

**Indivisible Durango-Civil Rights Committee**  
Minutes  
November 1, 2017  
Commons Building #308 (above Alpine Bank)

**Attendees:** Richard Butler (Acting Chair), Rollie Butler, Jane Dunn, Linda Daniel, Karen Pontius, Kathie Adkins, and Lynne Sholler (Secretary)

**Introductions** – Jane attended for the first time; Karen had not attended for awhile.

**Agenda** - Lynne requested that the RAISE Act be added to the agenda under New Business.

**Minutes** 9/19/17 meeting minutes were approved.

**Old Business**

1. Rotation of committee chair/facilitator – Richard discussed the reasons to share these duties. Linda agreed to chair in January [but later had a conflict and could not do it and Richard graciously agreed to do it again in January].
2. Further discussion of relationship building. Adele did not attend this meeting but Richard suggested we ask her to come in January on how best to put her “small steps” suggestion and relationship building into practice, especially with those of different perspectives.
3. Other – Rollie reported that Ellen Park’s Letter to the Editor at the Herald (those who removed their names from the voter lists due to Trump’s request for each state to list those who voted in the 2016 election must be put back on the lists to vote in primary or other elections) may be reduced to bullet points for the Indivisible websites). Rollie will ask the LWV to re-submit the Letter to the Editor periodically, see if they considered fliers, etc. to keep this information in the forefront due to the upcoming 2018 elections. There is an app called “VoterPal” also.

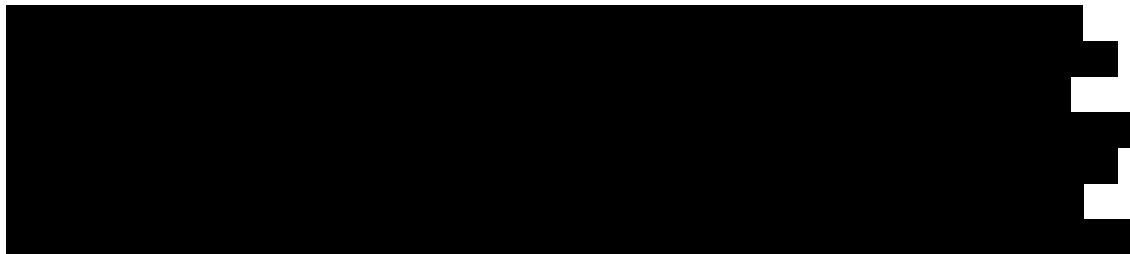
**New Business**

1. DREAM Act – Lynne will ask Pat Roach to keep us updated on the status of this. Lynne will also ask the Immigration Committee chair if they need any assistance or support on this issue; then we can decide if this is something we can undertake.
2. RAISE Act – Lynne circulated an article from the Herald on the RAISE Act S. 354 which purports to slash the number of immigrants receiving green cards in half, based purely on a merit-based qualification system and restricting the ability of US residents to bring over family members. Lynne will ask Pat Roach to keep us posted on this issue as well. Linda reported on the Indivisible Chairs meeting – many committees are feeling overwhelmed and have had declining turnout, yet members are also, like ours, still interested. The Chairs do not have to share on the Google Docs calendar anymore – it was busy work. Some chairs did it and others did not so Deb and Julie are handling it for all the committees. They changed the CTA template to edit/improve

them, making them easier for the Chairs to submit. The next General Indivisible meetings are on 10/21 [later moved to 11/11 11:00-1:00] and 12/2 10-noon.

3. Federal Budget – Lynne (also on the Income, Taxes and Your Money committee) reported that the budget resolution passed the Senate unanimously; but the actual details were not well known. The GOP is trying to cram it through before year end. The Income, Taxes and Your Money Committee will send a CTA out on this.

4. Speakers for next year - Richard will ask Adele to attend our January meeting; on relationship building; [she wound up having to work that day so she can't make it; we'll see if she can attend the March meeting]; Kathie secured VOA for February.



6. Additional Karen raised a concern about Puerto Rico funding. Should we submit a CTA due to the lack of civil rights/equality in per capita funding at the same amounts as TX and FL? We voted to do so and Lynne agreed to prepare it. The was submitted.

**Announcements** – The Veterans Parade is on 11/8 where Indivisible will march. No political statements, just support the Vets. There is also an Indivisible Chairperson meeting on 11/8 at 5:30 if anyone wants to go. The VOA has their Shelter from the Storm fundraiser lunch from noon-1:00 (the same date?) but you must receive an invite to go.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be 1/10/18 at 5:00 in the same location.