

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.31.2023

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**Facilitators:** Jamie and Stu    **Note Taker:** Alex

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**Process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda:**  
Use [rar.facilitation@gmail.com](mailto:rar.facilitation@gmail.com) before 3PM on Monday!

### Good News:

- Judge Chutkan reinstates Trump gag ban;
- Mark Meadows is cooperating with Jack Smith/Jan 6 investigation;
- Mike Pence drops out of the race;
- Excellent UAW Settlements. UAW plans to organize other manufacturers which are not unionized.
  - We need to support SAG AFTRA. Go to their website. <https://www.sagaftra.org>
  - <https://www.sagaftrastrike.org/special-pickets>

### Upcoming Actions

#### Thursday, November 2, 12 noon Local Law 97 action at City Hall

- Local Law 97 affects NYC buildings which produce 70% of NYC's emissions.
- RaR will come at 11 am for CD (Police know about this.)
- Others come at 11:45 to 250 Broadway with signs.

#### Thursday, November 2, 5PM Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal

- Adams is kicking people out of shelters, violating NYC's right to shelter. He is moving people anywhere.
- Last vigil before time changes.
- We are looking at options of other locations for next actions.
- We plan to make a strong statement.
- Discussion of pushing this action a little harder.

#### Saturday, November 4, 8AM support NYFAR at Old St. Pats (Prince and Mott)

- Gather at 8 am.

- o We visually block the police protected clerics, and we try to interrupt the fake escorts to the clinic.
- o Somewhat unpleasant, and also necessary action.
- o Usually rain or shine.

**Monday, November 6, 5PM Rikers Vigil at Times Square Subway Station between shuttle and 1,2,3 trains.**

- o There has been an additional death at Rikers, and the posters will be updated.

**SAY THEIR NAMES CHANGE IN SCHEDULE - next action is November 10 at 4:30PM at 96th & Broadway**

- o New schedule: the second Friday of the month, with the third Friday as a rain date.
- o We will revisit in the spring.
- o There are major other events, but People of Color continue to be killed.

**Trump Civil Case - Trump To Testify on Nov 6 8:30 am...**

- o We will plan to be there at 8 am. When trump is there, we have to stand in a pen and we work to find ways of drawing out the press.
- o When he is not there, we have more room to stand near the courthouse.
- o We will discuss in Actions Committee tomorrow night.

**Saturday November 18 rally at 2 pm in Washington Square Park for people who have been killed by the State Prisons.**

- o This action is organized by Jails Action Coalition and Halt Solitary Campaign.

**Finances**

We have \$18, 219 in the bank.

- o People have not been spending or submitting expenses and we are not getting lots of donations.
- o Can we donate some of the money?
  - o We should have a discussion on this question.

**Milo Executive Director of Media and Democracy Project came to speak with us. Holly Atkinson, also of MAD was present too.**

- o Grassroots volunteer organization formed 3 years ago.
- o Advocates for support for local journalism
- o Discussed MAD action around FOX and FCC
  - o News Corps and FOX are one.
- o Dominion Settlement of \$780m. In this case documents were turned over showing that ownership knowingly allowed employees to lie. Very unusual admission.
- o FCC criteria for licensing: No felonies etc.
  - o We are asking FCC to hold a hearing of the character qualification of the owners.
  - o We have gotten some support former commissioners of FCC.
    - Some Republicans: Bill Kristol has submitted comments.
    - We are actively recruiting interested people for another form of challenge to hold FOX accountable.
    - We have asked for additional documents than Dominion.
- o Pension funds have filed lawsuits: Fox has engaged in dereliction of duty.
- o Discussion:
  - o What can FCC do? Deny relicensure and new licenses.
  - o This is a heavy lift. Are other organizations filing against other local affiliates?

- o There are 7 or 8 other stations that haven't formally been granted licenses. We are asking FCC to reconsider.
- o Actions:
  - o 1) Letters to FCC. Sign on as individuals.
  - o 2) We are beginning to ask organizations to sign letters.
  - o 3) contact FCC directly and discuss the character qualifications of the owners
  - o 4) Fundraising
  - o Email:
- o Further information:
  - o They own DOZENS of LOCAL TV stations... called "O&O"s... owned and operated....
  - o They get ad revenue from the O&Os and are UNCHALLENGED (so far) in their licensure requirements... pro forma paperwork. EXCEPT THEY AIR CLIPS FROM KNOWN LIES ON FOX NEWS on the TV station(s) on Sunday.
  - o The CHARACTER QUALIFICATIONS are documented, IN THE FCC charter... so, do we (they) enforce them or not?!
  - o FOX NEWS is a cable channel, there is no "air" there. What we are after is FOX TV.
  - o PS FOX TV is very profitable. Fox cable is (we think) on the ropes
  - o We went for Philly because the timing window was favorable... they are on 8-year cycles.
  - o DOMINION visibility provided by RaR y'all... "knowingly lied."
- o Links:
  - o <https://www.mediaanddemocracyproject.org/fcc-sign-on>
  - o <http://mediaanddemocracyproject.org>
  - o <https://mediaanddemocracyproject.org/donate>
  - o <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wqL1bXgPFphUm2H1G2RtRRESWkTzqKmj-OsupmC5n5Q/edit?usp=sharing>
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- o Social Media
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### **Elections - early voting and ballot initiatives**

- o Elections are going on around now.
- o Here is the link with all the information about voting.
- o VOTE even in uncontested elections!
- o This is key to maintaining early voting in NY.

- o Resolutions: both are yesses.
  - o 1) allows small city school districts to have a different debt limit than larger districts.
  - o 2) sewage project debt exclusion.
- o [www.vote.nyc](http://www.vote.nyc)

### **Sharing of people's experiences at demonstrations opposing the attacks on Israel and Palestine and general discussion regarding the war.**

- o All Things Considered: MD in West Bank was aware of Grand Central Demonstration where thousands participated.
  - o Several of our members attended.
- o Thinking about it all the time.
- o As one of the organizers of Act Up Day of Desperation in 1990 1991, this was reminiscent and different.
- o I could do all the chants. None made me uncomfortable. Well done and well-articulated.
- o So angry at Netanyahu and people in Israel moving forward with war.
- o Growing up Jewish in the Midwest I grew up with the idea that Israel was a safe place to be, I am shaken by what is going on.
- o It is in Netanyahu's interests to continue the war as long as possible.
- o November 4 on Saturday there are busses going to DC. Almost sold out.
- o I want to be on information/CD list.
- o **JVP has national call tomorrow 8 pm.** <https://mobilize.us/s/hCk8ff>
- o This is genocide. Listen to Amy Goodman: Democracy now.
  - o A Palestinian woman: I have lost 70 members of my family.
- o I cannot vote for Biden.
- o We must focus on activism here in the United States. Inspiring to people in Europe where there are virtually no actions.
- o I am concerned about the media in this country not allowing space for these things to be heard. I wrote to ACLU: you haven't spoken on this since 2013. No answer
- o I am afraid to go to Temple. The rise of anti-Semitism is terrifying.
- o Peace activists in Israel are being attacked.
- o I am trying to hold the pain of the attacks on Israeli Jews and the genocide of Palestinians.
- o I am grateful that we can talk to each other here.
- o **Books/Resources:**
- o Democracy Now video
- o [https://www.democracynow.org/2023/10/30/grand\\_central\\_protest?utm\\_source=Democracy%20Now!&utm\\_campaign=a02bd31649-Daily\\_Digest\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_fa2346a853-a02bd31649-192331349&fbclid=IwAR2gUP6GjuP-3W5SGQE4VLeeQB5qHdxCeonfunLtTYKAOYMFhE0TwSCENGU](https://www.democracynow.org/2023/10/30/grand_central_protest?utm_source=Democracy%20Now!&utm_campaign=a02bd31649-Daily_Digest_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fa2346a853-a02bd31649-192331349&fbclid=IwAR2gUP6GjuP-3W5SGQE4VLeeQB5qHdxCeonfunLtTYKAOYMFhE0TwSCENGU)
- o *Tracing Homelands: Israel and Palestine* by Linda Dittmar About the lost and destroyed villages of Palestine
- o *The Only Language They Understand*, By Nathan Thrall
- o *Psychoanalysis under Occupation*: Lara and Steve Sheehi

### **Report Backs**

#### **(5) Thursday, Oct. 26 Drag Make Up Workshop in Bushwick**

- o NY Fascists trying to stop teenagers from putting makeup. Same people who are fighting immigrants.
- o More of them than us defending the library: 20:10.

- o Neighborhood of Spanish speaking immigrants. And these fascists got some traction with them
- o Everyone who wanted to go to the workshop got in
- o This is the last of the public workshops. None of the libraries will do this, b/c too dangerous. Events will be by invitation only. .
- o People on our side “punch a nazi” and started a fight immediately. Difficult to work with them.
- o Let us remember that wife Speaker of the house: homosexuality is evil.

### **Saturday, Oct 28 Supreme Court Action at 55 Hanson Place (near Atlantic Ave/Barclays subway stop).**

- o Brooklyn Indivisibles have taken on reform of the Supreme Court.
- o Good action, good messaging, four different groups.
- o We marched from Jeffries’ office to Schumer’s home: leafletting all the way. Very collaborative action.
- o Vertical banners are much more visible.
- o Gabby Holterman from AMNY did a great job of conveying the issues.
- o : <https://www.amny.com/new-york/brooklyn/supreme-court-expansion-march/>

### **Saturday, Oct 28 GAG We Are All Lewiston**

- o Started with a rally at Monument of the Maine, then down to the American flag at Times Square.
- o Well organized, good number of “Human Beings” (several from RaR)
- o As usual, sadly, GAG put this action together very quickly.
- o GAG has a chat group, and they keep tabs on all shootings around the country.

### **Tuesday, October 31, 8:30AM Trick or Treason at Trump’s Civil Court Case**

- o Successful good action.
- o Costumes and excellent “fantastic” signs.
- o Reporter interviewed several of us; put us in his daily coverage of the trial. Slow news day worked to our advantage.
- o Ann Northrop and Andy Humm will have it on their show, Gay USA, tomorrow.  
<https://gayusatv.org/watchlisten/>

### **Tuesday, October 31, Fox Truth Tuesdays every Tuesday at 12noon at 47th & 6th Ave**

- o Jamie Pinch hit for Julie who could not participate. Julie made wonderful anti-FOX signs.
- o Very well attended.
- o Great costumes

### **Karin Schall in news in the West Side Rag.**

- “Tall”, “elegant”, “flexible”, “angry” chalker
- Gave a shout out to RAR
- <https://www.westsiderag.com/2023/10/27/karin-schall-the-west-side-chalker-woke-up-an-gry-thursday-morning>

### **Non-RaR announcements**

- o Stu: XR is having a series of actions on weekend of 11/17. More later.

- o Livvie: Maria Gambale works with many homeless people. Someone has lost his room, please contact Livvie: [elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com)
- o Sandy: We are in final week of SFJ. If you want to do phone banking please contact Sandy. [slradoff@gmail.com](mailto:slradoff@gmail.com)
- o The election is close, there is some cause for optimism.

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