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Hi y'all

Hope everyone's been staying safe and healthy. Hope you also were able to [celebrate Juneteenth](#) on Friday! The holiday commemorates the day in 1865, two and a half years AFTER President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, that Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, announcing that the enslaved were now free.

1. Call your State Rep or State Rep Candidate and urge them to follow other states' lead by pushing police reform

There seems to be a clear [consensus in the US that police reform is necessary](#). States like [New York](#) and [Colorado](#) have already passed sweeping legislation in response to protests sweeping the globe. So why can't Texas follow suit? Well, for one the state legislation is not in session, so it would take a special session, [which some Democratic legislators are calling for](#). Additionally, with a Republican majority in both the Texas House and Senate, it's unlikely that a police reform bill would pass, let alone make it to the floor for a vote. Give your local rep or their challenger a call to see where they stand on police reform and make sure they understand if their position would earn your vote in November.

For more: [Austin Justice Coalition: Legislative 10-point Plan](#)

2. Sign the petition and call Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton at 512-463-2100 to urge him to drop his frivolous lawsuit against the ACA

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton (who has been [indicted on felony fraud charges](#)) is leading a lawsuit to throw out the Affordable Care Act, including the provisions that protect people with preexisting conditions from losing their health insurance. Join #SickofItTexas in an ACA week of action by signing the petition. And make sure everyone you know in Texas knows what Paxton is trying to do. And that he's up for reelection in 2022.

Sign: [Drop the Suit](#)

Read: [Cover Texas Now: A Brief Overview - TX Lege Must Reduce the Uninsured Rate](#)

For more: [Texas Monthly: Texas Might Kill Obamacare but State Leaders Don't Seem to have a Plan for what's Next](#)

3. Call your State Rep or candidate for State Rep and urge them to maintain funding for public education

Because of decreased tax revenue this year, and inadequate distribution of CARES Act funding to Texas public education, public education in our state is likely to see its funding cut in 2021. Call your State Rep or their challenger today and urge them to maintain funding for public schools.

For more: [Austin American Statesman: Why Texas schools won't get their \\$1.2 billion in federal coronavirus aid](#)

Act: [TASB: Stand with Texans for Strong Public Schools](#)

4. Volunteer to help Flip the Texas House!

Indivisible TX Lege has partnered with an organization called [Sister District](#) to spotlight and support specific Texas House races in November. The work will be done digitally (email, Slack, and Facebook are three essential platforms for this work), and will last from now till after the election, approximately 5 months. This volunteer organizer will be the primary liaison with Sister District and the Indivisible TX Lege group, and will coordinate and promote fundraisers and other support work for key state house districts. This work may take 5-10 hours a week. If you're interested and available, please email us at indivisibletxlege@gmail.com. And share this ask with anyone you know who might be interested!

Read: [Sister District's Overview and Outlook on Texas](#)

5. Keep wearing your masks and socially distancing! And encourage the Governor to do better

I'm sure you've all seen the soaring COVID-19 rates in Texas. Yet our Governor is taking zero action to try to protect Texans and avoid overwhelming our healthcare system. Each of us can continue to wear facemarks, wash our hands frequently, and physically distance even if others in our communities aren't following suit. Here are two further actions you can take to encourage Greg Abbott to do better.

Write Governor Abbott a letter: [Indivisible Austin: Just Because We Have Hospital Beds Doesn't Mean We Need to Fill Them](#)

Call: [Indivisible Austin - We Need Masks and Local Control](#)

Stay safe everyone! Much love,

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