

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.3.2023

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

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

### **Good News:**

- Scott Hall pleads guilty in Georgia election criminal case and will cooperate. He will testify against Ken Cheseboro and Sidney Powell
- Judge Engoron rules that the Trump Organization committed fraud
- NY State Appeals Court ruled the case could move forward.

### **Schadenfreude News**

- Kevin McCarthy has been removed as Speaker of the House.
- Before that they passed the 45 day continuance without the Ukraine Funds.
- McCarthy says he will not run again for Speaker.

### **Upcoming Actions**

#### **Thursday, Oct 5, 5PM-6PM Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal**

- New messaging has been valuable;
- We have reached out to other groups to see if we can expand our presence.
- Helpful that we focused ourselves in advance, and kept chatting to a minimum. This focus helps in reaching out to people.
- Many people disenchanting with Adams, and in support of our vigil.

#### **Saturday, Oct 7, 8AM to 9:30 - clinic defense at Planned Parenthood meet at Old St. Pat's Prince & Mott St.**

- Meaningful, direct important action
- It is important to witness these Proud Boys in monks' robes at least once.

**Upcoming decarceration actions:** Contact Donna for further info on all these actions:  
[donnagould@earthlink.net](mailto:donnagould@earthlink.net)

#### **Thursday, Oct 5, 10AM End Solitary Rally at City Hall**

- Solitary confinement is torture and deadly.

- Goal: Pass Bill #549

**Monday, Oct 9, 3PM to 5 pm join RAPP in tabling at Staten Island Ferry Terminal**

- Canvas people in the district of Sen. Jessica Scarcella-Spanton. She has declared she is in support of the following bills.
- 1) Elder parole 15 years or more 55 or older
- 2) The Fairness Bill focuses on who people are now, not who they were many years ago.
- We need to send her the message that people want them passed.
- Read on bills on RAPP's website

**Join RAPP for a preview of the delegation on Thursday, October 5 at 7pm, EST/ 4pm, PST on Zoom here.**

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2B3xpl7b7EmRkzL4XI0fj3-8K1RGh6WC-R1eF0Osvt2aL9A/viewform>

- Two RAPP leaders will join UN Covenant in Geneva: Stanley Bellamy and Lisette (last name?)
- Stanley and Lisette, along with other advocates directly impacted by death-by-incarceration sentences, will testify to a United Nations International Human Rights Committee urging the Committee to recommend that the United States abolish all death by incarceration sentences, including life without parole and life with parole- where currently parole is nearly impossible to achieve. Learn more about the complaint submitted to the UN last year at <https://www.deathbyincarcerationistorture.com/>
- Stanley served over 35 years. He has been a mentor to many young men in prison, Developed programs to think about his previous thinking,
- CUNY Law School Second Look Project played a major role in his release.
- and will advocate end of all death by incarceration sentences. Jenny follow the innocence project.

**Wednesday, Oct 11, 1PM-2PM INVOKE the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment outside Trump Tower**

- Our Indict focus has shifted to Invoke the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- We will bring banners, flyers; our goal is to be informational.
- Another state, Michigan, joined the court case to Invoke.

**New action being planned - Trump Going Out of Business Sale at Trump Tower - date TBD**

- Julie and Rick have been working on this:
  - Going out of Business signs, fire sale. We need a trump character with a sandwich board.
    - Invite Mike Hisey.
- We will hold this action on a significant date, like the day there is a judgment.
- Important to do trial runs.
- We can start on 10/11 at Invoke action.
  - We need to put all the Invoke stuff away, and then bring out the Going Out of Business Stuff, in order to keep the messaging clear.
- We will aim to get press.

**RaR voted to approve \$400 for this action and the preview action.**

**Elections Committee will meet Weds October 4 at 5**

- To get on Elections list contact Livvie at [elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com)

## **Report Backs**

### **9/29 Say Their Names - rained out by the deluge - every Friday at 5PM 96th & Broadway**

- We will be back this Friday at 5pm.
- Police killings of Black and Brown people may be double previous estimates.
- The investigation of the murder of Fred Hampton is being re-opened. His is one of the names we read.

### **9/30 Drag Story Hour rained out. Library in Fort Hamilton was flooded.**

- There will be more Drag Story Hour events.
- They will be doing more libraries in Brooklyn. In the past the Brooklyn events have not been targeted, but they are now, including a recent bomb threat.
- Drag Story Hours are being limited in Manhattan because of the cost of security.
- The right wing Gays against Groomers is organizing.
- We don't know if the activists are in support of Drag Story Hour are organizing;
- We have new posters.
- These actions represent what is going on in the rest of the country.

### **10/2 Trump Civil Trial begins at 60 Centre St.**

- This has been on our radar for months. We thought trump would not be there b/c he was not required to.
- We chanted "trump lies all the time."
- Police insisted we go into a distant pen, but we started we had the right to be in sight of the courthouse
- Police said that it was a Frozen Area designated by the Secret Service; we asked for Secret Service, who were not there.
- Police said we have to get L-Rad (loudspeakers used to declare we would be arrested)
- We took to the streets for about 10 minutes, and chanted, and journalists flocked around us.
- We did several interviews. Jamie was interviewed for several minutes.
  - Tons of international press, including the front page of NY Times online. We got covered by al jazeera and The Times of Israel.
- Tish James' office indicated she was very heartened by our action.
- There were only 2 pro-trumpies. The empty pro-trump pen has been getting coverage.
- If feels good to take to the street, take a stand. Front of NYT online. Trump Lies all the Time
- Video of the action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbG3Lo8YuOo>
- <https://gothamist.com/news/trump-will-be-in-nyc-today-but-nypd-expects-little-impact-on-commuters>

### **10/2, 5PM Rikers Vigil at Times Square Subway Station.**

- Many, many positive conversations. People are organizing: moms against mass incarceration, flyers going like hotcakes.
- Spanned the spectrum from naive: "What is Rikers?" to people who have been there.

### **10/3 Fox Truth Tuesdays every Tuesday at 12noon at 47th & 6th Ave**

- Someone joined the action from a flyer in Zucotti Park
- Great messaging: interview with Heidi Cuda
- Julie will join them at the Happy Hour this Sunday.
- Here's the Heidi Cuda / Jim Stewartson interview - starts at about 35:00

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4OsHxqw3Sk>
- Greg Gutfeld won't walk through us, Jamie had a chat with him.

### ***Non-RaR announcements***

- Livvie: **Reform the court (Supreme Court) Meeting zoom Thursday 1 pm.** Contact Livvie if you are interested.
  - Being planned: Mini Halloween Parade from Speaker Jeffries to Schumer's home.
- **Interview with Joanna Smith**, the woman who painted Degas dancer discussing her motivation as an activist:  
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4da3AEs40RA00wG81Cc29D?si=BgjnsiKvSXu50da5alQxvQ>
- **Robert?: Jon and Jennifer are in Sharon, Ct. in a really good play.** Go see it if you can!
- **Jamie: Gays against Guns on Weds October 11 Sheridan Square. 6:30 or 7, the time is tentative.** Check their website.
- **Robert: NYCAN concert \$20 Japan Society. New Manhattan Project Nuclear Abolition. Monday 11/27.** Please come!
  - <https://nuclearnyc.com/index.html> This is the Nuclear Map
  - [https://www.icanw.org/new\\_manhattan\\_project\\_concert\\_for\\_nuclear\\_abolition#:~:text=The%20New%20Manhattan%20Project%3A%20A%20Concert%20for%20Nuclear%20Abolition%20November,States%20Contact%20person%3A%20Robert%20Croonquist](https://www.icanw.org/new_manhattan_project_concert_for_nuclear_abolition#:~:text=The%20New%20Manhattan%20Project%3A%20A%20Concert%20for%20Nuclear%20Abolition%20November,States%20Contact%20person%3A%20Robert%20Croonquist) This is the invite to the concert.
- Stu came from **Local Law 97 meeting: Green New Deal for Buildings**,
  - Direct action and testimony is being planned.

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