

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.30.2021

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**Facilitators:** Jamie and Jennifer    **Notes:** Alexandra

### Good News:

- McMichaels, father and son, and Bryan convicted of murder. Highly competent prosecutor, Linda Dunikoski, selected after prosecutor with conflict of interest removed.
- Two safe injection sites have been opened in Manhattan: East Harlem and Washington Heights. 100,000 people died of drug overdoses last year. This is a significant public health step.

### **Upcoming/New Actions: (Tell us What/Where/When)**

#### **WED 12/1 at 3pm Immigration demo - Wall St. Tree Lighting**

Jamie: Two years ago we arrayed ourselves on the steps of Federal Hall. B/C of lots of scaffolding we will look for the best site. We will have Jesus Mary and Joseph and the sheep and donkey and “A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP FOR ALL” banner. We are hoping for traction with the crowd.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1934988473346280>

#### **THURS 12/9 at 5pm - Next immigration action @Grand Central**

Jamie: We will use these same props for our action on 12/9. (The Free Julian Assange people will not be there, so that will be easier.) We will have to figure out how to hold the space given that the police behaved more aggressively recently at the Oculus.

The requirement is that one must be masked in Grand Central, so we will be, even though many travelers will not be.

**WED 12/1 Trip to DC for Mississippi abortion case/rally and march (Karin, Sandy, Cherie and Kim are going)**

Jennifer: Many organizations are going, and our 4 members will be representing RaR and a range of other groups.

**FRI 12/3 Say Their Names @ 96th & Broadway 4:30pm**

Jenny: It now runs from 4:30 to 5:45, and will take place if the weather holds.

**SAT 12/4 ARRIVE 6pm (event starts at 7pm) – NY Young Republicans Club Gala - location TBD**

Jamie: Jamie is pretty sure they will figure out the location.

We had a good Actions meeting about how we want to conduct ourselves in the face of truly heinous people like Rudy Giuliani and Jenna Ellis and Gossar. Boebert and Gaetz dropped out. We will call this for what it is: A center of insurrection.

Various excellent signs were shown.

We will do it differently without calling shame, shame, shame. And we will see what the impact of our signs will be.

Discussion: Chants? No. The goal is for us to embody the signs and the seriousness of what we are talking about.

Kellen: No one should leave alone for safety reasons.

**TUES 12/7 Fox Noon – note new time (two for one – Fox and then Climate)**

George: We have STOP SELLING RACIST LIES and STOP HURTING AMERICA banners and one other. Flyer copy will hang responsibility for racism on this white supremacist network.

This focus has changed the tenor of the gathering, which is more sober. We take up a lot of space with 3 to 4 banners.

We will parade over to Radio City Music Hall after the event.

There was discussion of the possibility of a XMAS tree that looks like a Klan Hat

**TUES 12/7 AIG: Stop Insuring Coal/Climate action - 1pm @Time-Life Building 1271 6th Ave.**

Jonathan: Big action, going to be a lot of fun, lots of coalition groups.

Alexandra : AIG insures fossil fuel extraction. Without insurance such construction cannot go forward, including oil spills and desecration of indigenous lands.

**TUES 12/7 Teach-in with Bill Ferns at RAR meeting (Chinese American Planning Council) “No More 24” (home healthcare workers) Action on Thursday Dec. 16, 11 am.**

Alexandra: Bill will be talking about the No More 24 Campaign and Thursday December 16 action in which home health care workers, many of whom are Asian are paid for 13 hours, when they do 24 hour shifts. NGOs and other “philanthropic organizations” are promoting these conditions for the workers they hire.

There are also pickets several days a week.

## **FRI 12/10 Decarceration day of action 100 Center Street 6-8**

Jenny: Join us on International Human Rights Day to call for Decarceration  
It will be a day of action at courthouses across the City.

The humanitarian crisis on Rikers Island has already claimed fourteen lives this year, and people in NYC jails continue to be denied food, recreation, medical care, and even transport to their court dates. But last week, judges and DAs sent 249 more people into these deadly conditions.

Judges and District Attorneys must stop sending people into jails that violate their human rights, and must consent to the release of people currently held there. Join us to bring these demands to courthouses throughout the City.

In collaboration with CourtWatchNYC, we are looking to recruit up to 3 people who will observe arraignments in each borough, just before the demonstrations. Can you sign up for a shift?

**There is a virtual training Tues Dec 7 at 6PM for new court watchers.**

**Here is the link to sign up for court watching trainings:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciSpl-bF24ZIEYSXOGHImueDy0J4PSatYyh9SaFCRTHLpLhQ/viewform>

Bronx Hall of Justice - 265 East 161st Street - 9AM - 10AM court watching

Queens Criminal Court - 125-01 Queens Boulevard - 11AM - 12PM court watching

Brooklyn Criminal Court - 120 Schermerhorn Street - 12PM - 1PM court watching (this session is 12-1 rather than 1-2 because of the court's lunch break)

### ***Report Backs:***

#### **MON 11/22 Elevator Action Group Schumer press conference**

Jennifer: This was a last minute ask. Schumer was doing a press conference at Broadway Junction in Brooklyn, one of the biggest stations in the system, very busy where he promised accessibility.

We were cheering the federal funds that will go directly to accessibility needs in the MTA - But we are also pointing out that the MTA is like a sieve. \$ goes towards elevators, but they keep paying high priced lawyers to fight accessibility in court.

<https://www.brooklynpaper.com/broadway-junction-ada-accessibility/>

#### **Hochul meeting rescheduled to tomorrow, 12/1**

Jennifer: We were supposed to meet with Gov. Hochul's team who got right back to us. We will report back next week.

#### **FRI 11/26 Say Their Names was cancelled b/c weather.**

### **SAT 11/27 action at Schumer's, led by INBK**

Jennifer speaking on behalf of Sandy who is in DC: Small sweet action. Pots and pans set aside b/c Schumer's 98 yo father had died.

Hopefully the Senate will pass BBB. Manchin is now convinced that bipartisan action is not working.

Instead of using the term filibuster, which trigger Manchin and Sinema, they are now talking about "reactivating the Senate." The Administration is getting involved. Everyone is well aware of the electoral consequences should this not pass. They know that they have to do something about the filibuster; the question is what?

Discussion of gerrymandering: The justice Dept would have to take them to court, though there was a provision in the bill that could undo gerrymandered districts retroactively.

Bill: FYI: The only pro Kavanaugh Democratic voter was Manchin.

### **TUES 11/30 Fox plus upcoming Fox (Tues. Dec. 7 @noon - new time)**

George: We used three banners including STOP HURTING AMERICA, STOP SELLING RACIST LIES, We made use of the Christmas tree. The banners took up the space, and we got some very positive reactions from passers by.

Morning hosts were hanging out on a double decker bus. We jumped onto a parapet and waved the RACIST LIES banner and we got some notice.

### **TUES 11/30 Vaccine Access; End vaccine Apartheid - 5:15pm Times Square**

Mark: we picked up on media reporting on the new viral variant. Twice as many people as expected came – approximately 50 – several MD's in white coats. Drawback was loud construction across the street. We chose the south end of Duffy Square to get better photos.

Stu: Very moving action. excellent speakers. One was an MD quarantined for Ebola, Two themes: Until everybody is safe, nobody is safe. The other is the moral issue: black and brown people are not getting vaccinated. Activists presented signs counting the numbers of deaths in various countries and the fact that as few as 8% of their populations are vaccinated. An MD took down Biden, saying that he had taken no real action. Not just a health issue; it is a colonialist issue.

Biden says that South Africa turned down vaccines. The story is much more complicated.

South Africa had done a great deal to track the virus. SA was told they could not come to Y the international meeting. Then case ID'd in Belgium, which meant no EU people could go.

Switzerland cancelled the whole meeting. It was highly racist.

Kellen: shared the action in their class, which maybe brought someone.

Here are links for this action to boost:

<https://twitter.com/riseandresistny/status/1465818138981900288?s=21>

<https://www.facebook.com/1157327011055789/posts/4473887119399745/?d=n>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CW7Em2RsQv2/>