

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 2.27.2024

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Good News.

Biden impeachment falls apart as key informant Alexander Smirnov is arrested for lying to the FBI.

- Smirnov worked for the Russians.

The meter is running in the Trump fraud case at \$112,000 per day.

- He has till March 12 to pay the fine.

Live tracker lists how much trump owes by the second:

<https://trumpdebtcounter.com/?fbclid=IwAR1odCXav37kUUrtOxyX1ciIEF4PTngQ7t2Z6Bzy-xd48MMMyCC3knNxrNHc>

NYS Legislature has rejected Republican redistricting plan. This plan is somewhat modest but it adds, 2-4 and safe Dem districts. More info below.

Here is link to Wendy B's newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/0f277e52fda1/fight-for-abortion-access-in-nyc-and-elsewhere>

Upcoming Actions

Wednesday, Feb 28, 24-hour Vigil at City Hall to demand a Ceasefire resolution. Rise and Resist will take one hour 5PM-6PM. East side of City Hall.

- There will be a 10am press conference.
- Vigil was put together by 40 organizations. Lead organization is VOCAL. JVP too.
- 60 US cities have called for a cease fire. NYC has not.
- People will be reading names of children killed in GAZA.
- A lobbying campaign to tell City Council members to demand a cease-fire follows the vigil.

- o 10-14 City Council members are on board. Many more needed.
- You can go at any time if you cannot make 5-6 pm.

Here is the link to the vigil: https://www.instagram.com/p/C3qEyXOulrT/?img_index=1

Another link from Wendy's newsletter:

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Next NYFAR at Planned Parenthood on Saturday March 2, meet at 8:00AM at Prince and Mott St. or join up at 9:00AM at Bleecker and Mott.

- <https://abortionrights.nyc>
- (SRG will have to run from that action to afternoon's Palestinian action!)

Next Rikers Vigil is Monday, March 4, 5PM-6PM Times Square Station

- Between 1,2,3 and shuttle.

Next Immigration Vigil is Thursday, March 7, 5PM-6PM Times Square Station

- We will focus on Mayor Adams. In future we will focusing on NO DETENTIONS NO DEPORTATIONS because of trump's horrific statements.
 - o Actions Committee will work on this:
- Economy has improved b/c of immigration.
 - o See EPI article:
 - <https://www.epi.org/blog/immigrants-are-not-hurting-u-s-born-workers-six-facts-to-set-the-record-straight/>
 - o Article from Fiscal Policy Institute said the same thing.
 - o 1 trillion \$ more for the economy.
 - o We have to be mindful to not support exploitative labor.
 - o It seems that all the hosts at MSNBC got the memo: Immigrants are good for the US, and always have been. (Chris Hayes and others.)
 - Seems they are focusing on what Biden's messaging should be.

Report Back on Public Citizen call re opening day of Trump Trial on March 25.

- Holly Atkinson spoke with Julie to attend a zoom session involving many groups.
- Public Citizen wants to do an action on March 25; but they have no ground game.
- Julie talked about our NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW banner.
- Julie suggested we hire an AP reporter (\$5000). The Public Citizen said fine!
- 4 RaR activists will meet with Jonah Minkoff-Zern to come up with an action that is mutually beneficial.
- PC is focusing on election interference.
- They will have a press conference with good speakers.
- Their data is that people resonate to 1/6. And to trump's criminal cases.
- The action will not be what we would design. And we may organize our own. But we will support them.
- trump is required to attend court daily.

Discussion on redistricting of Congressional seats in NY State.

- Good article in NYT, surprisingly enough.
 - o <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/27/nyregion/redistricting-democrats-ny.html>

- Background:
 - Goes back to redistricting following 2020 Census. Dems way overreached; gerrymandered.
 - Special Master redrew the plan in favor of Republicans.
 - Recent maps redrawn, and they were challenged. But they were only tweaked.
 - They are balanced not overreaching with developing a competitive edge and not be challenged. And some activist groups are upset.
 - Hakeem Jeffries has been very involved in this process.
- Outcomes:
 - Jamal Bowman's district: he got COOP City back but lost a largely African American community in Wakefield.
 - At least two safe Dem districts have been created.
 - Dems have taken steps to prevent Republicans to shop around for judges.
 - This is the Congressional map (only House of Representatives)
 - <https://felt.com/map/New-NYS-congressional-districts-BHS3qsSNQ6esGSwIF9CasMC?loc=42.796.-75.809.7.12z>
- **Elections Group** has decided to campaign for Jamal Bowman. (16th District)
 - He is a member of The Squad, is a Black man, and his opponent, R. Lattimer, was selected and completely funded by AIPAC.
- We will look at other districts near NYC 4th (Suffolk County), 17th (N Westchester and Putnam)
- There is a special election in late April in Buffalo – safe Democratic seat.
- Discussion in meeting:
 - April 2: Presidential Primary. Do we want to get out a big vote for Biden?
 - Primary voters vote in General Elections
 - Michigan initiative to write uncommitted in their current primary. Will that happen in NY?
 - By end of meeting 17% of Michigan votes were “uncommitted” in Michigan
 - Before the Primaries we can support legit progressives. After the Primary Any Blue will do.

RAR OFFICERS

- Last time we held an Officers' elections was in Sept. 2021. **We need to hold elections.**
- Here are the members of the RaR Board:
 - President: Jackie Rudin
- Secretary: Cherie Acierno
- Treasurer: Sandy Radoff
- At Large:
 - George de Castro-Day
 - Jamie Bauer
 - Livvie Mann
 - Stu Waldman
 - Bill Hartman
- Updates about the Board:
 - George Day no longer part of RaR.
 - Sandy needs to step aside as Treasurer.

- o Several people stated they would like to stay on or join the Board.
 - Jackie R., Livvie wants to stay on.
 - Stu has volunteered to become Treasurer
 - Donna would like to join.
- o **Jamie will send out a notice to the larger membership to see if there are other people who are interested in joining the Board.**
- o Discussion of Board and Officers' insurance:
 - Members agreed this is necessary. This would protect members' individual assets in case of a lawsuit.
 - Should there be problems like Project 2025, the members will have responsibility.
 - **Livvie volunteered to research the Board and Officers' Insurance.** Thank you Livvie!
- o Members thanked Sandy for her service as Treasurer; this is the most demanding position on the Board.
- General discussion emerging from this issue.
 - o We need to look at the bigger picture about Project 2025. How do we protect ourselves as RaR? We will need more than Board and Officers insurance! We will need to hold a discussion on this topic.
 - o We need to think about the bigger picture: and assess where we are as an organization. We need time for reflection, maybe a pause.
 - o Do we have bylaws?
 - They do not appear to be on the website.
 - o Legal Zoom may be a good source of info (Thanks Patricia):
<https://www.legalzoom.com/>

REPORT BACKS

Jeffrey Clark at NYYRC on Thursday Feb 22 canceled.

- The event was cancelled. Two days before the event it disappeared from Social Media and Eventbrite.
- They were all at CPAC instead of NYC.
- We will see if it will be rescheduled. We have all the materials needed!

JVP AIPAC action on Thursday Feb 22 at 3PM.

- Gathered in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
- Many banners and signs.
- Specifics on the money that AIPAC is giving Schumer and Gillibrand and Jeffries (Jeffries received \$813,000 from AIPAC!)
- Huge line of cops.
- 18 people arrested in Schumer's office.
- We took the street (2nd Ave.) to begin with. Police gave up ½ the street.
- 1000 people possibly. Very good crowd.
- AIPAC: 44 and 45 on Third Ave.
- AIPAC is going after the Squad. AOC, Cory Bush, Pramila Jayapal.
- Corey Bush is very vulnerable.
- AIPAC has gathered \$100m to fight the Squad.
- Here is Wendy's livestream:
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C3qmKfEuRHf/?igsh=MXFkODdzdHQ1OW8zZA==>

EAG Action - MTA Board Mtg. 2/26 8:45AM

- We meet monthly. Our coalition partners were there, and then went up to testify.

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

- Doubling down on Stop Exploiting Fear in response to hideous message against migrants
- Dems response is "We are good too!" We say: Immigrants are good. Immigrants make America Great. Our message is viewed as radical.
- With all the push-back we must be onto something.
- MSNBC: They all did shows on the importance of migrants.
- <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/the-economy-is-roaring-immigration-is-a-key-reason/ar-BB1iXMjl>

Wendy's link to Carl Reiners' film on Christian Nationalists:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8QasbXXNZc>

Also check out Laura Flanders show on this topic.

Climate Action - Insure Our Future - Tuesday February 27 - at 3PM NYPL steps.

- Insurance crawl for climate.
- Focus on Chubb, Tokyo Marine and AIG.
 - Major explosion in Freeport??
 - Tokyo Marine considering insuring LNG in Freeport;
- People from front line communities came. Tremendously powerful and moving to hear what they are going through.
 - Three explosions, floods; different speakers spoke at different companies.
 - You see how many communities are being screwed over.
- Attempt to take over the lobby got very hot. Donna said she had to step back.
- Cops there to protect private property.
- RaR was well represented. Big action with a lot of people.

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