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Hi y'all!

I've heard a lot of folks ask why we should be focusing on the Texas Legislature now, when they're not in session, so I wanted to take a few sentences to explain my reasons.

- 1: If we can flip the House this November, we will have a much better chance at getting fair maps during the Redistricting process in 2020. If we don't flip the House, getting fair maps will be extremely challenging, if not impossible.
- 2: The Texas Lege is a roller coaster when it's in session. Let's get organized now, so we can have a proactive, organized approach to make positive change in Austin.
- 3: Our state government has incredible power and makes a huge impact on our lives. We saw a huge shift in the legislative priorities from 2017 to 2019 after 12 House seats were flipped. If we can focus our efforts on our state government, we have a huge opportunity to make positive change in our state.

If you have other reasons about why you're working to make an impact in our State Government, send them our way!

1. Vote in the 2020 Primary!

Early voting for the Texas 2020 Primary starts THIS TUESDAY! Early voting starts 2/18 and ends Friday, 2/28. Election Day is Tuesday, March 3. Encourage everyone you know to get out and vote, and bring a few friends with you!

Who's on your ballot: [Texas Tribune: 2020 Primary Election Ballot](#)

A sample ballot should be available at your County Clerk's website

2. Call your State Rep, State Senator, and Governor Greg Abbott and urge them to push back against stepped-up ICE activity in Texas

Over recent years, police forces across the state of Texas have pushed back against federal immigration directives. Why? Because local law enforcement better understand the priorities needed to keep their communities safe, and going after hard working immigrants is not a priority. Now ICE is planning to send additional forces to crack down on immigrants in "sanctuary cities". Call your state elected officials and urge them to push back and support local priorities.

Read/Watch: [PBS News Hour: Elite 'BORTAC' unit to join sanctuary city crackdown](#)

Say: "Hi, I'm a constituent of Sen/Rep/Governor _____. I'd like to urge them to push back against the increased ICE activity in Texas. We need to let our local

police officers set local priorities, and cannot have families living in constant fear. We cannot let this federal overreach go unopposed! My zip code is _____"

Contact information: [Who Represents Me?](#); [The Governor's Office Contact Information](#)

3. Schedule your group for a TX Lege "Texas Tour" training!

Want to learn more about how the Texas State Legislature works? Want to learn more about the upcoming Redistricting process? Know a group that would be interested in learning how to make an impact in our state government? Reply to this email and change the subject to "Texas Tour Request" and let us know what your group is interested in learning about and how we can help!

And don't forget to join us and encourage your friends to join us in our efforts to flip the Texas House and set us up for a fair redistricting process in 2020! Here's the link to join:

<https://indivisibletxlege.org/join-us/>.

That's it for this week!

Much love,

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Indivisible TX Lege

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