



It's up to us



[Orchard City Indivisible/South Bay Swing Left](#) meeting February 26, 2025

With Trump running amok in the executive branch and Dems in Congress neutralized, only two guardrails remain for our democracy: the courts and the people.

Lawsuits take time, but we, all of us, can resist now. Protest, call your congressional representative, donate money to groups mounting legal challenges, and enlist your friends to join you. If each of us does our part, we can topple Trump.

Already there are signs of hope. Federal employees are refusing to take orders, others are picketing outside Tesla plants. Even in Republican districts, voters are flocking to town halls to vent their anger over budget cuts. Unions, churches, non-profits, and state attorneys general have won injunctions from lower courts.

Ultimately, it's a question of who can wield more political power – MAGA or us. And the answer is up to us.

So go forth and multiply.

Stand Up For Science this Friday, March 7

On Friday March 7, [Stand Up For Science](#) rallies are being staged nationwide, including in San Francisco and Sacramento. Join one.

It's a way to protest the firing of [weather forecasters](#), the threats to [vaccine development](#), the freeze on funding for [medical research](#).

And it's a way to support scientists like [Dr. Theanne Griffith](#), a neuroscientist and researcher at UC Davis who's taking the lead in organizing the California

rallies. With research funding being slashed and uncertainty growing, Griffith felt compelled to act.

"It's something I care about deeply and it's personally impacting me and my lab," she said.

Those who can't make one of the official rallies can still join the nationwide campus and workplace walkouts planned for noon on March 7.

Fight for Medicaid

If Medicaid is slashed, there are few places where people would suffer more than in California's 22nd congressional district. Nearly two-thirds of the population here depends on this health care program for the poor.

Yet David Valadao, their congressional representative, recently joined every other House Republican in voting for a budget resolution that proposes \$560 billion in Medicaid cuts. All to help finance tax cuts for the rich.

Our Democratic partners in Valadao's district are [holding his feet to the fire](#). They are calling his DC office and protesting outside his district offices. When he won't show up for a town hall, they are holding one without him.

Valadao is politically vulnerable, and they are working to defeat him.

You can help: use [this link](#) to donate to the Democratic parties of Kings, Tulare and Kern counties. A little money goes a long way in these rural counties, and our partners there are on the front line of the fight to retake the House in 2026.

Be a watchdog for public schools

Trump's order to eliminate DEI policies is toothless in California public schools.

Our state Education Code guarantees all public school students equal protection under the law and protects them from discrimination. Trump's edicts cannot take these protections away.

California public schools are largely funded by state and local taxes, which further limits Trump's impact. However, the school lunch program and other programs for low-income and special-education students are funded by the feds, making them vulnerable. Stay aware of any threats that develop on these fronts.

Join a resistance group

As the new presidential administration rolls out its damaging agenda, participation in [Orchard City Indivisible](#) has soared. One recent meeting drew 100 in-person participants, and another 40 online.

The energy is palpable, as returning members and a surge of new recruits unite to take up the banner of the resistance.

Join them. They meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Campbell United Church of Christ, and their meetings are simulcast on Zoom.

Or find another resistance group near you. Together, we are powerful.

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