

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.15.2022

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GOOD NEWS!

- Lots of good election news, especially in the Senate (Kelly, Cortez Masto, Fetterman etc.). Congrats to all who postcarded, canvassed, phone banked, and voted.
- A judge in DC said that Title 42 exclusions are illegal. And if Biden appeals, he will allow no stay.
- MA passed a wealth tax after 4 tries. 4% increase for millionaires.
- Judge struck down GA's 6 week abortion ban.
- Judge said Flynn must testify in Fulton County Ga. grand jury about election Jan. 6 etc.

Donate to RaR: Please give if you are able--we'd appreciate it.

<https://www.riseandresist.org/donate/>

Finance report: We have \$12,950 in our Treasury

Upcoming Actions

Immigration Vigil Thursday, Nov 17, at 5PM at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal

- It will be cold and dark. We will evaluate where next.
- Title 42 overturn may mean that more asylum seekers may come to NYC.

Rikers Vigil Monday, Nov 21, at 5PM in the Times Square Subway Station (paid zone) near the Times Square Shuttle.

Donna:

- 1) Communities Not Cages Weds 11/16/22 focusing on sentencing laws. Edgecombe Prison 611 Edgecombe Ave. at 163rd St. stop, C Line
- 2) Thurs Nov. 17 Close Rikers Now 1:30 at Foley Sq. Rally and March Org by
- 3) Thurs Nov. 17 6 pm Clemency Actions org. by RAPP at Hochul's office at 633 3rd Ave. at 41st St.

- 4) Monday Nov. 21 at noon Action to Decarcerate and Halt Solitary 125 Worth St.
Organized by Halt, Freedom Agenda, Vocal
- 5) Monday Nov. 21 at 6 pm. Statewide rally, state prison issues at Hochul's office
- 6) RAR Vigil Monday November 21 5PM in the Times Square Subway Station. Near the Shuttle Platform on the concourse between the Shuttle and the #1, #2, and #3 trains.
 - Check with Jamie if you need more information: @ bauwau2u@gmail.com
 - These groups are trying to do actions prior to the legislative session. These groups do not always coordinate well.
 - We will use RIKERS IS A DEATH SENTENCE banner.

Upcoming Wall St. Christmas Tree Lighting on Weds 11/30, in progress.

- We are working on timing.
- We are waiting on E. Jean Carroll defamation case against Trump.

NY Young Republican Club honors Marjorie Taylor Greene (also Rudy Giuliani, Roger Stone, Jack Posobiec, Peter Navarro 6:30 December 10.

- Jamie: It is important for us to be there.
- We will work to not be too antagonistic.
- We will work on the action in Actions.

Election Discussions/Wrap Up

Part 1 - Discussion about the national outcome - good, bad, and ugly.

- Some felt encouraged about young people's turnout.
- First Gen Z candidate made it into Congress.
 - We need to encourage them and understand their issues better.
- Some were discouraged that we did not hold the House.
- PA was a big win up and down the ticket.
- We will not have a referendum on abortion because we are holding the Senate.
- People in Europe are heartened for us, breathing a sigh of relief.
- Hope that Garland will finally indict.
- Jacobin article: good article on the importance of Democrats addressing the needs of multiracial working class voters as concerns the successful election results.
<https://jacobin.com/2022/11/krystal-ball-midterms-2022-rust-belt-john-fetterman-democratic-party>
- Fetterman's win is important: Biden is moving away from neo-liberal austerity.
- Student debt, climate, and union organizing are key issues that are drawing young people
- It does not look that great in the US: Ohio, Wisconsin, Missouri were either blue or swing states, and have turned red.
- Lessons:
 - We cannot listen to the polls and the media; media engaged in malpractice. Tune it out.
 - Races are getting tougher and tougher. The swing is tiny.
 - Dem. messaging needs to be much better.

- What would it be like if we had no gerrymanders?
- Mis-information that people are getting that they are voting on is terrible.
- A young RaR member spoke: Many young people did not vote, which was difficult. Pleasantly surprised about overall results.
- <https://www.npr.org/2022/11/10/1135865119/latino-voters-have-largely-supported-democrats-but-the-support-is-on-the-decline>
 - When Dems focused on working class issues, they drew Latino voters in PA, AZ.
- So many people at RaR blew out of their comfort zones, and the effort they put in was tremendous.

What you can do to help Warnock hold his Senate seat in GA:

- <https://bit.ly/3vthP0Y> postcards
- Georgia Votes Phone & Text Banking: <https://www.mobilize.us/warnockforgeorgia/>
- Fair Fight Phone & Text Banking: <https://www.mobilize.us/fairfight/>

Part 2 - Discussion about what happened in New York State, and the move to hold Jay Jacobs and the old Cuomo Democratic Party infrastructure responsible for it.

- Repugs pray on people's fears.
- They play upon people's resentments.
- State Dem leadership crushed the Working Families Party, kneecapped a Dem primary winner to get their people in.
- Jay Jacobs head of the State Committee. His corruption and the corruption of the State Committee is publicly exposed at national level.
 - There may be a shake-up at the State level.
 - Jay Jacobs has to go, structure of State Committee
- Messaging: Dems pass bail reform and their support is tepid.
 - John Oliver did an excellent critique of the demagoguery around bail reform (10/30/22). Good evidence and arguments. <https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2022/oct/31/john-oliver-us-bail-system>
- Repugs work on fear. Dems have to develop a message to talk about it.
 - "STOP EXPLOITING FEAR."
- Zeldin is very much a danger; very energetic on twitter.
- Hochul's lackluster campaign is a problem, and she has a corruption problem.
- Mayor Adams Republican playbook; he is a big problem.
 - We must critique everything he has done, argue against his use of violence, his BS about bail support.
- Christina Gonzalez made it b/c of young people's support.
- Robert: NY Dems office near the Stock Exchange. Should we do a Clean House action on their own turf?
- Livvie: A web has been developing WFP, Indivisibles, DSA. This network has provided an alternative to State Committee
- Livvie: Regarding RaR's commitment to the Max Rose/Malliotokis campaign
 - We had a lot of conversations, we stayed with it. We were combatting MAGA where it raises its ugly head.
 - We have made alliances with a lot of new groups in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

- RaR members thanked Livvie for her tremendous work on Elections, and thanked the Elections Committee.
- Joan Walsh on NY dems.
<https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/new-york-democrats-congress/>
- Here's who the NY Dems are: <https://www.nydems.org/about/leadership>

Report Backs

Fri 11/11 Say Their Names canceled due to rain - every Friday at 4:30pm at 96th/Broadway

- We will be inaugurating new WHITE SUPREMACY IS TERRORISM banner.

Bannon 11/14 action canceled by Met Repug Club TBD

Tuesday 11/15 Trump Tower action in response to Trump announcing he is running in 2024.

- Some discussion about his running again.
- Powerful, effective action. Security at Trump Tower was almost nil.
- Mike Hisey wore his trump costume.
- We went up and down the escalators.
- We acted with all the joy we could muster.
- Trump Tower officials cranked up the music: Lie lie lie Lie. (Simon and Garfunkel)
- They kept trying to corral us, and we did what we wanted to do.
- Great engagement with folks on the street, people wanted to do selfies.
- Ed Quinn video of action:
https://www.instagram.com/reel/Ck_8DR-gRLS/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY%3D
- MAGA protesters: Trump or Death video: Trump or Death video:
<https://twitter.com/ScooterCasterNY/status/1592628056883367936?s=20&t=nhBFpuz84GtZN4FNRNZ2rQ>

Tuesday 11/15 Truth Tuesday at FOX "News" every Tuesday at 12 noon

- Julie: This has been a hard few months. Lots of violent bluster, anti-democratic ideas
- This was a good day; we were in a good mood
- Mike Hisey joined us.
- Back to back demos slipped into each other which was great.
- Repugs may have resentment, we can have schadenfreude.

Non-RaR announcements

Kat Corbell: Two programs supported by Adams. NYPD are working with school nurses. At 207th, many NYPD at the station. Allegedly protecting the public. everywhere.

- We have to work with the Port Authority to assist unhoused people.
- Thursdays: lawyers have set up a citywide program.
- Wed: Allie McGuire fund at Penn station. Provides clothing, shoes.
- Efforts to coordinate organizations.

- 11/16 at 12:30 award to Kat Corbell via DSS
- 60-70 people being fed has gone up to 400-500

Livvie: NyRenews will launch their Climate, Jobs, and Justice campaign tomorrow at 5 at Union Square.

- Sign up here:
https://actionnetwork.org/event_campaigns/public-campaign-launch-for-climate-justice-in-new-york-state?source=direct_link&

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