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Take Action Today - Budget Amendments

There are important budget amendments being decided on in the House. Here's how you can make a difference today:

1. Call and speak to your Representative about the amendments below. We are particularly excited about the possibility of divesting state funds from fossil fuels!
2. If you can't make the time to call, please send an email to your representative - it's easy! Look up their info, then copy and paste the summary into your email (doc will download) and hit send.

Find summary to cut and paste [HERE](#) (see 3rd sentence, click link: "Amendments 4-21-17")

Don't know who your Representative is? Click [HERE](#)

Know who your Representative is but need their contact info, click [HERE](#)

Summary, for more detail, click [HERE](#)

Support These Amendments

Amendment #380: Sponsor Representative Marjorie Decker: Divest the state pension fund from coal.

>> Report your call [Here](#)

Amendment #848: Sponsor Representative Kay Khan: Establish a public-private partnership fostering higher education for individuals incarcerated in state prisons.

Amendment #1034: Sponsor Representative Antonio Cabral: Increase funding for citizenship services.

Amendment #1182: Demonstration Workforce Development Program for ex-prisoner and court involved youth, Rep. Keefe

Amendment #858: Learn to Earn, Rep. Wagner for job training with those with CORI's being one of the priority groups

Amendment #42: RSVP Prison Program, Rep. Heroux

OPPOSE these three amendments that target immigrants and penalize our communities

Amendment #889 – An Act Relative to Instate Tuition (Lombardo, O’Connell, Kuros, Diehl, Campanale)
This amendment would restrict eligibility for in-state tuition for public state and community colleges to U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents (green card holders), forcing most immigrant residents of Massachusetts to pay out-of-state tuition rates. Currently, all documented immigrants who meet MA residency requirements are eligible for in-state tuition.

Amendment #883 – An Act Relative to Sanctuary Cities and Towns (Lombardo, O’Connell, Kuros, Diehl)
This amendment targets local policies that limit police entanglement with federal civil immigration enforcement, invoking court action and restrictions in state aid. Much like the federal executive order on “sanctuary cities,” this amendment would outlaw a range of policies that keep our communities safe, none of which violate federal law (not even the executive order). Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Lawrence, Chelsea, Amherst, Northampton, Newton and Salem have all passed measures to encourage immigrant cooperation with law enforcement and confidence in local government (as have our neighbors Connecticut and Rhode Island).

Amendment #891 – Secure Funding for Secure Communities (Lyons, O’Connell, Lombardo)
This amendment would prohibit state funds (unrestricted government aid) to cities and towns with policies or laws that purportedly violate either of two federal statutes often invoked by opponents of “sanctuary city” policies. Neither applies. These local policies and laws do not violate 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which bars state and local governments from restricting communications with the federal government regarding citizenship and immigration status. Nor do they violate 8 U.S.C. §1324, a federal anti-smuggling statute aimed at individuals who transport or harbor persons present in the U.S. (The law does not apply to municipalities.)

Thank you! Your action makes a big difference!

CLIMATE ACTION

Join the [People's Climate March](#) in DC: Saturday, April 29, 2017

First Parish in Concord has two buses leaving from their congregation and there are still seats available! **Flyer** about the Concord buses is [here](#)



Two buses are being organized from Concord, MA to the national on April 29 in Washington, DC -- **sign up [at the link here!](#)** Cost is \$110 per seat. Buses depart at 10pm Friday and return early Sunday morning.

The march is 100 days into the new administration to demand action on climate change, climate justice and a renewable future. The march is led by a magnificent coalition of 300 labor, racial justice and environmental groups, including [350.org](#), Sierra Club, NAACP, Indigenous Environmental Network, SEIU and many more - lots more info at www.peoplesclimate.org.

(Questions to Kate Crosby at fcrosby@gmail.com or Berni Jenkins at bernijenkins2@gmail.com.)

Can't make it to DC? Come to the Boston People's Climate Mobilization!

When: Sat April 29, 12:00 to 3:30 PM

Where: Boston Common

On April 29, the People's **#ClimateMarch** will bring together hundreds of thousands of people from across the country to demand JOBS, JUSTICE, and REAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS. Here in Boston, we'll have a full day of workshops and activities to build and grow our movement, starting with an energizing rally at 12pm on Boston Common. Join us!

For the full schedule of events and organizing details, see the [Facebook Event Page](#)

Join US for the Interfaith Service at Arlington Street Church before the March!

10:30 am - Gather with MAICCA/UU Mass Action at the Arlington Street Church (351 Boylston Street). Sign-making and snacks in the Clarke Room.

11:00 am - Interfaith service in the sanctuary

11:30 am - Head to the rally on the Boston Common

12:00 pm - Rally for Jobs, Justice, and Climate on the Boston Common

1:00 pm - Action tables, activities, and art-making on Boston Common. Teach-ins on the connections between the climate fight and other struggles for justice (at indoor spaces around the Common)

Western MA, People Climate March Buses

[Climate Action Now](#) is organizing buses for the April 29 Climate, Jobs & Justice march in DC. Some subsidies available. <https://peoplesclimate.org>

Springfield Sister March in Solidarity with DC March

When: Sat April 29, gather at 3:00 PM, March begins at 3:30 PM

Where: City Hall, 36 Court St, Springfield

[Facebook Event Page](#) [Click here to register](#)

Folks will be in the streets of Springfield in solidarity with other cities across the nation to show the world and our leaders that we will resist attacks on our people, our communities, and our planet.

3:00 pm: Gathering Rally, Federal Courthouse, 300 State Street

3:30 pm: March begins

4:30 pm: Rally at Springfield City Hall

Organized by [Climate Action Now](#) & [Springfield Climate Justice Coalition](#)

ACTION: Eversource Rate Increase:

Tell the DPU to reject the rate hike - it's bad for consumers and bad for our climate. We need to be investing in renewable energy, not enriching fossil fuel companies and their investors!

[Click Here to Send a Letter](#) [Download Schedule & Talking Points](#)

On January 17, 2017, Eversource Energy submitted a proposal to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to update the company's electric rates. The proposal requests a net increase in annual delivery revenue of \$60.2 million, representing a 7 percent increase in those revenues to support our electric distribution operations.

Attend a Public Hearing!

April 24 at 6 p.m.

Katharine Cornell Theatre
51 Spring Street
Tisbury, MA 02568

April 26 at 7 p.m.

Greenfield Middle School Auditorium
195 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

Resource for Medical Care Providers:

Join NILC's Webinar on Protecting Your Immigrant Patients' Access to Health Care

When: 12:30 to 2 PM EST on Monday, April 24th

Who: Alvaro M. Huerta, Staff Attorney; Mayra Joachin, Staff Attorney

[Register Here:](#)

Increased federal immigration enforcement has raised concerns among health care providers about how to ensure that immigrant patients continue to have access to health care services without fear of negative immigration consequences. We invite you to join the National Immigration Law Center for a webinar entitled "Protecting Your Immigrant Patients' Access to Health Care," to learn about your rights as a health care provider, as well as the rights your immigrant patients have while obtaining health services. The webinar will cover the constitutional and other legal protections against immigration enforcement in sensitive locations, including hospitals and other health centers. It will also include practical tips for creating a safe and welcoming space for your immigrant patients and their families.

On April 19, [CLASP](#) hosted a webinar, “Supporting Young Children in Immigrant Families: What Early Childhood Stakeholders Need to Know about the New Immigration Orders.” Wendy Cervantes and Hannah Mathews of CLASP’s child care and early education team presented, as did Elisa Ortiz of Appleseed and Emily Butera of the Women’s Refugee Commission. More than 900 attended the webinar. To view a recording of the webinar, [click here](#).

Read related publications:

- [Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Child Care and Early Education Programs](#)
- [Five Reasons Trump’s Immigration Orders Harm Children](#)

EVENTS, EDUCATION AND FORUMS

Looking for ways to live you values?

Note: Events Below are sponsored or co-sponsored by UU Mass Action, or are being offered by our UU partners

Everyone is Welcome Here

When: Tue April 25, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: 112 Exchange St, Lynn

Share experiences, learn new tools, and ask questions about how to support youth and families impacted by immigration threats and how we can create a more welcoming community.

Sponsored by [Together North Shore](#) [Register Here!](#)

Lessons from a Life of Non-Violent Activism

When: Wed April 26, 6:30 - 9 PM

Where: Cultural Center at Rocky Neck, 6 Wonson Street, Gloucester

Paul Wasserman will tell stories from his life of activism during the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War. [Facebook](#)

Resistance School: Session 2: How to Mobilize in our Communities

When: Tue April 27, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Where: Peabody Library West Branch, 603 Lowell St, Peabody

Resistance School is a free four-week practical training program that will sharpen the tools we need to fight back at the federal, state and local levels. [Facebook](#)

Sponsored by [Together North Shore](#) [Register Here!](#)

Documentary: Containment
Presented by Cape Downwinders

Two Showings:

When: Thur April 27, 7:00 PM

Where: Falmouth Public Library, 300 Main St, Hermann Foundation Room

Presenters: Karen Vale -Cape Cod Bay Watch, Heather Lightener - Concerned Neighbors of Pilgrim, and William Maurer - Cape Downwinders

When: Fri April 28, 7:00 PM

Where: WHAT (Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater) 2357 Rte. 6

Although the film and program are free, [you need to make reservations for your seat](#)

Presenters: Dan Wolf - Former Senator, Karen Vale - Cape Cod Bay Watch, and Diane Turco - Cape Downwinders



The First Parish Brewster UU Presents:

The Paul Hush Memorial Forum:

The Immigration Puzzle

When: Sat April 30, 2:00 PM

Where: The Brewster Meeting House, Rte. 6A, 1969 Main Street, Brewster

[FLYER](#)

Speakers:

- Representative Sarah Peake
- Collin Mickle, Esq., Coordinator, Immigration Resource Center
- Sarah Leiden, Esq., Justice Center of Southeast Mass
- Emily Leung, Esq., Justice Center of Southeast Mass

Out of Many, One

When: Sun April 30, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Where: First Church in Cambridge, UCC, 11 Garden St., Cambridge

Sponsored by [GBIO](#) In order to attend, please [REGISTER](#)

Join together with our Muslim neighbors from the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center and other Greater Boston Interfaith Organization leaders for an afternoon of learning, relationship and solidarity. ISBCC spiritual leaders will offer an opening reflection. Others will share stories of their experience being Muslim in Boston.

You'll also learn about specific threats facing the Muslim community in these troubling times and about what you can do to be of support.

The Muslim Community in the US

When: Mon May 1, 10 AM

Where: 309 Washington St (Rte. 16), Wellesley Hills

Presented by Wellesley-Weston Lifetime Learning as part of the American Issues class. Anyone interested in learning more about our Muslim neighbors is welcome to attend this program as our guest.

Presenter: Shaheen Akhtar of the Islamic Center of Boston, Wayland, is an interfaith liaison for the Muslim community. She has spent almost 20 years building bridges among people of all faiths.

For more information: 781-205-4204

May Day March - Mon May 1!

Join together in solidarity with Workers, our friends in the immigrant community, and all those who call for justice in our communities

Where:

East Boston, Maverick Station 4:00 PM

Everett City Hall 4:00 PM,

Chelsea City Hall 5:30 PM

[Facebook](#) [Eventpage](#)

Join us! May 1st 2017

4pm gathering @ the
Everett City Hall
4pm @ gathering @ Maverick
Station East Boston
5pm - main event
@ Chelsea City Hall



International Worker's and Immigrant's Day Rally

When: Mon May 1st, 6 - 8 PM

Where: Framingham Center, corner of Union Ave and Concord St

Environmental Committee's Climate and Energy Solutions Series: On the Path to 100% Renewable Energy

When: Tue May 2, 5:30 PM

Where: First Baptist Church, 111 Park Ave, Worcester

This 'green' event will be powered by 100% renewable energy and is free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by [LWVMA](#) and League of Women Voters of the Worcester Area. Support for the Climate and Energy Solutions Series provided by Mass Power Forward.

Speakers ([Find bios here](#))

- David Ismay, Senior Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation
- Eugenia Gibbons, Clean Energy Programs Director, Mass, Energy Consumer Alliance

- Marla Marcum, Climate defense Project, Grassroot Organizer

Resistance School - Session 3: How to Structure and Build Capacity for Action

When: Wed May 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Where: Beverly Library, 32 Essex St, Beverly

President Trump's election highlighted the long-term organizing effort needed to re-establish a progressive vision for our country. Our movement needs the structure and capacity to outlast any attack on our values and to move to offensive strategic effort. Marshall Ganz will engage us in a workshop on how to structure our organizing to build capacity and create widely distributed leadership opportunities. He'll zoom in on launching strong leadership teams based on shared-purpose, interdependent roles, and norms to help us build strong organizations and leaders for lasting resistance.

Sponsored by [Together North Shore](#)

Visit www.resistanceschool.com for more info about the training videos and recommended readings.

Raise Up Mass Progress as Resistance Conference

When: Sat May 6th, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

University Hall At UMass Boston ([directions, info](#))

[Tickets](#) [Facebook Event Page](#)

Join us on May 6th for Progress as Resistance, a statewide organizing conference to move forward a progressive agenda in Massachusetts!

Come together with members of the Raise Up Massachusetts coalition and activists from across the Commonwealth as we use resistance to make progress on economic, racial, and immigrant justice at home. This event will feature a briefing on how activists can engage in our campaigns and other allied progressive issues against the Trump agenda, including campaigns for a \$15 Minimum Wage, Paid Family and Medical Leave, the Fair Share Amendment, labor rights, ending mass incarceration, jobs not jails, protecting public education, immigrant rights, and safe communities. Don't miss this event, sign up to join us today!



Black Lives Matter Boston presents:

The Power of Now: Where Do We Go From Here?

When: Sat May 6, 9 AM - 1 PM

Where: First Parish in Brookline, 382 Walnut Street, Brookline MA

Brookline Hills T stop, and Number 60 bus to Cypress and Walnut streets. Street Parking available

[Tickets](#) Workshop fees support Black Lives Matter Boston

Presenter: Karlene Griffiths Sekou

The current political moment in the United States presents some not so new challenges in immanent ways. There are real opportunities for resistance, growth, cultivating authentic and connecting relationships, and building collective power within a strong mass social movement.

This Level I Workshop will:

A. Will use personal stories, film, case study, and/or role play to build and strengthen participant conversations

B. Offer a framework for interpreting historical and current racialized, ethnic, and religious social and political violence

C. Will discuss what it means to grow--From Ally to Solidarity: Turning Privilege into Power and how we can support the Black Lives Matter Movement

Resistance School - Session 4: How to Sustain the Resistance Long-Term

Sunday, May 7, 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Where: Beverly Library, 32 Essex St, Beverly

In our final session, we will learn how to build coalitions that leverage the talent and expertise of organizations across the progressive community. New York Assemblyman and DNC Vice Chair Michael Blake will teach us how to form winning coalitions that strengthen the connective tissue between progressive groups and build the political power necessary to sustain the resistance long-term. Bringing everything together, Assemblyman Blake will send us off with the tools we need to take the resistance from political moment to social movement.

Sponsored by [Together North Shore](#)

Learn more here <https://www.resistanceschool.com/session-four-1/>

Give Light: Spiritual Nurture for Climate Activism

An interactive workshop led by Rev. Fred Small

When: Sun May 7, 1 to 4 PM

Where: First Parish Church, 353 Great Road, Stow

As we come to understand the gravity of climate disruption, it's easy to become disheartened. How do we convert informed anxiety into effective action in our congregation, community, state, nation, and world? In this interactive workshop, Rev. Fred Small will invite us into meditation, reflection, conversation, and song, strengthening our spirits and deepening our resolve in the struggle for climate justice.

We would like to know in advance who will attend. To register or for more information, write rickmlent@gmail.com. The workshop is \$20/person.

Sanctuary & Solidarity Event

When: Wed May 10 at 7:00 PM

Where: First Parish Church in Bedford, 75 Great Road, Bedford

Attorney and President of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, Susan Church, will give a presentation at First Parish in Bedford. The presentation is designed to inform immigrants and their allies of their rights and to empower them in the era of significant ICE enforcement. In addition, Ms. Church will also be prepared to answer our questions about offering physical sanctuary and its legal implications. Don't miss this opportunity to become informed and, importantly, to prepare for the support of a person(s) in sanctuary at First Parish. AND, please do invite any immigrants you may know who would benefit from this presentation.

We'd like to get a sense of how many people will attend; so, please let Vito (vito@deblam.net) or Christine (chdudleymarling@gmail.com) know if you think you'll be able to join us. Thanks!

Push Back at Trump, Tillerson and Trotsky* - Join the Billionaire's Bash

When: Tue May 16, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM [Flyer](#)

Where: Demonstration at The Ma Pension Fund (Prim) Office, 84 State Street, Boston

**M. Trotsky is the Exec. Dir. and CIO of the MA Pension Fund*

[Facebook Event Page](#)

Invited speakers/guests: divestment bill sponsor, Marjorie Decker; fossil fuel free investment expert Bob Massie; the Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band

The PRIM (Pension Reserve Investment Management Board) has invested billions of state employees' and teachers' pension money in fossil fuel funds, including:

- almost \$2 billion in coal, gas and oil,
- \$200 million in Exxon Mobil, and
- over \$50 million in the companies building the Dakota Access Pipeline.

PRIM has steadfastly refused to consider divesting from these companies and it is time to shine a spotlight on their complicity with climate degradation and disruption. Experts agree that most fossil fuel reserves must remain underground if we are to have any chance of avoiding the most catastrophic results of climate change. Now more than ever - with the CEO of Exxon Mobil as Secretary of State and climate deniers in high office - we must take a stand here in Massachusetts. JOIN US ON MAY 16! Stay tuned for more details. *Part of the May 2017 Global Divestment Mobilization*

Learn How To Be An Active Upstander, Not a Passive Bystander

When: Wed May 24th, 5:15 PM- *Registration and Refreshments*; 6-9pm - *Training*

Where: Hope Central Church, 85 Seaverns Ave, Jamaica Plain

Join True Story Theatre to develop skills to intervene if you witness identity-based harassment. As the Trump Administration continues its wave of racist, sexist, hateful, anti-Muslim, anti-Jewish, anti-immigrant sentiment, we all need to strengthen our skills to take concrete action to defend our Muslim friends, as well as all of the other communities that are directly impacted by Trump's policies.

RESOURCES

Did you miss the Black Lives UU Broadcast, “Whose Faith is it Anyway?” On April 23rd?

You can still check out a full page of resources here: #BLUUWhoseFaith Panel -

<http://www.blacklivesuu.com/bluuwhosefaith/>

Attention Worship Committees -

Are you planning your worship calendar for next year? UU Mass Action would love to join you in leading a worship service! Please feel free to contact us. This is a great way to support the work of UU Mass Action and collaborate on our shared work! Thank you!

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