are in the Indivisible Guide. Click here to download.

Links to contact CA's US Senators:

* **Dianne Feinstein:** http://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact
* **Kamala Harris:** https://www.harris.senate.gov/content/contact-senator

Links to contact Valley House members:

• **Republican Steve Knight:** 25th Congressional District
• **Democrat Brad Sherman:** 30th Congressional District
• **Democrat Adam Schiff:** 28th Congressional District
• **Democrat Tony Cardenas:** 29th Congressional District

• **How to to write an effective letter to your Senator's office.** Click here.

• **How to to write an effective letter to a Congressmember's office.** Click here.

• **How (and why) to call your elected official's office.** Click here.

• **How to FAX your elected official's office even if you don't have a FAX machine. You can
use** http://www.gotfreefax.com **for two free FAXes per day (or pay a small fee to send more).**

• **How to invite a friend to sign up for this newsletter. Email them this link:** http://eepurl.com/cAbvlf