



# INDIVISIBLE

## ARLINGTON VA

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Indivisible Arlington is an all-volunteer grassroots organization committed to supporting the human rights and civil rights of all individuals. Our members have strongly advocated for these causes. We support both passing the DREAM Act and ending for-profit detention, including the immigration detention center in Farmville, VA. We sought a veto of the Sanctuary Bill HB 1257 (Del. Cline-R) by Gov. Northam, encouraging our members to call the Governor's office. We also encouraged Senators Kaine and Warner to become DREAM heroes.

On May 12, 2018, we hosted a state issues forum to hear from Arlington elected officials about the 2018 General Assembly session and to plan for the 2019 session. The meeting was held at Arlington Central Library and was open to the public. Unfortunately, we found it necessary to adjourn halfway through the meeting as we were unable to maintain a constructive dialogue, with many participants shouting at and talking over one another. We apologize to everyone who attended that we ended the meeting early, especially to people who were not able to ask questions of our elected officials on key issues of importance to them.

We regret the presence of library security and law enforcement at the meeting. We recognize the negative impact of their presence on meeting participants, especially people of color. We did not request the presence of Arlington law enforcement. After law enforcement officials arrived, we asked them to leave the room, which they did. However, despite their departure, participants continued shouting at each other, and we called for the meeting to adjourn. Library security then proceeded to inform the room that all attendees had to leave the library.

We would like to have an opportunity to speak with the individuals and organizations who attended to hear their concerns about what happened and their perspectives on how we can best move forward together. Please contact us at [support@indivisiblearlingtonva.com](mailto:support@indivisiblearlingtonva.com).