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No Kings Day of Action condemns authoritarian power grabs Champaign County Indivisible and partners join thousands of Oct. 18 protests across the United States

URBANA — On Saturday, Oct. 18, east central Illinois residents will come together with millions of Americans across the country in a nationwide day of nonviolent protest at the second No Kings Day of Action. The local No Kings rally starts at **noon Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Champaign County Courthouse, 101 E. Main St., Urbana.**

“Our Founding Fathers guaranteed us the right to free speech and to assembly peacefully to protest our government’s actions,” said Champaign County Indivisible co-lead Tracey Dougan, who will emcee the event. “No one can take that away from us. Join us in exercising your Constitutionally protected rights.

“Add your voice to the fight. It will take all of us. Now is the time.”

Scheduled speakers include University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign law professor Faye E. Jones, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Student Body President Gabi DalSanto, and Cunningham Township Supervisor Danielle Chynoweth. Following the speakers, participants are invited to march the designated route supported by local law enforcement and city offices.

The rally’s show of unity is co-organized by ACLU of Champaign County, ACLU of Illinois, Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Champaign-Urbana, Champaign County Democrats, Champaign-Urbana Resistance Effort (CURE), Indivisible Illinois, Indivisible Vermilion County, Illini Democrats, and Young Democratic Socialists of America.

“In a time when pessimism runs rampant, our resistance through protesting becomes indispensable,” said Matthew Hurtado, Young Democratic Socialists of America outreach coordinator.

On June 14, more than 5 million people across all 50 states joined No Kings in the largest single-day protest yet against President Donald Trump's authoritarian administration. The Oct. 18 day of action is the next step in this growing movement of coordinated, peaceful mobilization.

For more information about the local event, email ChampaignCountyIndivisible@gmail.com or visit Champaign County Indivisible on Facebook, Instagram and Bluesky.

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