

# COOPER RIVER INDIVISIBLE



{{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

With heavy hearts, we send our thoughts to Alex Pretti's family, friends, and loved ones.

If this sounds familiar, our January 14th newsletter began with the same sentence, except back then we were mourning Renee Nicole Good. Two murders in less than three weeks. Two families broken. One city reeling. A collective, national grief.

And let us be clear: ICE's reign of terror is not limited to Minneapolis. "Minneapolis" is everywhere. Minneapolis is Camden. Minneapolis is Lindenwold. Minneapolis is Woodbury, Edgewater Park, Maple Shade, Cherry Hill . . .

In recent weeks, ICE operations have ramped up in several local towns, paralyzing entire neighborhoods. In Camden, children are terrified to walk to school, with some no longer showing up at all. Families are hiding in their homes, fearful even to go out for groceries. Local businesses are suffering and struggling to keep their doors open. Bone-chilling conditions have taken hold here in South Jersey, both literally and figuratively.

Last night we learned that Gregory Bovino has been removed as "commander at large," with [The Atlantic](#) reporting that he "will return to his former job in El Centro, California, where he is expected to retire soon." As [Joyce Vance](#) stated in her newsletter last night, "Of course, removing Bovino alone is not the answer, but it's a start. **And we the people did that. We cannot give up, we have to keep going.**"

We will keep going by doing what we always do - pressuring our elected officials.

This nightmare may be fueled by ICE, but it's being funded by Congress. And this week, they have a choice: vote for a Department of Homeland Security funding bill that includes hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding for ICE, or say **ENOUGH** and vote **NO**. Senators Kim and Booker have both stated in recent days they will not vote for the funding bill, but Trump is obviously trying to shift the narrative and influence the vote this week. We must keep the pressure on of our electeds.

**This week we have two calls to action:**

1. Call senators: See this helpful guide from Indivisible National: <https://indivisible.org/actions/ice-out-senate/>.

2. Come to the general meeting — and bring a friend.

## Our next general meeting:

**February 2. New location: Haddonfield United Methodist Church. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00. This meeting will include updates from most committees, but will also have a strong focus on immigration, with multiple guest speakers sharing their direct experience of the impact ICE is having on our communities. [Signup and details here.](#)**

**In addition to the recurring actions we support that are listed below, CRI has launched a bi-weekly protest at Citizens Bank in Cherry Hill.**

## Citizens vs Citizens Bank - Stop Funding ICE Detention Centers Protest:

**2/7 (recurring every other Saturday), 11:00am to 12:30pm, Rt 70 in front of the Citizens Bank in the Wegmans parking lot. [Signup and details here.](#)**

In Solidarity,

Cooper River Indivisible

[Visit our website for more](#)

## Join Us



**1/31 11:00am to 2:00pm  
Gender-Affirming Clothing Swap**

Clothing for all genders (at no cost!); food & drinks; LGBTQ+ community resources. All are welcome!

[Clothing Swap](#)



**2/4 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
CRI Book Club**

The CRI Book Club is currently reading *Democracy Awakening*, by Heather Cox Richardson. Join the lively discussion!

[CRI Book Club](#)



**2/13 10:30am to 11:30am  
Unity in Action: Politics & Coffee Talk**

Join for conversation, community, and fresh ideas. Coffee and Politics Talk is the perfect space to connect with like-minded people, and exchange experiences.

[Politics and Coffee](#)



**2/13 6:15 to 8:15  
Spanish Conversation Club**

Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or fluent speaker, this club is all about building confidence, improving fluency, and connecting with others who share a love for the language.

[Words Build Bridges](#)



**Every Wednesday 3:00pm to 4:30pm  
Cross Keys Crusade for Democracy**

Peaceful, non-confrontational rally intended to raise public awareness of the destructive nature of the Trump administration!

[Crusade at Cross Keys](#)



**Alternating Saturdays 11:00am to 12:30pm  
Citizens vs. Citizens Bank Protest  
Stop Funding ICE Detention Centers**

We are protesting Citizens Bank because they are a major lender to Geo Group and Core Civic, both of whom run private prisons and detention facilities like Delany Hall in Newark. Please come out!

[Citizens over Banks!](#)



**Every Saturday 12:00pm to 3:00pm  
PineHillAdelphia**

This Saturday: Evict the Dic(tator). Help get Trump out of Pine Hill! We are coming together as a community to tell Pine Hill leadership that it is time to revoke Trump's lease on Trump Philadelphia Golf Course, and to tell this authoritarian regime that they can't push Pine Hill or Philadelphia around.

[Join Us Saturday!](#)



**Every Sunday, 12:00pm to 1:30pm  
Roadside Rally Against Fascism**

Another weekly protest, now on Sundays: CRI members gather in Bellmawr to make the public case against MAGA fascism. Their crowd keeps growing and newcomers are always welcome.

[Roadside Rally](#)



**Every Sunday, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
Mi Casa Woodbury Solidarity Sunday**

Join Cooper River Indivisible and Mi Casa Woodbury every Sunday for a demonstration of unity and support for our immigrant neighbors.

[Support Immigrants and Protest ICE](#)



**Every Friday, 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Ark Road Resistance Group**

Come join us to protest any horrific action the current regime is inflicting on the American people.

[Ark Road Resistance](#)

## Can't come out but still want to help?

We need your efforts now more than ever!

You can start right now! Joining our call team is an easy way to jump in. Contacting our representatives is a great way to participate in CRI, and we even provide scripts and phone numbers to make the process as easy as possible!

[Find out more about our Legislative Call Team here.](#)

You can always add to your areas of interest by re-submitting our [sign-up form](#).

## INTERACT ONLINE!

**One of our many sources of power comes directly from people like you following social media profiles. It is a simple action that has real impact.**

**Like, Share, and Comment on CRI Facebook and Instagram posts!**

Every interaction helps boost our visibility and get our message in front of more people.

It's one of the easiest ways to support the work we're doing. The more you like, share, and comment, the more our voices reach beyond our circle and into the community.



## Donations Help!

We are all volunteers and we run CRI on a shoestring budget, but we could use a couple bucks to make copies, buy snacks, and pay for meeting space.

If you can make a recurring contribution or a one-time contribution, it helps make what we do possible.

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