
The Resistance is Here: #ResistTrumpTuesdays hits the streets again

Week of February 7, 2017

For our third straight week, organizations across People's Action hit the streets, filled Congressional offices and yes, donned chicken suits in the growing wave of resistance actions against President Donald Trump and his cruel agenda. Affiliate organizations showed up strong against Trump's refugee and Muslim ban; pushed back hard against the rollback of the Affordable Care Act; and leveraged federal-level defense into local-level offense in places like Yakima, Washington, in a push to pass a pro-immigrant "Welcoming Resolution."

All of these actions help build momentum towards the coming February congressional recess (February 18-26) and the People's Action Founding Convention, April 23-25 in Washington DC.

Yakima, Washington



Photo from Yakima Herald

OneAmerica and their allies turned out more than 200 people to the Yakima City Council Meeting calling on the City to

move forward on a Welcoming Resolution in response to the President’s executive orders on immigration. Only last month, the City Council initially voted against the resolution (4-3) in response to a wave of racist, anti-immigrant rhetoric (the three yes votes coming from the Latina City Council members elected to Yakima, in large part due to OneAmerica Votes’ civic engagement program in 2015). More than 30 residents, including White allies from specific Council Districts gave public comment in support of a welcoming City. They also launched a petition gathering campaign in support of a welcoming resolution, focused on community residents and local businesses with the goal of gathering 1,000 signatures in the next three weeks.

Normal, Illinois



Illinois People's Action organized 150 people in a march to Congressman Rodney Davis’s office to “put him on notice” that he should reject the Trump agenda and embrace a People and Planet First agenda. Leaders covered Davis’s district office window with “While You Were Out” memos, left a 3-foot calling card, and got on their phones and called Davis’s Washington DC office to demand that Davis meet with the community (the local office was curiously closed during normal business hours). IPA got a bunch of media for it too: [Newspaper](#), [Radio](#), [Radio](#), and [Newspaper](#) and put a [video of the action](#) [their Facebook site](#).





New Jersey

New Jersey Citizen Action has been on fire since the election and inauguration, helping organize local Women's Marches and served as the staging locations for 13 buses to the DC march. They've organized nearly 2000 New Jerseyans to come out on the last 3 Wednesday nights as part of weekly "Moral Wednesdays" and have told their Members of Congress: "Don't Take Our Health Care Away!" They also organized over 100 people at Senator Booker and Menendez's office last Friday and helped organize 3 pro-immigrant rallies across the state.

Detroit, Michigan



Operation #ChickenTrott: Despite heavy rain, over 70 constituents held a chicken-themed protest in front of Congressman David Trott's office, demanding that he meet with constituents to discuss his position on the Affordable Care Act, a law he has repeatedly voted to repeal. Rep. Trott has chickened out of multiple meeting requests over the last 2 months. Because Rep. Trott has now eluded repeated meeting requests from constituents, the action was chicken themed. Leaders donned chicken costumes, chicken hats, chicken masks and held rubber chickens and had chicken themed signs.

Charleston, West Virginia



West Virginia Citizen Action Group mobilized in opposition of Trump's Muslim Ban. This last week, 1,000 people gathered near the State Capitol, where they formed a "human chain." This public display of linking arms and holding hands was a symbolic gesture for peace, justice, equality, and fairness for all. [There's a video here of the action too.](#)

Chicago, Illinois



Fair Economy Illinois led an action and die-in with over 300 people outside of the Federal Building offices of Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, both Democrats. Their demands were that Senator Durbin come out publicly as a NO vote on Tom Price and that both Senators protect the Affordable Care Act. They marched to Governor Bruce Rauner's office complex. Leaders demanded that Gov. Rauner push Republicans at the federal level to not repeal or replace the ACA.

Des Moines, Iowa



Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement Action Fund packed their leaders into a hearing room where House Republicans voted to clear an anti-immigrant "You're Not Welcome Here" bill - that greased the wheels for Trump's deportation plan. CCI Action Fund will continue the fight against this dangerous bill.

Erie, Pennsylvania



Keystone Progress organized a petition delivery to Rep. Mike Kelly, one of Trump's "favorite congressmen," urging him to hold a town hall in the city, something he hasn't done in 5 years. They had over 300 petitions and 22 individual letters. Keystone Progress [did a Facebook Live video](#) of their action and got a [write-up in DailyKos](#) too.