

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.26.2021

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Facilitators: Paul & Jennifer **Notes:** Alexandra

There is a LOT of Good News!

- This is our first RaR meeting without trump and with President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris;
- There are dogs in the White House (and maybe even a cat)
- Janet Yellen is first woman confirmed as Treasury Secretary
- Anthony Blinkin confirmed as Secretary of State,
- General Lloyd Austin confirmed: first Black Secretary of Defence. Vt St Leahey Prosecution,
- McConnel dropped demand that Dems keep filibuster. This is a temporary solution in perpetual stalemate
- Executive Orders
 - Permanent status and path to citizenship for DACA recipients
 - Non-citizens will be counted in census
 - Muslim Ban ended
 - No further deportation of Liberians
 - Revocation of crackdown on Sanctuary Cities
 - Biden reversed the transgender ban in the military
 - US reentered Paris accords
 - US rejoined Iran nuclear ban accord
 - Revoked permit for Keystone Pipeline
 - Temporary ban on Oil and Gas leases in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 - Federal funding stopped for prisons
 - Limiting military equipment for police
 - End of trump's 1776 Commission that distorted role of slavery in US history.
 - Extend federal moratorium on evictions
 - Pause on Federal Student Loan interest and principal payments

- o Press briefings will have ASL interpreters. (trump Administration had to be court ordered)
- DeBlasio announced that the city is divesting \$4B in fossil fuels from pension funds.
- Biden's Treasury will seek to put Harriet Tubman on the new \$20 bill.
- Upcoming this Thursday: There will be Executive Orders on healthcare topics: abortion, Medicaid etc.
- Administration energy plan: buy backs of fossil fuel cars with higher payments to low income people; even recommending electric stations near to people who have sold their car
- Nuclear ban treaty of 1/22: Always immoral, now against International Law
- NYC divested today from investment in fossil fuels.

Report Backs:

Some more photos of last Tuesday's Action on the NYPL steps

Shout out to Mary's design of banners and shout out to Rick for the full text of Trump's crimes.

Jan 22 We took Roses to Missions action - Nuclear Ban Treaty

Robert: RaR members brought roses to the 51 missions that ratified the treaty. (Costa Rican Embassy invited us in as did Fiji)

Illumination on the UN: declaring nuclear ban illegalization

Julie's letters worked beautifully and, working with Hucklefairly to create beautiful photos
Video featuring Michi Takeuchi at Columbia, the site where the Manhattan Project was developed. Her mother survived the atomic bombing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9c6YV4MWPM&feature=emb_logo

Ivy stayed up all night to reconfigure the illuminated letters to fit the wall of the UN.

Jan 22 Say Their Names & weekly action at 96 & Broadway 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and every Friday if it is not "precipitating."

Jenny recounted: "Old bent over arthritic Black man" arrived. J gave him the list of names. Eventually, "I need 3to give you the list back. I am getting so angry, I have to leave, it is nothing personal." This was a moment of nonviolent action.

Black man who came last week appeared late, and asked to ring the bells the next week. He said, "I am a Deacon".

Slowly a pick-up truck drove by with a White man yelling: "Biden is a white supremacist". Jamie wanted to say all white Supremacists matter but did not take the bait.

"White supremacy matters".

We've been doing this since the second week in June.

Gonna be cold this Friday; dress warm and we will do it.

Climate Action follow up video on Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline

Stu showed a video of the "Climate Emergency/Disaster" Action at the intersection of three major banks. Video made by Maria Gambale. It will be posted on Twitter. Cherie speaking in video.

Elevator Actions - Letter and Phone Calls

- Jennifer VD: We have permission to sign letters. Elevators are 22% accessible. Letter we signed includes the words "SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE" with a lot of specifics on how to accomplish this.
- We attended a coffee with Schumer organized by Riders Alliance. Meeting supposed to be about transit. Schumer told us about his experience on 1/6 30 feet away from marauders. There was one question about accessibility: Schumer: "I was there in 1990 with ADA." J thought yes you were there, and the ADA law is constantly being broken. New letter being drafted
- Tax the Rich: Elevator Action wants to support this, but there is no language mentioning accessibility or disability.
https://investinourny.org/media/pages/home/7cab0e70bc-1610298367/ionyactsummary_2021launch_1.2.pdf
 - Meeting planned with Sarah Bari/Rebecca Baylin One option:
Sara.bahri@nyct.com
 - You cannot talk about pandemic relief without talking about people with disabilities in every statement.
- Wrofl: TWU is having a session this Thursday?. Send me questions.
- Jennifer B: Is there any movement to replace Alex Elegoudin? Have they identified the 100 key stations?
 - JVD: no on both.
- Katrina: When there are examples of elevator breakdowns and people with disabilities are not able to transfer on the subways, Is there a place to document these events?
 - JVD will get back to Katrina.
- Stu: recounted forgetting to make a disability rights sign when making 28 signs on Tax the Rich: Disability issues get lost too easily in our minds.
- Livvie: grateful for JVD and JB persistence and patience re disabilities

Upcoming Actions & New Actions

***Jan 28 Thursday 4PM to 5 pm Taking It To Wall St. 11 Wall Street from the steps of Federal Hall to Stock Exchange; This week: Tax Stock Trades**

- Livvie: NY coalition; Everyone is working desperately to get legislation into the budget to get out of the COVID hole and move out of the austerity hole for the future.
- Shout out for Julie's letters and Jill's chants
- Go to Exchange Place by the raging bull.
- Press release out tomorrow am.
- This action is easily replicable; possible on millionaire's row at 740 Park Ave, or in front of a school.
- Mark: each weekly action will lift up one of the proposed bills.
 - There are five other actions at appropriate and iconic sites.

- Cuomos' budget last Tues: He proposed 2 financing mechanisms:
 - Biden and Congress come through with all the money to fill that gap.
 - Dems are leaning on Schumer.
 - COVID relief bill has a lot of money to the states.
 - Or alternative: two tax brackets at the highest level to be taxed
 - This would only be in effect for a year or two. Then in years 3 and 4 the rich can write off the money they were taxed in years 1 and 2
 - Useless ridiculous plan
 - Article on this:
 - https://www.nysfocus.com/2021/01/21/executive-budget-tax-increase/?fbclid=IwAR3HhQQjISgbxP6WX5lf3vVs3HqBKqOGdYgmu_zeefqfzd3yxxbnKXdzJrM
 - MJ taxes and betting taxes.
- Livvie: Cuomo is still a problem, legislators are still afraid of him.
- We have to put pressure:
 - Proposed actions:
 - Letter writing campaign to constituents of very stubborn legislators.
 - Print out your letter, envelope stamp, there is option for reimbursement.
 - Every week you can dial one number which will tell you what the issue is, (Like Vote Forward). You read the script to your legs and Cuomo.
 - Takes 7 minutes a week
 - DSA revving up phone banks to constituents. You can offer to connect them to the legislator's answering machine.
 - Zoom lobbying appointments with legislators.
 - NY people will supply an expert on a particular issue and we are on the call to lend support.
 - This week is school, next week is housing.
 - Every Sat am grassroots call indivisible ny has convened at 10 am.
 - Livvie put a sign-up sheet for people to commit to any action they want.

Jan 30 Sat 1PM Celebrate the Black Women Who Flipped Georgia: in front of the women's rights pioneer Literary Monument: map in FB page. Literary Walk in CENTRAL PARK, South of Bethesda Fountain

Sandy:

- 8 Black women who did heavy lifting to make this happen will be celebrated.
 - There will be music, cupcakes, dancing
 - Shout out to Mary for her signs and video.
 - <https://twitter.com/riseandresistny/status/1353827621210103809?s=21>
- Directions and map: <https://www.centralparknyc.org/locations/the-mall-literary-walk>

Protect The Results/New Name: No One Is Above The Law

- o **recent national phone call**
- o Julie: This a nationwide coalition of top organizers meeting to make sure trump and his associates are held accountable for the crimes.
- o One of the challenges is that voters are from blue states and legislators are from Red States. If you have any contacts in red states use them.
- o Jamie: no direct action planned: Common Cause link to phone banking.
 - o Plan: Call Common Cause members in red states so they will call their legislators. They can be patched through to the Senate.
 - o People are not optimistic about conviction after today.
- o Julie: It is important to get more than the one Senator other than Romney:
 - o Possible: Portman, Collins, Moran in Kansas, Roy Blount who is very pissed at Hawley.
 - o There is a split between the McConnel Corporate Republicans and the Cruz Republican cult.
- o Mark: They will have to air the dirty laundry and that is really important.
- o The Dems intend to go after the whole white supremacist movement.
- o Rick: The impeach vote was the most bipartisan house vote yet.
- o Stu: Can the DOJ investigate him for his actions on the 6th as a private citizen?

New Actions

Order a CONVICT TRUMP banner for upcoming Impeachment, Federal, State, and local prosecutions.

- o Jamie: We have ARREST INDICT but we don't have CONVICT. We need a CONVICT banner, and we could use that in many settings before, during and after the trial.
- o Mary offered to make that banner.

RaR voted to endorse the printing of the banner \$250.

MIJENTE national phone call on Immigration Rights

Jamie: There has been talk in Actions about restarting the Immigration vigils.

- o St. Pats over XMAS.
- o 150 people on call with Mijente last night;
- o Mijente was very pleased with the wording that was the tightest wording that did not leave room for interpretation.
 - o EG: Following the end of the Muslim ban, Muslims must be able to process visas within 45 days
- o Biden revoked crack-down on Sanctuary Cities
- o Preserving TPS for Liberians
- o Conflicts brewing: DHS 100 day moratorium for deportations and Texas judge put a 14 day moratorium on this.
- o Certain states intend to fight Biden tooth and nail. These issues will go up to the Supreme Court.

- o We can consider:
 - o no deportations,
 - o no use of private detention centers which is different from prisons.
 - o Also activism against surveillance which can be used to replace the Wall.
- o Rule 287G needs to be revoked: allows police to act as immigration officers.
 - o Police arrest you if you have no documentation. Trained by ICE.
- o Biden wants a path to citizenship:
- o None of these measures will pass the Senate without getting rid of the filibuster.
- o Lots of hard work to this.
- o Important to follow detention centers and deportations.
- o This discussion will continue in the Actions Committee this Weds.

Finance

Susan:

- o RaR has \$17,800 in the bank, a decrease of \$200 from last week.
- o Late fees came from an expired credit card; late late fees were charged by storage facility.
- o Susan will double check that this has been rectified
- o > <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/riseandresistny>" Link to make donations to Rise and Resist

Non Rise and Resist announcements.

Rick: Neighborhood action: **Protest by Gowanus Canal Activists;**

- o DeBlasio proposes the largest rezoning in his administration. There is an online opp. for Citizen comments (ULURP). But many people cannot access the internet.
- o Action being planned to fight this inequity.
- o Garbage barge capsizes:
 - <https://twitter.com/timdonnelly/status/1354137625574174720?s=20>
 - <https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-gowanus-canal-dredging-black-mayo-20210126-udpgcldrwjhxbdbn2suftcx33i-story.html>

Jon: There will be a **COVID Webinar Q and A on Thursday February 4 at 6:30** featuring many legislators led by Corey Johnson and a ton of reps like Jerry Nadler, C. Maloney, Gale Brewer Robert Jackson etc. To sign up:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nyOkjvH8Q0KNuc3ZeMiLmw

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