

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.23.2024

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**For non RAR announcements or to add other items to the agenda:**  
**Email [rar.facilitation@gmail.com](mailto:rar.facilitation@gmail.com) before 3PM on Monday!**

**LINK TO DONATE TO RISE AND RESIST: <https://www.riseandresist.org/donate>**

### Good News:

- Supreme Court upholds Border Patrol's right to take down Texas State razor wire at the border. This verifies that Federal Government is in charge of immigration.
  - Four Supreme Court justices don't believe in originalism!
- DeSantis drops out of the race.
- Cherie's husband is out of hospital after quintuple bypass.
- Berlin Senate dropped anti-discrimination policy "after fierce criticism from artists. The policy made funding for cultural institutions and projects conditional on recipients' signing an anti-discrimination clause.... It required funding recipients to declare they are in favor of a "diverse society" and oppose "any form of antisemitism according to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's [IHRA] definition of antisemitism."
- Over 100,000 people across the country went on the streets in Germany when the Right Wing said that they would deport immigrants.
- Reverend Billy's Church of Stop Shopping is offering all sorts of services to immigrants. <https://revbilly.com>

### RaR members Remembered John Bega

John was remembered by many people at Rise and Resist as a warm, gentle, calming person who was one of its early members, and early facilitators, of RaR. He was 44 years old when he died.

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

**Wednesday, January 24, 11:30AM Support Freedom Agenda at Mayor Adam's State of The City Address - Hostos Community College (500 Grand Concourse - at 149th St./Grand Concourse).**

- It is easy to get there from Manhattan. Use the 2 or the 5 trains (NOT 3 or 5 or 6)
- Goal is to hold the Mayor accountable to push through his commitment to close Rikers.
- Important to show up and support Freedom Agenda.

**Wednesday, January 24, at 4:30 pm. CEASEFIRE with LIGHTED SIGNS at a meaningful location**

- Contact Wendy Brandes if interested: wendybrandes@gmail.com
- It is unconscionable that there has been no ceasefire since the one 10 day ceasefire.
- More than 25,000 people have been killed in Gaza by the Israeli government, backed by the US.

**Thursday, January 25, 5PM, Immigration Vigil 5PM at Times Square Subway Station**

- We continue to do this action between the 1,2,3 and the Shuttle.
- The Mayor continues to blame immigrants. He is blaming his cuts on them too.
- We will have the banner, and signs: HOUSING IS A RIGHT, and signs pointing to the Mayor using immigrants to cover his incompetence.

**Protest of death of Manuel Luna detained at Rikers Friday January 26 10 Am City Hall Park**

- Mayor Adams: "He was sick anyway."

**Going out of Business part 2, date TBD 1PM Trump Tower day after Engoron Rules on Tish James' case against trump for inflating the values of his properties. Probably around Feb. 1.**

- Everything is ready. Visuals are amazing.
- As soon as numbers of the fine for trump go down in the Engoron case, our message will be "everything is for sale to the walls",
  - love letters to Dictators,
  - Federal secrets,
- Mocking trump as a loser. This is what pisses him off.

**When E. Jean Carroll defamation trial resumes, we will be back at Worth and Baxter Streets. Moynihan Federal Building at 8:30 am.**

- Trial postponed because of a sick juror.
- Some may go to entrance where trump enters.
- Rick will alert people by email.

**Saturday, January 27, protest at Heritage Foundation in Washington DC - Project 2025**

- Terrific signage from Julie and Jamie; Center for Popular Democracy is funding.
- Jennifer Flynn Walker of CPD will bring about 200 people there.
- We are on the Heritage Foundation's radar. We have been emailed about in their personal communications.
- Bus leaves at 6:45, ((not at 5:30 as in the old days!))
- Let's get ten more people on the bus!
- <https://www.stopthecoup2025.org/>

- Here's the link to sign-up for the bus:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DrictGrDD2CPSFc0sFpWrKBVX14zw5l82G-pFUTj45Y/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DrictGrDD2CPSFc0sFpWrKBVX14zw5l82G-pFUTj45Y/viewform?edit_requested=true)
- For more information, contact Sandy at [slradoff@gmail.com](mailto:slradoff@gmail.com)
- Here is an article from the NYT on the Heritage Foundation and its agenda:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/21/magazine/heritage-foundation-kevin-roberts.html?searchResultPosition=1>
- Also:  
<https://www.heritage.org/conservatism/commentary/what-davos-can-expect-republican-admin>

**Invited Speaker: Jared Chausaw, Policy Co-Director from RAPP (Release Aging People in Prison Campaign)**

- RAPP was founded by three formerly incarcerated people who wanted to focus on older adults and people serving longer sentences, people who have been left behind.
- We recognize that people can cause real harm and we recognize that people can change and do incredible things. Examples; Mujahid Farid, one of the RAPP founders who got BA and 2 MA's, set up HIV/AIDS peer counseling programs on the inside. Parole kept denying his parole for nearly 30 years. When he was released, he helped form RAPP.
- Get your State Senator and Assembly Member on board to co-sponsor these bills: Elder parole bill and fair and timely parole (We need one more Senator to cosponsor this bill) If we get majorities in each house, we can pressure the leaders, Andrea Stewart Cousins and Carl Heastie to put the bills to a vote
  - “Death by incarceration.” Bills will give people a real chance.
- Clemency Campaign, prison conditions.
- We have made huge progress: we have majority support for both bills for both houses of the legislature. We need someone to take leadership to bring the bills to a vote.
- Donna: some of us have participated in two events at Staten Island Ferry: where we have gotten people to sign pc's to Jessica Scarola Stanton who has reported positively about proposed legislation but has not co-sponsored.
  - Proposal to do this more often: we need several people. Mondays from 5 to 6.
  - Critical mass of activists draws many more postcards.
- We have been fighting for these bills for the past 5 or 6 years. We have gotten a lot of people home, and we have lost a lot of our members in jail.
- Session goes to early to mid-June. Key times for activism: now until April is key.
- Governor has taken no position. She is very conservative on criminal justice issues.
- The Staten Island Ferry Terminal actions are real feel-good actions.
- Put email in chat: Donna: [donnagould@earthlink.net](mailto:donnagould@earthlink.net)
- Suggestion to do a pop up on a weekend. Farmers Market
- Photos: <https://x.com/RAPPcampaign/status/1747031609289650539?s=20>

**Elections Committee** updates on NY 3. Election is February 13

- Flyering: we have designed an excellent flyer, and we can send you the link. You can get them printed out.
- Link to the flyer which you can get printed yourselves to hand out:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QRyd3ipb3HydJrSLbrD9yjFC2V9sBq0\\_/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QRyd3ipb3HydJrSLbrD9yjFC2V9sBq0_/view)
- Postcarding: contact Sandy and be prepared to send them out by February 5.
- Early voting starts 2/2 and goes to 2/11. Election is on 2/13

#### **GoFundMe for Dana Beal**

- Recently arrested in Idaho.
- Daughter has initiated a gofundme campaign.
- [https://www.gofundme.com/f/free-dana-beal-and-abolish-cannabis-prohibition?fbclid=IwAR19fdORa79OrqxHH0p28ZzgxBxvihsjyTu401Yw0RXP\\_wsNktFdZEJxMrM](https://www.gofundme.com/f/free-dana-beal-and-abolish-cannabis-prohibition?fbclid=IwAR19fdORa79OrqxHH0p28ZzgxBxvihsjyTu401Yw0RXP_wsNktFdZEJxMrM)

#### **Facilitators, Notetakers, and/or Screen Sharers needed**

- We welcome more people to do this noble work!!

#### **Report Backs**

Experiences at Gaza/Ceasefire demonstrations

#### **Moms For Liberty Town Hall at Bohemian Benevolent Society**

- Several reps were there
- Our strategies were good.
- Got great coverage; interviews with Jamie.
- We worked on messaging: we brought good signs and we did not go in pen.
- We were well positioned.
- More of us outside than inside.
- Karin was threatened with a citation for chalking.
- Head of Bohemian Assn claimed to donate the money raised.
- Anne Northrop taught us to talk **through** the press
- Think about why you are at a particular action

#### **Trump appearance at E Jean Carroll case on January 22**

- Great images, great coverage.
- CRYBABY, RAPIST, LOSER
- We bluffed and stalled, and E Jean Carroll thanked us.
- Excellent press.
- We need new signs each time, since the press know us.

#### **Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12noon 47th St.& 6th Ave.**

- Harder on dictator messaging
- Fox is doubling down on caving into trump. We have to double down and be all in against them. Trump would have never have happened without right wing media. Fascism must have propaganda.
- Discussion of signage. Using his words against him is the best thing we can do.

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