



**The atrocities from our own Federal government keep coming.** By now you have likely heard the news; Federal agents were involved in the shooting Saturday morning of Minneapolis resident Alex Petti, a 37 year old nurse. The situation is fluid, and details are coming to light as the investigation unfolds, but you've likely seen the video. And you know what must happen. **ICE must leave Minnesota.** ICE must leave Northfield. The chaos and performative cruelty being visited upon all Minnesotans must end. This is not law enforcement. **It is state-sponsored terror.**

**Northfield Indivisible's commitment to nonviolence is unyielding.** Not only do we believe that it does not serve our goals, we also firmly believe that nonviolence is a moral imperative. Our job in this moment is to continue the work of loving and protecting each other. Stay strong and know that we are winning, even when it doesn't feel like it. **We urge our members to remain calm and to remain nonviolent in this difficult time. And to ORGANIZE.**

Here are actions that you can take right now, **today** and into next week, including an **emergency meeting of Northfield Indivisible.** *This will be a longer email because we have a lot of information to convey.*

**Saturday, January 24th**

- **Prayer Vigil at All Saints Episcopal, 419 Washington Avenue, Northfield 7:00pm.**
- Additionally, Northfield Indivisible is calling for **block-level vigils** across Northfield tonight in solidarity with all Minnesotans to show respect for humanity in the face of unparalleled aggression and terror visited on Minnesota. Consider maintaining this action until ICE and Federal forces leave Minnesota.
  - **Tonight at 7pm, light a candle,** or step outside with a candle to show love for your neighbors, inside their homes and out.
  - If you happen to have a handbell, this would be a good opportunity to stand outside for one minute, ringing your bell slowly with your silence.

- **Nobody faces this alone.** We are all in this together. Community and love is what will bring this authoritarian project crashing down. We keep each other safe.

### **Monday, January 26th**

- **Emergency Online-only Meeting of Northfield Indivisible at 8pm.**

- This will be our organization's first online-only meeting, but it won't be the last.
- We are limited to 100 attendees for this meeting. please plan on arriving early.
- The purpose of this meeting will be to identify members willing to serve in four new committees to grow the group, recruit additional event marshals, to increase our reach and respond to changing conditions in support of our community.
- We need to build out our organization as *quickly as possible* to meet this terrible moment. *We need you.* Please consider answering this call to extended action.
  - Training/New Members Committee
    - We need a group of people to help bring in new members, understand them, and help them find meaningful-to-them ways to participate, and manage the Indivisible socials at Imminent Brewing
  - Communications and Social Media Team
    - A member of our Leadership team is our Social Media Manager, but we need additional help to help us craft messaging and spread the word
    - We also need additional support for press releases and traditional media engagement.
  - Community Outreach and Liasion
    - Northfield Indivisible is hardly the only pro-democracy group in Northfield. We need additional volunteers to attend meetings from other such groups and ensure clear and reliable coordination between Indivisible and our partner organizations.
    - Additionally, volunteers on this committee will develop relationships with downtown businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and other community orgs to help us plan rallies and cooperate widely on matters of mutual concern.
  - Special Interest/Working Groups
    - This is somewhat open-ended and will take additional organization, but committees could organize around developing mutual aid networks, Get Out The Vote programs, City Council watches. If you have a good idea, we want to hear about it.

- Rally/Event Marshal
  - Join our growing and well-trained marshal teams to help ensure our events happen according to plan nonviolently, with everyone's safety in mind.
  - A large pool of marshals allows us to maintain our current rally tempo and continue to plan additional rallies. We can't do any of this without our event marshals-- they are key to our success.
- Treasurer
  - If you have interest in acting as Treasurer for Northfield Indivisible, you're welcome to attend on Monday, but please email [nfld.indivisible@gmail.com](mailto:nfld.indivisible@gmail.com) to discuss and for additional details. We'd love to talk with you!

**Here is the meeting link (Monday 1/26 8pm CST):**

**<https://meet.google.com/wjg-voir-pew>**

- **Lastly: call your representatives!** Call Senators Klobuchar and Smith and Representative Angie Craig and demand that they wield all the power at their disposal to get ICE out of Minnesota. The fact that they are in the minority is not an excuse. Senate Democrats still have filibuster power, and they must use it.

With grassroots efforts from people like you, we will save ourselves and this country from the grip of an authoritarian breakout, **and free Minnesota from the terror of state-sponsored political violence.** If you're looking to get more involved, to make a stand, and to make a real difference in our community and our politics, we'll see you on Monday.

***We are Minnesota Strong. We are not alone, and the world is watching. We will prevail.***

Yours in solidarity,

Northfield Indivisible