

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 3.29.2022

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**Facilitators:** Kellen and Jay **Notes:** Alex

### Good News:

- The Supreme Court nominee hearings are over, and it looks like Ketanji Brown Jackson will be confirmed.
- Federal Judge David O. Carter of the Central District of CA said about trump's (TFG's) efforts to obstruct the election "THE ILLEGALITY OF THE PLAN WAS OBVIOUS."
  - 3 members of the House Jan. 6 committee openly called on AG Garland to "do your job!"
- President Biden has proposed a wealth tax on millionaires.

### Upcoming/New Actions:

#### Next monthly INDICT demo on Wed April 6, 1PM Foley Sq.

- "Merrick Garland do your job" will be there; "Indict Ginnie Thomas" will be added to the case of indictable characters.
- Judge Carter's statement that Trump had committed crimes has increased the pressure on Merrick Garland. Then there are the missing 7.5 hours where TFG apparently made no calls in the middle of the Insurrection.

#### Next Immigration Vigil Thursday, April 7, at South Ferry

- We will bring Malliotakis signs to remind her that her constituents are not all citizens.
- Malliotakis has supported the Insurrection, rejected the results of the election, among other things.

#### 11 days of Climate Action: April 13-23

Stu: XR is leading 11 days of action on climate, because nothing has been done on climate.

- A lot of affinity groups will be doing actions.
- Key is 4 days 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, (financial institutions 23<sup>rd</sup>).
- Get in touch with Stu, who will tell you how to get involved: [waldman@mikaya.com](mailto:waldman@mikaya.com)
- Contact Jonathan if you are interested in helping with Jail Support: [vonpod@rcn.com](mailto:vonpod@rcn.com)

**Next court appearance in People Of The State Of New York Vs. Trump...April 25th (probably 9:30AM 60 Centre St.)**

- Jamie has been following Trump's court cases.
- Judge Engoron has been handling them and has been getting on Trump for dragging his feet.
  - He has ordered a Republican firm called Haystack to complete their tasks. The lawyers will be there, not the trumps.
- ½ hour before the lawyers are due to arrive we will stand outside the courthouse.
- We will watch the court dates. Dates may change and Jamie will keep us informed.

**RaR voted to endorse this action**

**April 5, 12 to 1 pm. Fox Truth Tuesdays 1,000,000 dead from COVID. 1211 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

- Mark and Julie: Healthcare Group is coming to Fox to call out intentional disinformation that directly contributed to the USA's highest number of deaths per capita from COVID in the world.
- 1 million people have died in the US from COVID. That is 1/6 of world deaths.
- In November we marked 750,000 deaths at Fox.
- In 4 months we went from 750,000 to 1 million deaths, which was the highest death rate in the US so far.
  - Fox minimizes COVID, advocates quack treatments.
- Media Matters has promised their data that shows a direct connection between disinformation and deaths.
  - "Watch Fox News and die".
  - Jay: An idea would be not to name friends and loved ones, but anti-vaxers who have died from COVID.
  - Stu: Social media ad
- Julie will have to leave the Fox Actions, as she has recovered enough to return to work.
- RaR members enthusiastically thanked Julie for her initiative and energy and creativity in spearheading this action, which has now become self-sustaining.

**Poor People's Campaign Monday, April 11 4:30 Event starts at 89 Broadway, Financial district.**

Mark and Anne:

- <https://facebook.com/events/s/march-on-wall-st-mass-meeting-/262310679439444/>
  - William Barbour and Liz Theoharis will be there.
  - This is building toward a March on Washington June 18. Huge voter turnout is the goal.
  - Here is the RSVP Link: RSVP link  
[https://actionnetwork.org/events/june-18th-mobilization-tour-comes-to-new-york-city-ny?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/events/june-18th-mobilization-tour-comes-to-new-york-city-ny?source=direct_link&)

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**Updating RAR website**

Jennifer has been helped by Meghan Keeney (former SFJ Intern) who has worked for 6 hours to revamp the RaR Website.

- JVD showed us around the website, which is looking great and much easier to access!
- If you have ideas and further material, contact Jennifer at [jvandyck@rcn.com](mailto:jvandyck@rcn.com)

**Report Backs**

### **Thursday 3/24 Emergency Rally against Hochul's Mass Pretrial Incarceration Plan**

- o Jamie, Stu, Livvie, Donna
- o Hochul is attempting to gain political attention by rolling back bail reform reassures.
- o Jumaane Williams was there, and **Marvin** who is with CCA who spoke last week were present
- o We used the STOP EXPLOITING FEAR banner, which was well received.

### **BIG CONCURRENT ACTION IN ALBANY.**

- o People are very angry about Hochul rolling back bail reform, like reduced bail, speedy trial and discovery laws.
- o Hochul is putting out controversial proposals at the last moment, as Cuomo used to.
- o Andrea Stewart Cousins is standing strong, (Donna presented a different point of view that she is being wishy washy.)
- o Black and brown legislators are very upset that all the gains that have been made are now being undone.
  - o Some are saying they will not vote on the budget if these rollbacks continue to be promoted.
- o This is not even a budget item.
- o Republicans and the Right are using Bail Reform in the same way politicians are using the fight against CRT (Critical Race Theory).
- o Activists are calling for:
  - o Measures to look at underlying causes: lack of mental health services, housing, criminalization of poverty.
  - o Many groups are working on this.
  - o No evidence that bail reform has increased violence.
  - o Asian American groups support her because she is going to increase penalties for anti-Asian hate crimes.
  - o **Call your Senator or Assembly Member. Ask them to hold strong on these issues.**
- o Here is Jumaane Williams' and Ana Maria Archila 10-Point Plan for Community Safety: [https://act.workingfamilies.org/forms/show-your-support-jumaanes-plan-for-safe-and-thriving-communities-in-ny/?source=NatEmail-20220329&link\\_id=0&can\\_id=9d57c37633a7f971c79b08fb9388f7e1&email\\_referrer=email\\_1493488&email\\_subject=a-new-vision-for-public-safet](https://act.workingfamilies.org/forms/show-your-support-jumaanes-plan-for-safe-and-thriving-communities-in-ny/?source=NatEmail-20220329&link_id=0&can_id=9d57c37633a7f971c79b08fb9388f7e1&email_referrer=email_1493488&email_subject=a-new-vision-for-public-safet)

### **4/9/22 Dana Balter, former legislative candidate will come to speak to us at RaR**

Livvie:

- o Dana Balter has put together an amazing talk about how to talk about misinformation.
- o This is the first talking point that voters bring up. We need to have this conversation constantly.
- o All the press (including NYT, WAPO) are colluding to push this misinformation.

### **3/24 Immigration Vigil at Grand Central**

Jamie : We got a lot of great feedback, very good turn out among RaR.

- o Some opposition.
- o Mark: maybe label the photos to mark where these countries are. Ukraine is part of a much larger mix.
- o Mike: Biden's budget has more money for ICE and more money for border fencing in it.
- o Jay: ICE has a net positivity rating: 45% + and 44 –
- o Police are not hassling us at Grand Central; better than at Oculus.

### **3/25 Youth Climate March across the Brooklyn Bridge**

Robert: 7 or 8 of us marshalled.

- o There were 1000 (police report) to 2000 (activists report) kids there. It was very exciting and very impressive.
- o People who gave speeches were almost all young women of color.
- o Great focus on local stuff. North Brooklyn is calling for a strike on paying utility bills.
- o Lots of anger and joy.

### **3/25 Say Their Names - every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th & Broadway**

Jenny: Lots of elder energy.

Despite the blustery windy weather, about 20 to 25 people showed up as they usually do.

### **3/25 Protest at Malliotakis fundraiser**

Jamie: Malliotakis supported the coup, rejected the results of the election

- o <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10225757350174206&set=pcb.10225757362814522>
- o Lots of engagement with the people going in.
- o Unfortunately, Malliotakis must have arrived early.
- o It is important to challenge people who want to overturn the election.

### **3/28 Albany action jointly with Citizens Action of NY and Invest in our NY**

- o Great Coalition actions
- o Hochul is planning to put away 10 to 20m for a "rainy day."
- o Livvie: Theme is "Today is the Rainy Day."
  - o We put the umbrellas at people's legislators' doors.
  - o We think the words are being heard. We heard people speaking of Invest In Our NY.
- o Many co-occurring actions, so many people were there, but we made an impression.
- o We used principles of Center for Artistic Activism to design the action and use the umbrellas.
  - o <https://c4aa.org/>

### **3/25 & 3/29 Why Haven't You Indicted Trump at Bragg's office**

- o Jamie: 6 of us came there. We chanted and made lots of noise. We know they can hear us because one person threw stuff at us from a 10<sup>th</sup> floor window. Others cheered.
- o We read Mark Pomerantz's article.
- o Two photographers showed, including the NY Post.
- o Jay: Can we ask the two atty's who resigned to come?
  - o People liked the idea
  - o Jay will look for a contact number.
- o Rick: We did some chalking following Karin's lead.
- o We need to go out a couple more times: We need transparency.
- o This issue is NOT dead. There was a Daily News article today. It is getting picked up by several papers.

### **3/29 Truth Tuesday at FOX every Tuesday at 12 noon 48th St.& 6th Ave.**

- o Julie: Good day on a cold blustery day. **Hitting on Putin and Fox Lies.** Putin showed up.
- o This is Julie's last week before she has to go back to work.
- o Jenny led the thanks which poured in from all RaR members for Julie's initiative, energy, and outreach. Goal was to achieve its own momentum and rhythm and you succeeded. Many thanks.

### **Non Rise and Resist Actions**

- o Andy: **Every Friday in WSP 5-8 pm. WSP Mutual Aid** gathering going on since June 2021
- o <https://twitter.com/wspmutualaid>
- o <https://www.instagram.com/wspmutualaid/>
- o <https://www.facebook.com/WSPMutualAid/>
- o People contribute what they want and take what they need.
  - o Items for unhoused people: toiletry, clothing, hand warmers. Help give out food. Get to know the people who survive on the streets.
  - o Men's clothing is in high demand. We can connect to other groups that would use stuff that our people don't use. June 2021.
- o There was controversy last year with neighborhood association folks being distressed.

### **Wednesdays at 9 pm near the People's Forum. 34<sup>th</sup> between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Katrina: Man started a group food distributions in memory of his mom who was a social worker on the east side.

- o Lots of left-over clothes.
- o The Mutual Aid group might want to come at 11 to pick them up.

End of Meeting!

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