

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.22.2022

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting [click here](#)
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**Facilitators:** Jay and Karin **Notes:** Wendy

### Links shared before the meeting:

- [Indivisible Activate NYC weekly action newsletter](#).
- [GoFundMe for victims of Club Q, Colorado Springs, shooting](#).

### GOOD NEWS

- The Supreme Court says Congress has the right to see Trump's tax returns.
- Katie "White Board" Porter was re-elected in California.
- NYC district attorney Alvin Bragg will re-examine Trump's role in hush-money payment to Stormy Daniels.
- South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham appeared before a Georgia grand jury investigating efforts to overturn the 2020 election.
- Former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson also testified in Georgia.
- Though people were initially doubtful, there's new positivity around the appointment of special counsel Jack Smith to oversee criminal investigations into Trump. He's seen as protecting Congress from charges of political interference.
- Housing Works got a license to sell marijuana (however, they're still union busters.)

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

#### Cancellations

- The Wall Street Christmas-tree-lighting action is off because the area is blocked by scaffolding.
- E. Jean Carroll isn't having a press conference when she files her new lawsuit against Trump this week.

**New York Times Dealbook Event, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 12 PM - 1 PM, 60th and Broadway**

- The theme is “Shame on the New York Times’ for inviting fear-mongers, war criminals, fossil-fuel funders, Eric Adams, and other objectionable people to its all-day conference.
- Signs have been designed.
- The venue is Jazz at Lincoln Center at what was called the Time Warner building.

### **NY Young Republican Club Gala, Saturday, Dec. 10, 6:15 PM**

- Majorie Taylor Greene is an honoree, and Roger Stone and Rudy Giuliani will be attending.
- We’re still working out what angle to take, with the 14th Amendment a likely contender.
- The event begins at 7 PM, we’ll get there earlier. Venue still to be announced.

### **Sundays in December on 5th Avenue**

- Fifth Avenue will be closed to traffic and open to pedestrians only between 48th and 57th streets from noon to 6 PM on December 4, 11, and 18. We should consider actions to take advantage of the foot traffic.
- Walking protests are suggested, because police can’t complain if we’re walking in the crowd.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Election Committee**

- Meeting with Yuh-Line Niou about ways to go after NYS Democratic Party chair Jay Jacobs for colossal failure in getting Dems to win congressional seats in New York. The target would be Hochul. It’s a work in progress.

### **Healthcare Committee**

- Co-sponsoring an “End Vaccine Apartheid” coalition action for World AIDS Day on Thursday, Dec. 1. The event is in DC, and it will be livestreamed.
- [Biden and Congress must end colliding pandemic nightmares](#)
- [Sign-up form](#).

### **Finance Committee**

- Giving Tuesday is Nov. 29. [It’s a good time to give to Rise and Resist](#).
- Susan says we have about \$12K now. People are invited to join the next Finance Committee meeting on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 9 AM.

## **DISCUSSION: SPECIAL COUNSEL JACK SMITH**

- Rick: Initial reaction was negative because he was concerned that it would restart the process. Because that’s not the case, he thinks it’s good that it prevents the Republican-majority House from meddling.
- Jay: Smith has been in the Hague for a significant amount of time so he hasn’t been tied to anything here and he can’t be accused of having involvement.

- Jamie: Merrick Garland's efforts have been underwhelming, so taking it out of his hands is a good thing. Some of the people they'll be indicting are probably sitting members of congress so you do need a special prosecutor for that.
- Bill agrees with the above. Smith has a reputation as a person of action, who isn't intimidated or bureaucratic. He'll be better than Garland.

## **DISCUSSION: 14TH AMENDMENT MESSAGING**

- Rick: Actions has talked about a new banner and using illuminated trucks for a day.
  - Hoylman seems eager to keep Trump off the ballot, they can circle back with him.
  - Free Speech for People has letters to election officials of each state from last year. Rick reached out and they will have someone get back to him on the specific 14th amendment issue.
  - He points out you don't have to be found guilty of anything to be kept off the ballot and the decision is in the hands of a few officials who can be pressured. He's doing more research.
- Jay: The one good thing about Trump's reinstatement on Twitter was that his Jan 6 tweets reappeared. Jay screencapped them before they were deleted.
- Ray: Notes that the wording of the amendment is vague and there's no case law. noticed that the tweets were gone.
- Rick: Vague is weird but not necessarily bad and the lack of precedent could be a positive as it leaves things open to modern interpretation.
- Conversation will continue in Actions Committee, which is not meeting this holiday week.

## **REPORT BACKS**

### **Wednesday, Nov.16, Arrest Trump on the BQE**

- Rick and Jonathan took the electric orange ARREST TRUMP letters to a pedestrian bridge over the BQE and took great photos both before and after sunset.
- Saw a few middle fingers but got lots of honks from the traffic below.
- Passersby on the bridge were thrilled, with one being disappointed that the letters were being taken down.

### **Thursday, Nov. 17, Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal**

- Last vigil at that location until spring, due to early darkness.
- Small group that held posters instead of banners.

- A lot of people wanted photos of themselves with the posters.
- No photos.
- Jenny noted that it showed how powerful very few people could be.

### **Friday, Nov. 18, Say Their Names at 96th and Broadway**

- The new “White Supremacy Is Terrorism” banner held up well in the wind.
- Typical reactions of rage from some and appreciation from others.
- Photos were shared.

### **Monday, Nov. 21, Rikers Vigil in Times Square Subway Station**

- 18 people participated at 5 PM vigil. Everyone liked the posters, energy, the space, and the reactions. A lot of fliers were handed out. Cops didn’t express concerns about rush hour traffic till we were packing up at 6 PM.
- For next time, we will add more action items to fliers and translate them into Spanish. Everyone is welcome to join Donna’s committee to work on planning the next one.
- Interest in using the space (between the 1 train and shuttle) for other actions.
- Photos were shared.
- Donna gave update on Rikers issues:
  - Judge refused requests by detainees to approve a receivership for Rikers and gave Corrections Dept. until April to develop a plan to improve Rikers. Meanwhile it continues to be terrible.
  - Judge also allowed an independent court monitor’s report on Rikers to be kept confidential.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 22, Truth Tuesdays at FOX “News”**

- New signs with holiday messaging about healing America debuted.
- Lots of tourists in town. Mixed reviews as to whether there were more nasty comments than usual.
- Jenny was struck by the number of people who posed for photos with the banner.
- Vince was handing out fliers for the first time and got a lot of remarks about CNN, but handed out a lot of fliers and enjoyed it.
- Photos were shared.

## **NON-RAR ACTIONS**

### **Sunday, Nov. 20, Gays Against Guns Vigil**

- Previously planned Trans Day of Remembrance vigil at Stonewall – with Human Beings and a tribute installation inside – was expanded to include the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs the night before.
- Big turnout due to the Colorado tragedy. Hoylman and Tom Duane spoke, media was there, and local news aired it.

- In response to a question, Jay explained Tigger (Jim Ferguson) was the originator of the Human Beings concept.
- Also shared: a video of Karin's AR-15 fatality list in chalk.
- And [Jay is in a play!](#)

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