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Our section has been off to an impressive start with 50 new members, the formation of our next generation Legacy group, our task force teams and our extremely well attended Gun Violence Protection panel discussion last month. At our Nov. 19th meeting, headlined by AZ Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, we will hear how her office, handcuffed by insufficient election security funds, is fighting the very real threats to an honest vote in our critical swing state.

The timing couldn't be better. A week before, on November 12, NCJW AZ will join our partner organization Stand Indivisible for an 8:30 AM protest at Sen. McSally's office to urge her to support federal funding for election security. The bill that passed the House is buried in the Senate. This directly affects whether your vote counts. [So please join us. Click here.](#)

As a progressive social justice organization, we are racing to keep up with the onslaught of critical issues that demand our civic engagement. We are working across varied platforms and issues in cooperation with other organizations. It is important that we work in solidarity. We have renewed our partnership with the Arizona Faith Network, and [we encourage all of you to attend their climate change event on November 14. Click here.](#)

As part of a national action in several major cities, we are partnering with the AZ Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) for a rally on Sunday, December 8 to protest the inhumane treatment of women and girls in detention facilities. *Unlock the Future for Women and Girls in Immigration Prisons* is a campaign to demand that those fleeing to the U.S. often seeking refuge from sexual violence, assault and poverty must also be free from physical and sexual abuse in detention, strip searches by guards, personal and intimate questioning and tracking of their menstrual cycles by U.S. officials. More information about the location and time will be available in our next newsletter and on social media.

We also are working to assist the Phoenix Holocaust Association with its exhibit *Holocaust By Bullets* and we are in the process of determining how NCJW AZ can best support the project with docents, a group tour, educational programs and a possible panel discussion with our own Carol Consalvo comparing the plight of refugees then and now.

We are energized, we are active, and we are engaged. More and more opportunities for your participation emerge every month. Stay tuned and become involved.

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Photo of Gun Violence Protection panel, Front: Marie Thearle, MD; Rep. Jennifer Longdon; Back: Eden Wein; Civia Tamarkin; Gerry Hills