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News from the Resistance, July 2025

The resistance is alive and growing in Taos and the nation. We hope this newsletter will bring you up to date and perhaps inspire or delight you by some of what has been happening here.

Taos United Indivisible's efforts have focused on informing the public of harms being done by this administration, influencing public sentiment and building the size and strength of the resistance movement in Taos. Three Action Teams, the Protest Team, the Writers, Researchers and Artists, and the Member Communications Team are creating a multi-pronged strategy to grow resistance to Trump's MAGA agenda throughout our community.



An estimated 1500 people turned out for the June 14th (No Kings) in Taos!

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Protest Action Updates

Street protests started here with one man, Mark A, carrying a sign on Camino de la Placita, and have been the most visible form of resistance in Taos. Eleven large street protests were held between Feb. 17 and July 4th. Participation ranged from about 100 at the beginning to 1000 on April 5 and at least 1,500 on June 14! That is 23% of the town's population and 4.5% of the county's! Even on the July 4th holiday, at least 500 turned out!

The next large protest, Good Trouble Lives On, is scheduled for 12-1 am on Thursday July 17 on Paseo del Pueblo Norte & Civic Plaza Drive. Hope to see you there!

Powering this phenomenal growth has been an entire team spreading the word by mouth and email, public service announcements (PSAs) on local radio stations, social media posts, creating flyers and posting them on 40 bulletin boards, in coffee shops and businesses and even on cars in public parking lots. The continuing coverage by Taos News and local radio stations has also been a boost.

Daily Popup Protests: Started on April 7th by Josie L and Joey B with great signs and playful, welcoming vibes on Camino del la Placita and now continuing at Paseo and Kit Carson, the pop-up has been growing and going

course, some F-words and “Trump is my savior” and other bizarre statements all met with smiles and peace signs. Join in as often as you can between 9-10 am. It’s a blast.

Anti-fascism protest at the Taos Farmer’s Market by a small group of our protesters holding signs, each detailing a characteristic of fascism now being enacted by the Trump regime has been generating interest and conversations with Market goers. More and larger events are planned for the future.

State officials also came to Taos. **Sen. Martin Heinrich** held a rally at the Rio Grande gorge rim on SR110 in support of public lands. **NM AG Raul Torres** spoke at the Ag Center to report on legal actions being taken by his office with a consortium of Democratic AGs. His office is also collecting info about impacts of Trump policies on NM at his NMDNJ website. Encourage anyone who has been impacted to report information to the website. It will help inform state policies and legal action.

Writers, Researchers and Artists

The Creatives have focused on two major topics: tying larger national policy changes to local impacts and expanding the protest movement into the everyday, visual landscape of Taos.

Researchers and writers are meeting every other Tuesday (on Zoom for now) to identify harms to our community and develop strong messages and compelling images through My Turns, editorials, PSAs, zines and communications with other orgs and groups.

Since April, seven My Turns have been published in the Taos News with another piece published in the Enchanted Circle News by writers Lawrence Baker, Jane Farmer, Suzanne Pinkham, Cass Adams, William Nevins, Jan Smith, Carol Duran and Diane Vona. [Link](#) to published My Turns.

Adding visibility and impact to the resistance, creatives are embracing more street theater through art workshops and creating giant puppets, costumes and live music. Wearable art, stickers, cartoons, and exhibitions of protest art are also being considered.

ridiculously simple post-it notes and tiny office labels to mini 'flags' and 'photo puppets'. Hand written messages increase the human contact. Repetition is also good: write one message 50 times (like "Tax the Rich.") and stick them up wherever/whenever you can think of. It's simple and easy.



A rest room door in a rural lunch place. I posted them at eye level for whomever sits on the toilet

Zines: tiny one page "book" from a single piece of paper with handwritten or or printed messages, drawings, cartoons, etc. such an effective way to resist!. Try it! [How to fold a zine](#). [Sarah Bush](#) also holds Zine Workshops.

This group has been keeping us informed through action alerts, engaging with new protesters to grow the movement and rebuilding the Taos United website (Hooray!)

New ways to follow us!

Check out the website for Events and Actions to Take

Get on our mailing list and Join an Action Group -

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



Much has been accomplished and much more will be needed to save us from the cruelty and madness of the Trump/GOP authoritarian regime. **If you want to help as a writer, researcher, artist, strategist, organizer, leader, planner, helper, etc. please check out our Action Groups at <https://taosunited.org/join-us/>**

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