



No Kings, No Trump Takeover

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On August 11, Donald Trump staged a power grab in Washington, D.C. He used the DC Home Rule Act to declare “a crime emergency,” seize control of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and deploy 800 National Guard troops and other federal law enforcement personnel into the city.

This is a clear authoritarian power grab that has nothing to do with public safety and everything to do with spreading fear, quashing dissent, and targeting our most marginalized neighbors.

The D.C. takeover and the deployment of the National Guard in LA earlier this summer have been his testing ground, and we know it won’t stop there. Trump has already telegraphed plans to expand these militarized crackdowns to other sanctuary and progressive cities — including New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Oakland, San Francisco, and New Orleans. Each of these communities, like D.C., represents both a political challenge to his authoritarian agenda and a thriving hub of resistance that he seeks to dismantle.

If we don’t resist now, these federal takeovers will spread from city to city, hollowing out local democracy and replacing it with top-down rule by force. Trump may face more legal challenges in other cities, compared to D.C., but we know they’re prepared to push the boundaries or violate the law. The only way to stop him is through loud, sustained, and widespread opposition — across every community and every city he targets. There is no time to lose.

THE ASK

We aim to cover the areas of the target cities with signs opposing the Trump takeover and in support of a free, autonomous DC, and demanding that authority be returned to all other cities. Display them publicly in your own home, and then visit other homes in your neighborhood and local businesses to ask them to post the signs as well.

These signs demonstrate solidarity, not just with our vulnerable neighbors who are being directly targeted, but with everyone in these target cities who is under threat of living under this militarization. And when these signs are everywhere, it has an even bigger impact. It

lets everyone know that defiance is everywhere, and all of us have ways we can courageously oppose Trump's authoritarian power grab.

To pick up signs and stickers near you, connect with your local Indivisible group leads, who will serve as distribution points.

Disclaimer: *Posting signage on private property without consent from the property owner may be considered trespassing, vandalism, or criminal mischief. Additionally, most jurisdictions have laws and regulations about when and where it is either permissible or illegal to post signs on public property. Indivisible is making this signage available for the sole purpose of posting in places where you have permission to post or are otherwise legally allowed to do so. By participating in this action, you agree that you will only put up signage: (i) on your own property; (ii) on private property where you have received consent from the property owner; (iii) or on public property only when legally allowed.*

Script for Local Businesses

CONVERSATION STARTER

Hi, I'm [NAME] from [neighborhood]. I'm going around to local businesses in the community to talk about what they can do to stand up against Trump's militarized takeover of [city]. May I speak with the business owner or manager on duty?

NOT INTERESTED

No: That's no problem. When would be a better time to come back and speak to the owner or a manager?

No and hostile: Okay, thanks. I'll be on my way.

No but open/interested: I understand. I'll leave these materials here. Can you make sure the owner gets them?

THE BASICS

Donald Trump is attempting to seize control of [city] by declaring a crime emergency, deploying the National Guard, and instructing the [example: MPD] to fully comply with ICE. But this isn't actually about public safety; it's an authoritarian power grab meant to intimidate us into staying silent while Trump grabs as much power as he can.

It won't make our city any safer and just puts our Black, immigrant, and homeless neighbors in more danger.

We can't just go along with this. We need to stand up against the Trump takeover and make it clear that ICE agents and National Guard members are NOT welcome in our city.

THE ASK

Can we count on you to publicly post a sign or sticker opposing Trump's takeover in your front window? It lets everyone know that defiance is everywhere, and all of us have ways we can courageously oppose this authoritarian power grab.

Script for Neighbors

CONVERSATION STARTER

Hi, I'm [NAME] from [street name or neighborhood]. I'm reaching out to other members of the community about standing up against Trump's militarized takeover of [city]. Do you have a minute to talk?

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