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Indivisible cofounder Ezra Levin, center, says the No Kings events in October will focus on early voting and voter turnout rather than protest. SARAH D. WIRE/USA TODAY

No Kings protests planned across U.S.

Organizers say focus will be on voting, turnout

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Millions of Americans are expected to gather across the country and vote early Oct. 17 in the newest iteration of the popular No Kings protests. In some cases, they will march to polling locations.

Each of the more than 3,000 actions will focus on early voting and voter turnout rather than protest, Indivisible cofounder Ezra Levin told USA TODAY.

The first three No Kings events were meant to “send a message that, in effect, democracy would reassert itself because the people would insist that it re-



McDonnell

assert itself,” said Levin, whose liberal advocacy group formed in 2016.

“We set No Kings for October because we believed Trump when he signaled again and again that he intended to sabotage the election,” Levin said. “How do you prevent the sabotage of an election using the tools available to you? Well, you vote like hell.”

Organizers said the goal is to create voter turnout so historically high that it would be hard for the Trump administration to claim there was fraud.

The name No Kings comes from the organizers’ belief that President Donald Trump is acting like a monarch rather than the leader of a democracy. The coalition spans labor organizations, pro-

gressive activists, civil rights groups and faith leaders. Among them: American Federation of Teachers, Black Voters Matter Fund, Voto Latino, Indivisible, MoveOn and Public Citizen.

The previous No Kings actions rank among the largest protests in American history. They have consistently been nonviolent, and organizers stress that is still a priority.

The White House dismissed the organizers.

“The fact that the ‘No Kings’ organizers are talking about voting in the upcoming election proves they should change their name. This November, Americans have a clear choice between President Trump and Republicans’ commonsense policies or the

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Forum to let voters hear from candidates

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Residents will have an opportunity to hear from local candidates and ask questions ahead of early voting at a candidate forum scheduled for Oct. 17 in Hagerstown.

The event is being organized by Nu Freedom Elderly Assistance Network, according to a community announcement. The forum is planned from noon to 2 p.m. at Impact Ministries, 19763 Longmeadow Road in Hagerstown. Early voting begins Oct. 22.

The organization described the event as the final candidate forum before the start of early voting and encouraged community members to learn about candidates’ positions on issues affecting residents.

Community members will be able to ask questions and hear directly from candidates during the event.

Forum aimed at informing voters

The forum is open to the public and is intended to serve residents seeking information before casting ballots.

Nu Freedom Elderly Assistance Network extended a special invitation to seniors, caregivers, health care providers and family members, while emphasizing that all interested community members are welcome to attend.

The host organization is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) grassroots organization, according to the announcement.

Event details

What: Candidate forum
When: Oct. 17, noon to 2 p.m.
Where: Impact Ministries, 19763 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown
Host: Nu Freedom Elderly Assistance Network

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Two businesses move into Rider Jet Center offices

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Rider Jet Center has added two new tenants to its 22,000-square-foot office building at Hagerstown Regional Airport, expanding aviation-related services available at the facility. In a community announcement, the company said that On The Town Limousines and aviation medical examiners Daniel Weinberg and Roberta Rothen have moved into upstairs office space at the airport-based operation.

The Hagerstown facility also includes The Grille at Runways restaurant and South Mountain Aviation, an aviation repair station.

According to the announcement,

Frederick-based On The Town Limousines serves Maryland, Northern Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Company officials said in the announcement that the business offers a variety of transportation vehicles and services for corporate and charter travelers using the airport. More information is available at onthetownlimousines.com or by calling 301-695-5466 or 1-866-829-7999.

Aviation medical examiners relocate

Weinberg and Rothen provide Federal Aviation Administration-required

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On The Town Limousines (pictured), and aviation medical examiners Daniel Weinberg and Roberta Rothen have moved into upstairs office space at Rider Jet Center. PROVIDED BY ON THE TOWN LIMOUSINES

