

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 12.13.2022

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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:** Jennifer and Paul **Notes:** Alex

### **ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be no General Meeting on Tuesday, December 27.**

- We can contact ERT as needed, and the Actions Committee will meet anyway on December 28.

**Please donate to Rise and Resist:** <https://www.riseandresist.org/donate>

### Good News!

- Warnock wins over Walker - Democrats control Senate despite Sinema's "independence".
  - Brings subpoena power to Senate
- Trump Corp. found guilty on all 17 counts in Criminal Court NY
- Pres Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act
  - Gave a shout out to Edie Windsor
- Jack Smith subpoenaed a bunch of Trump cronies
- Michael Flynn forced to testify in Atlanta.
- GAG and Humans featured prominently in DC where Biden and Pelosi were present.

### Upcoming Actions

#### **Rikers Vigil Thursday Dec 15 at 5PM in Times Sq. Subway Station near Shuttle**

- Donna: This will be our second RaR led vigil.
- **19 human beings have died on Rikers so far this year.** They died from drug overdoses, medical neglect, and suicidal despair. Rikers Island is a crime scene.
- **1,000 people locked up on Rikers have a serious mental illness.** We spend over half a million dollars a year keeping each of them on Rikers. The money could be far better spent outside prison, treating their illness instead of punishing them for it.
- **90% percent of those locked up on Rikers have not been convicted of a crime.** Innocent until proven guilty, they wait for justice, many for more than a year.
- **The total annual cost to operate Rikers is more like \$2.7 billion** when you take into account pension fund contributions and benefits for the guards.

- **There are proven, positive alternatives** for those convicted of minor crimes and sentenced to less than a year, such as work release programs.
- **No person should be abandoned in the violence and despair of Rikers.** Its continued existence is our failure and our shame. It's up to us to change it.
- **Contact the Mayor's office by calling 311 today. Demand he take immediate steps to speed up the plan to Close Rikers Island and to reduce incarceration overall.** [bit.ly/rikers-humanrights](http://bit.ly/rikers-humanrights)

**Fifth Avenue For All Sunday Dec 18; Meet at 12:15 58th St./5th Ave. (Fountain in front of the Plaza Hotel) - Mary and Joseph were Seeking Asylum- Immigration Action**

- Jamie: Something new. We will do a procession from 58<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to St. Pat's
- We want to be there right after Mass at St Pat's ends
- Ray: Joseph, Virginia: Virgin Mary

**RaR endorsed this action**

**Trump Lights will be rescheduled!**

- Jamie: We hoped to be in front of Trump Tower but the weather was lousy, and we will decide at Actions Committee on the date and location.

**Saturday December 31 4pm Climate Action Grand Central Station**

- Stu: Banner 2023 RESOLUTION: FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE
- We will have flyers with issues and who to contact.
- Time is wasting and we can still do something.
- Coalition groups: Part PEP rally

**RaR endorsed this action**

**January 6th proposed action at NYPL steps (similar to last year's action) at 1 PM**

- Rick: INDICT and ARREST banners.
- Rick and Johnathan have been working on this idea: Do we want to rent a truck (approximately \$1200 for ten hours)
  - Could park in front of Trump Tower, Times Square, Public Library Steps
  - Some version of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Insurrection and coup plotters, demand that justice be done.
  - Working with Mary on professional graphics
- Discussion
  - Not sure yet whether they are available that day.
  - Good to get competitive bids.
  - Invite Sandy Bachon and think about using this as a fundraiser
  - Great visual draw
  - We have approached various videographers to make a video of this event
  - On trucks: we get footage of 1/6, names of insurrectionists,
  - Jackie: someone might be able to fund it. Asked specifics.
  - Kat: may have connections to thin trucks
  - Would Sandy Bachon be willing to donate some of her footage.

**RaR endorsed this action**

**Anniversary of Anti-Nuclear Treaty. The Roses to Missions Project action: January 20th, starting at 12 Noon at the New York Public Library steps on 5th Avenue and 41st Street and ending at the U.S. Mission on 1st Avenue and 45th Street.**

- Robert: actions during week of January 16, 2023

- Involving NY Peace action, Manhattan project, War Resisters League and others
  - Delivering thank you certificates to the U.N. Missions of the new state parties who have ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).
  - Sending a firm message to the U.S. Mission that the U.S. should join the Treaty.
  - Supporting a Join the Treaty Rally and March on Friday,

RaR endorsed this action

### **Elevator Action and MTA updates**

- Jennifer: We have been quoted regularly in the press:
  - <https://www.curbed.com/2022/12/ode-to-the-subway-exit-gate.html>
  - <https://gothamist.com/news/lawmakers-call-more-seating-16-billion-moynihan-train-hall>
  - <https://gothamist.com/news/mta-pilot-hopes-to-sniff-out-soiled-elevators-in-nyc-subways>
- Weds December 21 10 am we will be commenting at MTA Board Meeting.
- Join us!
- We will meet with Actions to develop a really fierce action to highlight broken elevators and escalators: accessibility is safety
- Several members discussed personal experiences with non working elevators/turnstiles/escalators

### **Update on Jay Jacobs and the New York State Democratic Party**

- Livvie: Jay Jacobs situation is unrolling. RaR has been at the forefront; letters, day long phone rally.
  - Elections has been very active in learning about NY State Dem Party. Learning curve; Get to the root cause. Many groups across the state are very upset that NY has become a red state.
  - Big zoom meeting Monday 12/19 at 7 pm: Alexandra Biaggi, and Yu Ling Nu. Please consider attending. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudu2hrTgpHNBbAS7Ae0XIA6hqVX3Rd3bn>
  - Lay out campaign goals
  - Coalition building
  - Messaging
  - Weekly/ongoing CTA
  - Next meeting (January)
  - Sandy: This is a great project for 2023.
- **Invest In Our NY (StateWide) aka Tax the Rich**
  - Instrumental to getting disadvantaged workers support
  - Meeting at 6 pm to launch their 2023 agenda: How they raise money and where to spend it
  - **Teach-in on Dec 19, 6-7 pm. Register here and invite others:** <https://www.mobilize.us/empirestateindivisible/event/545582/>
- **Dirty Pipe Line Deal has been revived. Food and Water Watch has identified key senators on this**
  - Call Kirsten Gillebrand Number is in the chat. "Vote NO on including Manchin's bill in NDAA"

### **Finance report**

- \$13,000 in bank now. We are about \$4000 lower than last year.
- Important to beef up our balance
- Mary Hawkins developed a slide, which needs a clickable link.
  - Needs to be brighter and punchier.
- Expand fundraising to people who cannot be involved in actions or won't go to actions.
- Coordinated email to friends outside of RaR. How about a pitch letter that we all send out.
- Sue: We need not to raise so much money that we cause ourselves problems.
- We have developed an updated business card: maybe with a QR code
  - Plan to have them ready for the New Year's Eve climate action.
  - We need link to Instagram
  - Stu volunteered to write the verbiage for the fundraising letter
- **RaR voted to approve the business cards with a request for \$200**

## **Report Backs**

### **Thursday 12/1 World Aids Day action in DC**

### **Thursday 12/8 Climate action at Schumer's house**

- Paul: Paul and Cherie and several groups and good speakers were present.

### **Thursday 12/8 noon rally at City Hall against Mayor Adams' plan to remove people involuntarily**

- Donna: Very good actions, excellent speakers. Seems to have gotten some good coverage.
- Good showing including homeless people and some doctors talking about their personal experience

### **Friday 12/9 Say Their Names every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th & Broadway**

- No issues lately
- Good showing on a cold, raw day.

### **Saturday 12/10 NYYRC Club Gala**

- Jamie: Our plan was to go with signs and ARREST TRUMP banner. Try not to engage with the attendees, but to focus on the headliners. But UARF put it out on their twitter feed, and that notified NYPD, who might have come anyway.
- Police really wanted to arrest us.
- Mike Hisey's video: Police closed the sidewalk, they set up a pen, and then made everyone get out of the pen. We picketed with the light, which blocked the turning traffic; we kept arguing with the police; we timed it with the lights; very frustrating.
- Donna and Julie: protesters were calling everyone pigs and pederasts. Lost the plot line. They did exactly what we did not want to do. Really worked against our interests.
- Pivoting and creating a new choreography with the walking back and forth on the crosswalk was brilliant; got our message across to the people in cars.
- Various members talked about how the police set the tone, some said they got caught up in it. Police were so irrational that bystanders got caught up.
- Joy Reid did footage of what was going on inside. They are fully aware that the state went red.
  - Twitter link to what went on inside:  
<https://twitter.com/patriottakes/status/1602073713788215297?t=N1nH1lc9c0VLeNOYzj3low&s=19>
- Discussed the drummers. Discussed UARF. Cop Watch was there. Develop other ways to deal with this.Ka.

### **Truth Tuesday 12/13/22**

- Julie: Messaging is jelling beautifully. “Heal the family, turn off Fox.”
- So cold that people did not want to take flyers; slow start and developed well.

### **Non RaR Actions**

- Taj XR: **Community gathering this Friday, December 16, 6-8 pm; 68 Jay Street Brooklyn 713 Dumbo**
- Wendy: **Protest to remove Islamic Regime of Iran from the UN Commission on the Status of Women; 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM, Weds Dec. 14, 42nd and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**
- Kat: **This Thursday, December 15: Urban Pathways/Care for the Homeless' Memorial for the NYC Homeless who have deceased in 2022, 5:30 pm.**
  - For more info contact [katcorbell19@gmail.com](mailto:katcorbell19@gmail.com)
- Kat: **Dec 19th and 20th: City Council holds a full 51 seat meeting on Asylum seekers' impact on NYC. Public Testimony on the 20th**

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