

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.12.2021

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Facilitators: Karin and Jennifer **Notes:** Alexandra

Good News

Ann: Katrina Corbell spoke with the National Poor People's Campaign in Washington DC this morning. Footage of Katrina's excellent statement about the impact of Build Back Better on the lives of poor people was shown to group.

- Here's the link to take action re Katrina/PPC's presser this morning:
<http://action.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>
- <https://twitter.com/riseandresistny/status/1447997889649811463?s=21>
- Whole livestream on FB: https://fb.watch/8BQhO_nAT4/

Report Backs and discussion

Weds 10/6 Lee Zeldin at the Union League Club

Jamie: Fundraiser for Republican running for Lieutenant Governor. Zeldin was keynote speaker; few Republicans attended.

- A small group of resisters showed up, but it was what was needed. We were at all three doors.
- Livvie created an informative flyer, handed out many.
- Republicans knew that we were there. Zeldin has the Republican nomination sowed up. Nonetheless a Republican woman quietly thanked us for being there.
- R's called the cops. Big van showed up.

Livvie: pleased that there were many conversations; higher level of interaction than she would have expected.

Thursday 10/7 Anti-war demonstration march from NYPL to Times Sq. Recruiting Station

Jenny: This is an annual gathering and was very moving. Long time war resisters.

- We are in an endless state of war with our tax dollars and silence.
- Many people have been arrested.

- Next year maybe everyone can come.

Friday 10/8 Say Their Names

Jenny: We thought there would be three, 30 came.

- Jenny described several people who joined in, including a woman in a wheelchair.
- This week Say their Names added the names of the 12 people killed in Rikers – they were not released as they should have been, and contracted COVID

Tuesday 10/12 Rikers Demo at City Hall

Jennifer: This was a big action, many sponsoring groups, very diverse.

- A woman reported that her child asked, when they saw their father approaching them shackled, “Why are they treating my father like a dog?”
- Devastating Good to be standing in solidarity next to Donna

10/12 Fox Truth Tuesdays (every Tuesday at 9AM 48th & 6th Ave.) plus “The Brainwashing Of My Dad”

Julie D. Terrific turnout.

- Jen Senko signed and gave away a lot of books.
- Lots of tourists were very excited from all over the country having an NYC moment. Some activists we did not know participated.
- The book “Brainwashing of My Dad” parallels the rise of right wing media.
- Great upbeat atmosphere. Police were very hands off.
- Senko can be seen on YouTube.
- Sandy: Huge potential for this action hitting more people. Increased traffic.
- Donna: amazingly audacious to be in this public plaza. release. This is a story worthy of a press release.
- Stu: most energy of all Fox actions. It helped to stand forward and interact with the energy of the street. We should continue with that.
- Dann: Jen Senko gave us a shout out in the media the night before.
 - o Dann showed the clip.
- Jenny: Are there other stations picking up on this across the country?
- Julie: George has brought in someone who works with We Make America, who will be beefing up our website. When that is up, we can do serious outreach to other locations. The timing feels right.
- Leon: We should throw them a surprise party: a quarter century of lies.
- Karin: Unfortunately Empire State Building was red white and blue in honor of Fox’s 25th
- Julie reported on finances. We received \$711, we have spent a little more than \$800. We need money to go forward with more, larger stickers, posters, and to cover web expenses.
 - o Her initial request of \$320 was amended by Mark H to \$500.
- Please retweet content George will be posting: @TruthOverFox

RaR voted to approve \$500 for past and future expenses for Fox Truth Tuesdays.

Upcoming Actions:

Wed 10/13 Elevator Actions with Sen. Gounardes - 11:30AM at 18th Ave. D Train Station in Brooklyn

- Jennifer: Gounardes is fighting for congestion pricing to increase subway accessibility ironically at an inaccessible station.
- Robert: congestion pricing is a regressive tax. He will abstain for that reason. Rick concurred.
- Jennifer: In London and Stockholm there are exemptions for people in need. Goal: put heat on Hochul to find the money.
 - In 2020 there was a lot of money allocated. Cuomo blocked it, then COVID. That is what we are fighting for.
- If you want to join Elevator Action Group tomorrow at 11:30 am at 18th AVE. in Brooklyn D train, please contact me: jvandyck@rcn.com

RaR voted to endorse Elevator Action with Sen. Gounardes.

Thursday 10/14 5PM in Foley Sq. Immigration Vigil joins with Haitian Bridge Alliance for a national day of action.

Jamie: The Haitian Bridge Alliance called for a national day of action on 10/14 at Federal buildings.

- We contacted the NY organizer of the Alliance and decided to move our immigration action to Foley Square.
- Great opportunity to connect with other immigration actions activists.
- We will bring 20" x 30" photographs of Haitian asylum seekers.
- Title 42 exclusions are being used to keep the Haitians out.
- Discussion of DR and retroactive removal of Haitian residency rights, which has added to the refugee crisis.

Sunday 10/17 at 12noon to 1:45 Schmeat The Filibuster at 9 Prospect Park West

Livvie: We have been putting heat on Schumer for some time.

- This time before he returns to Washington, we will invite Schumer to have bagels with us. We will be there insistent and loud.
- Lorenzo is building a huge bagel, and Rick a huge knife.
- Jamie: We are going to set up right under the building awning, but will not block people.
- Bring Kill the filibuster banner.
- Music? If all else fails, we can play some klezmer music.

Sunday 10/17 at 2PM to 3PM Schumer: Time To Deliver - Grand Army Plaza by the Arch

Livvie: After the Schmeat the Filibuster, we will join the Fair Elections Coalition in Grand Army Plaza.

- We have worked with them for years; the last day before Schumer goes back to Washington.
- Lots of groups we already know, Common Cause, healthcare and homecare groups will be there.
- We are aiming for press-worthy speakers.
- Mark H. Many people in the Build Back Better group will be there.
 - To Schumer and the Democrats: Stop the nonsense and get this done.

Friday 10/29 at 12:30 Anniversary of Sandy Climate Action: assemble under Brooklyn Bridge: Pearl Street and Robert Wagner Place

Livvie: Pete Sakora of Stop the Money Pipeline Action is organizing this.

- The focus is on who is impacted: LES NYCHA houses.
- Long walk which will create a narrative of who suffers and the groups (Citibank) which invest in fossil fuels and The Fed which does not regulate the banks.
- We will finalize the route this Friday.
- Extinction Rebellion will put on excitement at the end but no CD
- Alexandra: Several groups have voted to endorse.
- Livvie: Send names to her. She will pass them on to Pete who has to invite them to endorse.

Monday November 1 at 5 pm: Mike Pompeo at the Union League Club on 37th Street and Park Ave.

Jamie: Keep November 1 free.

- Pompeo is running for President; he has created a PAC which is an indicator.
- Don't just focus on his past.
- Let us jump on some version of "President Pompeo no way"

New Actions:

Next vaccine apartheid action; Date TBA

Ann: Not CD, but it will not be pushed out on social media. Come to Actions tomorrow if interested. Element of surprise is key

Saturday afternoon October 30 at 1 pm. Beds Not Body Bags end of the 7 line back of station. Queens public library in Flushing

- This will be our 9th action in Queens.
- This is a public plaza with high traffic and an area hit hard by COVID.
- Goal: Keep generating public awareness of what is happening in Queens. Very central downtown Flushing.

Mark H: proposed a teach-in on Build Back Better

- One part is devoted to healthcare, but climate is a key element.
- Teach in would cover what this bill actually proposes to do. What are the forces at play?
- We would like to collaborate with the Climate Action Group.
- Stu: the messaging by Dems has been so poor - focusing on the cost but not talking about the benefits.
- Mark: The Dems have been trying but the media wants to focus on the food fight.
- This will absolutely determine the outcome of the 2022 elections and November 2024. It is incumbent on us to get into this fight. The stakes are enormous.

Members of RaR voted to endorse a teach-in on Build Back Better.

Activists demand public access - Chase/POPS locations letter to Jumaane Williams

Zack: Chase is the leading funder of fossil fuels, and its headquarters are in NYC. Chase security has physically blocked protesters in POPS.

- There has been an intense battle over this issue over many years on the part of many organizations.
- Scott Stringer did a study of Pops.
 - o 2/3 to 3/4 are in non-compliance.

- At Fox they opened up the plaza. At Chase they said “let them sue”.
 - Stu: We were charged with trespassing on a public space.
- We have full rights to this space.
- Zack: We drafted a letter to Jumaane Williams to request POPS

Mark: this letter will need follow up, a meeting with a staff person and approach the council member. [Letter to Jumaane Williams](#)

RaR voted to endorse letter to Jumaane Williams

Sandy asked if membership were interested in having Laura Tavormina talk to us about the Freedom To Vote Act

- Claire and Sandy are asking Laura to do a teach-in for SFJ.
 - What is in the act?
 - This is not just a watered-down version of the act, though some things have been cut out.

RaR members voted to have Laura do a teach-in during the General meeting.

- Laura Tavormina will speak on 11/2 at the General Meeting

Center 4 Artistic Activism workshops open to RAR activists.

Livvie: we have been invited to join the Artistic Activism workshops at no charge.

- Next session Tuesday 10/26, time TBD.
- Livvie provided the registration form and encouraged us to register even if tentatively interested.
- Training takes 2 hours.
- Zack highly recommended one of the first activist trainers.
- Livvie: Study showed that this training generates more interest than other actions
- Register here: <https://c4aa.org/creative-actions-for-ny-prosperity-online-workshop>
- Or contact Livvie: : elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com or 646-831-6422

Non Rise and Resist announcements

Monday October 18. : Jewish youth climate action against Black Rock , Monday October 18, 8:15 345 Park Ave Fossil Fuels are not Kosher

Stu: 4 demands: climate action now.

- A new one: Nix the net; maximize the zero.

Move On: national day of boycotting FB starting on November 10 for a few days.

Karin: In conjunction with Kairos a boycott is being proposed.

- Discussion of whether to log off FB, announce that one is doing that, remove the app.
 - Jamie: If you deactivate or log out make sure you know your password to get back in.
- We need networking without the commercial aspect and the aspect which foments lethal violence.

John Breitbart 3:30 to 6:30 Weds Retirees of UFT. Horrible health benefits. 52 Broadway. Jenny