

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 4.2.2024

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

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GOOD NEWS!

- Trump Truth Social Stock takes a tumble.
- Trump is having difficulty raising money from tapped out small donors;
- Judge Merchan issues another Trump gag order.
- The NY State Legislature passed the budget.
- Hakeem Jeffries endorsed Jamaal Bowman
- John Eastman was disbarred.

Wendy's Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/d134a03b605c/dont-forget-to-vote-on-tuesday>

It doesn't include a new Palestine action Friday April 5 Times Square at 4 PM

Brennan Center: Demand Progress -Sean Vitka presentation on FISA (Foreign intelligence Surveillance Act) and the government spying on protesters.

- Contact: sean@demandprogress.org
- <https://nysfocus.com/2024/04/02/state-police-surveillance-fisa-jeffries-schumer>
- <https://www.wired.com/story/hpsci-us-protests-section-702-presentation/>
- Organizes across 200 organizations.
- Anti-surveillance work on the Hill; anti-surveillance work in corporations; anti-war permissions act.
- Send vote recommendations to 3500 Congressional staffers. Shaping policy.
- Background: Co-founder Aaron Schwartz helped pave the way for best parts of the internet. Unjustly imprisoned, huge fines, committed suicide in 2012.
- Section 702 codified surveillance program under GW Bush. Codified 2008.
 - o Allows the government to collect communications from international sources without warrant. Collecting 7m+ documents a year.

- o Government searches through the data looking at American citizens. Used against BLM protesters, members of congress.
- We are working toward significant privacy protections. Data brokers: government can get data if they purchase it, even if they can't do it for free.
- We have an opportunity in the next two weeks. **There are votes next Weds in the House. And later in the Senate.**
- Several members of congress are insisting these reforms be passed before FISA expires.
- Lead surveillance hawk, Republican from Ohio...told 200+ staffers that FISA should be preserved to go after Cease Fire protesters in front of Schumer's house. Used against protestors of all stripes.
- Asks: Hakim Jeffries and Chuck Schumer should be particularly concerned about these reforms.
- Schumer has co-sponsored provisions against data broker loophole, but he is not saying anything now. Our goal is to get best possible vehicle. Chuck Schumer's alliance would be very valuable.
- Good amendments and bad amendments
 - o Mike Turner and Jim Heinz target immigrants and the Patriot Act 2.0 increases the categories of corporations that must be forced to disclose their information without warrant.
- You can buy lists of people who have gone to PP clinic; lists of people who donate to NAACP
- **To read the Wired article remember that you can get through most paywalls via archive.ph**
- Here is the ask: Tell Jeffries and Schumer:
 - o 1) Jeffries and Schumer should defend NY protesters by opposing the Intelligence Committee's efforts to expand FISA;
 - o 2) they should instead be fighting to close the backdoor search and data broker loopholes;
 - o 3) they should do this publicly

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, April 4, NYGOP honors Gov. Gregg Abbot at Hilton Hotel - 5:30PM

- Elise Stefanic, and Lee Zelden will be there.
- We will bring an edited selection of our immigration signs.
- End operation Lone Star which pours billions of dollars to seal their borders, and send immigrants to NYC
- We are working with Make the Road, and NY Communities for Change.
 - o MTR will focus on the inhumanity; we will focus on the billionaires.
- There will be a lot of press.
- This will be in lieu of our regularly scheduled immigration action.

Palestine Action Friday April 5, Times Square

- This was a huge action. Some RaR members attended.
- Diane Greene Lent took great photos.

Saturday, April 6, NYFAR clinic defense at Planned Parenthood (8AM at Prince & Mott)

- Abortion is a human right banner will be there.

Saturday, April 6, JVP -12noon reading of the names of Palestinian children who have died in Gaza 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn Public Library

- JVP: Jewish Elders.
- We will walk through the Farmers Market carrying shrouds. And we will say the names and the ages of the children.
- WAPO: US transferred 18000 2000 pound bombs to Israel. Goal is not to depose BIBI but to disarm him.
- We need Marshalls; Jamie has volunteered.
- Much of the area around Schumer's house has been blocked off by police.
- RSVP here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXvHLfBDBEGB3oUsXMpFWB88lXEodyznDaxBsLjTXChloQA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Saturday, April 13, Stop The Coup 1PM-2PM Columbus Circle/Maine Monument

- Some theatrics
- Reading of parts of project 2025
- Kim is planning a series of actions. The first will be LGBTQ focused.

Monday, April 15, Trump Trial for real early AM...and Public Citizen press conference later AM.

ELECTIONS –

Jamaal Bowman petitions and postcards

- 4587 scrubbed signatures obtained
- Post carding got slowed down by the focus on the Aid Workers. But we are moving forward.
- Many RaR members voted to “Keep it Blank.”
 - Discussion about whether the blank votes will be counted.

REPORT BACKS

Gaza/Ceasefire demonstrations

- Palestine Land Day Saturday. Very large crowd in Times Square.

Monday, April 1, Rikers Vigil 5PM-6PM Times Square Subway Station

- Good action, good crowd, people appreciative. New person from Freedom Agenda came.

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

- 4 mighty people came in heavy rain: Jamie, Kim, Paul, Robert.
- Laura Brett came and took pics of us in the rain; she knew we were there. We are “Relentless.”
- The Security Guards said hello to us from inside the building.
- Stayed for 25 minutes.
- Julie was sick and made sure we were there, and got the posters to us.
- “Relentless and Resist.”

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sound Off - Music For Bail Friday April 5 @7PM Letter writing and fund raising.

- <https://musicforbail.com/calendar>
- Purchase tickets here:
<https://www.groupmuse.com/events/14125-sound-off-music-for-bail-presents-our-anthem-an-orchestral-activation>

SHOUT (Supportive Housing) Monday April 1 we hired our first employee funded through the Oak Foundation. So this is a big step.

Easter Parade! NY Times

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C5OYCvrOXM6/?igsh=ems3MDFvNThseGp1>

- <https://www.instagram.com/p/C5OC0FkO2NA/?igsh=MTVuOXNrM3p4bGdqCQ==>

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