

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.4.2022

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Facilitators: Jamie and Jay **Notes:** Alex

Good News!

- Robert and SFJ did teach ins with young people and will have several more.
- A Russian journalist opposing Russian attack on Ukraine fled house arrests
- Iranian women protesting in the streets very powerful
- Justice Jackson on the Supreme Court was active in all arguments around the voting rights act on her first day.
 - o “I don’t think that the drafters of the [Voting Rights] Act intended that it should function this way [as the defendant State of Alabama asserts]”
 - o — Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson

Upcoming Actions

10/6 Thursday 5PM Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal

Jamie: We will have all regular signs, and signs about De Santis; we have not figured out how to respond to Mayor Adams.

- The Blocks where tents have been set up at Orchard Beach have been flooded out.
- Asylum seekers have been moved to Randall’s Island – very problematic and inaccessible. Activists have talked about how inappropriate his response is.
- To be discussed at Actions.

Monthly INDICT scheduled for Wed Oct 12 at 1PM at Trump Tower –

May change due to Jan 6 hearing schedules.

Jamie: date changed first b/c Yom Kippur. We would like to go out the morning after the Hearing.

- Will discuss in Actions.
- We may have reactions to Trump’s petition to have items thrown out.
- There will be no Facebook event.

Bill Barr event on October 18 at 5:15 for 6 pm event at WNRC 3 West 51St.

Jamie: Julie and Rick created a 3 foot book: **My Life as a Fascist tool.**

- Important to hold him accountable
- There will be a call and response to his crimes.
- Birddogging of Barr.
- Selling books for the XMAS season.

Womens' March/Abortion Rights October 8 in DC and NYC Event in Foley Square at noon

- Sign up link for busses to DC:
<https://act.womensmarch.com/signup/2022march-october8-dc/>
- For anyone in DC or who knows someone in DC, there are protests at justice's houses after the women's march. The schedule is in the graphic.

Alexandra discussed the role of Russian trolls who helped undermine the Women's March movement.

- Huge marches were a threat to Trump
- Bots used existing divisions in the country – focused especially on isolating Muslim/Palestinian leader Linda Sansour.
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/18/us/womens-march-russia-trump.html>
- Discussion: American involvement in disinformation, echoes of FBI infiltration into the Civil Rights movement
- Timing is very difficult because activists are working on elections.
- How do we keep from having that happen at Rise and Resist; how do we tell if that is happening? The broad middle is most vulnerable.

Discussion on stopping disinformation - fighting back against stolen election claims in 2022 midterms (esp. Fox).

- Jamie opened the discussion.
- Truth Tuesdays is in contact with DDAD Defenders of Democracy Against Disinformation, which focuses on how to fight disinformation.
- Fox will claim election fraud. How do we prepare ahead of time?
- Disinformation campaign is likely to start several weeks before the election.
- We have some signage available. We need ideas for signage.
 - Contact Julie at julie.delaurier@gmail.com with ideas.
- Discussion about going after DeSantis later, and dealing with midterms now.
- We need to find ways that elections are invalidated or discredited.
- Talk about Voter suppression in states like Georgia and Florida. Small elections are important and voters need to vote in them.
- Let people in FL, SC, NC that they need to check on their registrations and vote.
- Remind our friends to be poll workers.
 - Threats on election sites. Be aware that it is dangerous.
 - Poll watchers should work in twos.
- This is in the history of voter suppression in the US since its inception.
- Important article:
<https://www.vox.com/the-big-idea/2017/2/21/14664568/lose-constitutional-democracy-autocracy-trump-authoritarian>

This 9/30/22 sobering NY Times article reports on the decline of peaceful uprisings succeeding in recent years. It points to a weakness in social media-only organizing. "Social media, which enables protests to organize and gather in once-unthinkable numbers, often with little or no formal leadership, may also paradoxically undermine those movements, according to a theory advanced by Zeynep Tufekci, a Columbia University sociologist." In earlier eras, activists might spend months or years building the organizational structures and real-world ties necessary to

launch a mass protest. This also made movements durable, instilling discipline and chains of command...”

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/30/world/middleeast/iran-protests-haiti-russia-china.html>
- To be plotted out in Actions

Report Backs

9/28 Decarceration - hearings at New York City Council and support rally to Halt Solitary confinement.

Jamie:

- Outside City Hall, Corrections Officers were holding a rally on the steps of City Hall. They want to keep solitary confinement.
- The Halt Solitary people tried to hold their press conference and the Corrections Officers disrupted and were aggressive and disrespectful.
- Many of the Halt Solitary folks were parents of people who had committed suicide.
- Wendy W. Overflow, large number of people. Wendy waited an hour to speak and was not able to get in.

Donna:

- Adrienne Adams, Speaker of the City Council formerly opposed to ending Solitary, Carlina Rivera, Jumaane Williams all spoke.
- Followed by people who had signed up: parents, people who had been in solitary.
- Followed by the Union: African American female guards who had been attacked by prisoners. Powerful.
- Lewis Molina, Head Dept of Corrections claimed he was opposed to solitary and then insisted there is no solitary there. Disgusting.
- The outcome cannot be predicted at this point. The bill may be rewritten in some ways.

Request for \$300 for a banner.

- Donna contacted Freedom Agenda and a meeting was held with their members.
- Cerita and Marques would like us to amplify their action.
- Possible message: RIKERS IS A DEATH SENTENCE.

RaR voted to endorse the creation of a banner for \$300.

9/29 Thurs 10AM - INDICT action at Trump Tower with Crime Scene Tape

Donna, Robert.

- Crime scene tape was very effective, banners faced the street and the crowds on the street were very positive and enjoyed the audacity of the action. So many thumbs up, and so many photos.
- Picked up by the press.
- No counter-protesters.
- Tee shirt made by Robert Ayers and Laurie Arbeiter read: ARREST TRUMP and can be purchased
 - <https://www.teepublic.com/user/signsofresistance>
 - <https://wewillnotbesilent.net>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/signsRA/>
 - <https://www.teepublic.com/t-shirt/3003941-arrest-trump-ghost-version>
- CRIME SCENE tape should be taken to Republican Headquarters and other key locations; all Republican candidates and incumbents are complicit.

10/1 Saturday 8AM action at Old Saint Pats with NYC For Abortion Rights

Jamie:

- Be soggy, not sorry event. Cold and wet.
- Protesters there to interfere with people trying to seek abortions.
- Pro-choice protestors had the goal of making a ruckus and slow down the procession. They managed to prevent the procession, which rarely happens.
- But “pro-life” folks managed to get to Planned Parenthood; some of the friars looked like Proud Boys.
- Incidents of concern: Young white cis gender male anarchist types prevented people from getting into church, blocking elderly parishioners.
 - Wendy B is actively following up re the young anarchist types.
- Actions are on the first Saturday of every month
 - **Next action Saturday Nov 5**

10/2 Sunday Disability Pride March canceled due to rain

- Good call.

ELECTIONS UPDATES

Livvie:

- We must protect the House.
- **Elections is meeting tomorrow, Weds 10/5 at 2:30**
- We were scheduled to go out for Max Rose; rain, so we pivoted to phone bank

10/5 Malliotakis will be at Dorrian’s Red Hand for a fundraiser. 1616 2nd Ave.

- Meet at NE corner of 84 & 2nd at 5:30
- Contact Livvie 646-831-6422

Event tomorrow 10/5: Max Rose will be on zoom at 6:30 followed by short phone bank.

- Max Rose Appearance & Phonebanking Zoom
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/buses-to-defend-democracy-oct-8-tickets-416397745867?aff=vb1>

We will go out to Bay Ridge on the next nice day.

Generation Vote: young people are birddogging at 5:30 tomorrow, 10/5

Buses are running out to NJ and PA this weekend. You can canvas gubernatorial, senatorial, and congressional race.

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Bridget Fleming Campaign in Suffolk County.

- Cherie, Paul, Livvie: Small learning curve and phone banking was easy and useful for cleaning up lists.

There will be high demand for election work for the 4 days preceding the election.

Postcarding

- We are trying to get together a **mini post carding group of our own focusing on repro rights**
- Cherie: **Janet Rose is distributing Reclaim Our Vote postcards. Betsy Malcolm has hundreds at her apartment.**

10/4 Tuesday 8:30AM Bannon hearing/appearance at 100 Centre St.

Jenny/Karin:

- It was very wet; there were 7 of us with our GREASY GRIFTER signs. Great presence.

- https://www.gazettetimes.com/news/trump-ally-steve-bannon-in-court-for-hearing/video_2a0b22dc-1a26-5290-a951-6e174e8028aa.html

Robert showed photos.

10/4 Fox Truth Tuesdays protesting Rupert Murdoch

- VERY wet; excellent group of activists present.

10/12 Monthly INDICT at Trump Tower (note date change)

Non-RaR announcements

Company called Holtec, Camden NJ, harvesting nuclear waste to bury it; stay alert

Friday 10/7 is 21st anniversary of the invasion of Afghanistan. Vigil will be held Sat 10/8 at Noon Union Square

Eric Botcher message about homelessness

Dear Friends:

Our country is in the midst of the worst homelessness crisis since the Great Depression. New Yorkers want to know why this is happening and what's being done about it.

On the evening of Monday, October 17, we will delve into these questions, and more, at a virtual event with a panel of experts on homelessness in New York City.

Here are the details:

The panel will take place on **Zoom on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 pm.**

Please register at bit.ly/bottcherpanel

I hope to see you there to discuss this very important issue.

In service,

Erik Bottcher

New York City Council Member

District 3

Wendy B: Yo keep track of non Rise and Resist actions, subscribe to my weekly action email!

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=b0ff5ba7f2c72c38a9df9e0e5&id=b4e3b6c230>

Poor People's Campaign event 10/14-16

- Options for in person or online, lodging also avail. tickets seem to be extended for abt a day or/and if interested contact Kat at katcorbel19@gmail.com
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nys-poor-peoples-campaign-peoples-assembly-registration-400968907797>
- Rides available from closest stations

Mike D: For anyone interested in strike solidarity and organizing unions, DSA Labor is having a call with labor reps from John Deere, Nabisco, UPS, UAW, Starbucks and more. Sunday October 16 at 6:30 pm

https://actionnetwork.org/events/dsa-labor-striketober-anniversary-event/?link_id=2&can_id=47da7335f328d777d36e329dfab3013&source=email-striketober-is-herejoin-our&email_referrer=email_1689566&email_subject=-striketober-is-here-rsvp-for-our-upcoming-call

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