



Health Care for All – WA 2018 Town Hall Mini-Guide

We made a strong impact in the short session and it's important that we demonstrate our commitment and maintain a presence at events like town halls. Our legislators need to know that the issue of health care in Washington state isn't going away and this is the solution we want.

Before the Event

- Try to get as many people as possible to attend.
- Know your strengths. It is OK to just show up and be a supportive body.
- Get social. Create a Facebook event for the Town Hall and ask people to share it in their networks. Tweet the event info and tag local media.
- Consider a unique hashtag for your Town Hall

At the Event

- Wear our swag or dress in our colors: dark blue and yellow
- Bring a sign so other supporters can find you before the meeting
- Go early and meet up before the Town Hall to make a plan: identify speakers, organize questions and stories, get in line to speak
- Take a sign-up sheet on a clipboard and get contact info for everyone who shows up so we can thank them and reach out about future events and ways to help the cause
- Introduce yourself to people and let them know you're with HCFA working for publicly funded, privately delivered healthcare for every Washingtonian
- Sit in the front half of the room and spread out across the seating area to help illustrate the broad support for HCFA-WA
- You may be asked to submit written questions or they may take questions from the floor
- If they want people to line up to speak into a microphone — get in line right away
- You may be asked to put signs aside
- Be polite but persistent and push for real answers.
- If a question isn't answered, don't be afraid to send someone up to restate it and ask again
- You can always approach the legislator after the event. That's a great time for a discussion — and persuasion.
- Ask people to record everything!

After the Event

- Reach out to the press - and let them know what happened.
- Share images and videos
- Thank your legislators and ask them to host a Town Hall devoted to Health Care.

Have fun participating in democracy!

Modified from [*How to Stand Indivisible at Town Halls*](#)