

Indivisible Meeting July 31 2023

Free flow: the tribal elder putting together packages for the younger generation was very powerful and emotional from Carol Ellerby

Ricann: We are women actively engaged in issues valuable in our home and country. On the website to read

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Ohio: 1860 letters went out for Ohio event.
- Virginia: postcards available shortly
- New Member brunch: 13. 4 long-standing members. The rest were new. Mitzi came because she is relatively new. Helen and Laurie already members. Of the prospective members have paid or committed.
- County Fair - Colfax Democratic Party. Pop is down to 900 from 1500. It's a place that's hurting. 600-700 people were at the fair. Monica and Sandy visited the R booth. The R's were handing out handling out copies of the constitution. And a copy of where parties stand and it was complete lies. Mostly GOP attended. Raton Springer Miner's Hospital which is in severe financial trouble. But healthcare is really important And water.

SPEAKER

Yoselyn Riojas . Activism and the Youth Riojas

- YR: grew up in a border town Eagle Pass TX, dual citizenship. Picture of a fence. She identifies with both countries. The fence has become part of her daily life.
- Picture: she does her best to be celebratory, "Brown is powerful" . Her parents were born in the states. They were farmworkers. Now they are attorneys working with asylum seekers. Build a platform in art. "The goal is to change the community's mind, not the outsiders".
- How do build a campaign and make it digital. She saw a big void and built a campaign on engaging the Latino use vote - how to work as a team. She did a workshop on brainstorming ways that the communications could be digital.
- Immigration visuals: "My dreams are not illegal".
- Art as a form of protest - Migration is sweet. With a butterfly - 7 x 7. "You love my culture but your don't love me". The point is to mobilize people to vote.
- WHAT is JOLT? Quinceanera dress - at 15 a Latina becomes a young woman and she is presented to society. Part of the culture and history.
- Riisas - provide free legal services for immigrants. People share their stories in the icebox. This is the word for the detention centers. They are COLD and people got sick Also a fence and a library of handkerchiefs because many work as farmers. The handkerchiefs had special messages about their thoughts and feelings.
- RAICES, TEXAS - WHAT DOES IMMIGRATION mean to me. Messages. 5 minute video "under the orange tree"
- The monarch butterfly immigrates from Canada to Mexico without borders.
- Worked with Meta and another org across the country to create murals to get vaccinated. "Protect Your Familia" Juntos We can Stop Covid-19
- She started as a free-lancer. Grew and grew: she is design manager for Nextgenamerica. Largest org to increase youth vote. 18-35. <https://nextgenamerica.org/>
- What's brewing for 2024? Not quite planned out. She doesn't identify with a party. She is a progressive. Not a big fan of Biden. Her issues are climate change and gun violence.
- Big question for iSOS - how can we help? We want to stimulate youth to register and vote.
- Yocelny Next Gen is only focusing on 6 states. The young artist fellowship is something we can do.

- What are the six states: TX, PA, VA, WI, States that you need to flip. AZ and NV
- Endorsing Biden. Try to focus on the good things he has done. Young voters focus on the good things that candidates do. Racial equity, reproductive, student debt, gun violence. Climate. She is thinking of doing a graphic novel.
- "I'm not anti-immigrant but anti-illegal immigrant. It's about money, the whiter you are, etc. We are a racist country. Euro-centric is still the goal.
- The education issue is problem. Latinos are not educated about immigration. One of the biggest issues: crossing the river illegally, no longer allows people to be legal.