

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition – 3.9.21

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Facilitators: Livvie and Cherie **Notes:** Alexandra

Good News

- COVID relief bill moving forward (no thanks to Sen. Manchin), more vaccines available.
 - Cherie: It is going to happen; emphasis on people who really need it; it is a significant bill.
- More vaccines available: 60+ and front facing workers, J and J vaccine is out.
- Cuomo is finally being held accountable: investigated and emergency powers revoked.
- Trump's Public charge rules have been removed by Supreme Court
 - From CNN: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a case concerning a [controversial Trump-era rule](#) that makes it more difficult for immigrants to obtain legal status if they use certain public benefits, such as Medicaid, food stamps and housing vouchers, in response to a Justice Department request.
- Biden's endorsement of the pro-union PRO ACT (Protect the Right to Organize) was also great news this week.
https://talkingpointsmemo.com/news/biden-administration-omb-support-pro-act-passage?fbclid=IwAR2q2lhWhiwd6FMTzsTJjWyrccCyPV6LK9eqp0XId1NwD0Z_y9NH0L83wM
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 - Mike Deelia: Great launch event with Naomi Klein, Jamaal Bowman, and Sara Nelson for DSA-Unions campaign in support of the Pro-Union Pro Act. Great analysis and inspiration on ending the “dig and gig economy” as Klein describes it and winning democracy in the workplace and a Green New Deal.
<https://fb.watch/47UnC1RiXy/>

Report Backs

Weds 3/3 Stop Fueling Climate Chaos at Black Rock.

Paul: Extinction Rebellion, Reverend Billy and others present

Great action. men in suits with oil canisters on head vomited oil on the earth.

We walked a giant pipeline on sticks toward JP Morgan: stop the money pipeline.

Cherie: great street theater.

Stu: bigger action is being planned.

Oil was vegetable oil: someone in cleaner outfit cleaning it up
Leon: while we were fighting Amazon, this is what we gave up to Black Rock:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/09/nyregion/hudson-yards-new-york-tax-breaks.html>

Letter asking Rep Heastie and Andrea Stewart Cousins. Ban all new gas fired power plants:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfK7ZufXGaqBFH7v1z1CFgY3CIhVgKSGfHuM8_7OyrYWpDJ2g/viewform

***Friday 3/5 Essential and Excluded workers march across the Brooklyn/Manhattan Bridges**

Jamie: two marches. One started on Brooklyn Bridge; the other started at Confucius Plaza and went over Manhattan Bridge. Very spirited, big groups.
B/C police in Brooklyn, decision made to go on side exit to Concord Village in Brooklyn. Great that we could support them. And great media coverage.

Ann: Follow up action planned: March 15 mass hunger strike, will involve many different groups. There will also be many supportive roles: contribute PPE, sleeping bags, teach ins. Rolling hunger strike for two weeks, so that people can move in and out of it.
We are not on the website: <https://fundexcludedworkers.org/>

RaR voted to join "Fund Excluded Workers", which is a campaign of groups, not a Coalition.

***Friday 3/5 Say Their Names - Fridays at 96th-Broadway**

Jennie: 25 to 30 people came though it was freezing. There is greater intensity against the White Supremacy is Terrorism banner than before.

Discussion of an incident which required de-escalation: White man in his 30's who tried to pick a fight. Some white men engaged him aggressively. He was very aggressive and could have stopped the entire action.

Jamie was very effective in deescalating; asked him many questions about what he was upset about: A veteran served in Afghanistan. Does not believe in white supremacy. He was triggered by white supremacy banner. Feels that we are dividing people, rather than bringing them together. They talked for some time. He thanked Jamie for listening to him and hearing him out.

Robert: The overall ritual is beautiful and deeply moving. Ann for her bios of the people, beauty of the experience.

Sunday 3/7 Pass The ERA/Women Lead The Way

Maryellen: thanks to everyone who participated and marshalled. Mark brought in many excellent speakers, all women Brazilian Band; People's Bodega, Fogo Azul, many more. ERA masks, sashes, QR code linked to a pdf which allowed tracking of the events.

Leon: the group was a joy to be around- the meetings were filled with laughter and moved along ridiculously fast- the whole thing was planned in under 3 weeks. This is what happens when a bunch of brilliant women lead the way!

Wheatpasting: photographs of prominent women. Gay City News.
CBS tremendous 5 minute footage.

- Many do not know that International Women's Day even exists.

- Sandy brought posters of 8 women leaders from Georgia who turned the state blue. She lay them on the ground where people stopped and took selfies with them.
- Thanks to Mary for the posters! Great photos Jackie. Thanks to Leon for promoting this.
- Newsweek picked event up from the Independent
- Dann: "Pass the ERA" teeshirt can be sold in the RaR Store if people are interested.

Here is video that preceded International Womens' Day event:

https://newyork.cbslocal.com/video/5371296-rally-held-in-nyc-in-advance-of-international-womens-day-on-monday/?fbclid=IwAR1T_XUfaqYATJTdhohgfZTAdBPsC7raNpEW_ptEENjCYmgA9EniK26ICLU#.YEe_xCOhAAo.facebook

***Monday 3/8 Trump Is Guilty (Florida Man Go Home) - needs ERT vote**

Jamie: Emergency action meeting Sunday at 10:30, action on Monday at 9:30 The trump rat, "Florida man go home" caught police, security and press notice. UK press: Daily Mail. Felt like the right thing to do.

RaR voted to endorse Florida Man Go Home Action.

Upcoming Actions

***Immigration Vigil Thursday 3/11 5PM S.I. Ferry Terminal Manhattan side**

Jamie: We will bring banners, signs, leaflets. Received a call from WPIX today, so we may get some press. We had a very successful trial run. Jamie. will send out an email blast to RaR members. There will be a leaflet on Maliotakis.

***Elevator Actions movie night 3/18 has been postponed**

Tax The Rich - Save The Arts/TTR, RAR TTR social media campaign, upcoming

Stu: Rick, Diane, Eve all made a series of "Tax the Rich" memes which the group viewed. A twitter campaign is being started: 10k reactions already.

- You can write a tweet:
- You can reply to another tweet
- You can retweet a tweet that already has traction, adding more new information.
 - EG a Gustavo Rivera tweet
- You can reply to a tweet with more new info.
- Mark who you want to get it with @: @andreascousins, @
- Mark all links you want to amplify with #: #InvestinourNY #SavetheArts.
- Stu will send all the memes and text to Dann who will throw them onto the RaR Website. Stu will also be available to help with Twitter: Waldman@mikaya.com
- Ann: Include the ask to take action and call et al your NYS legs: investinourny.org
- Livvie: to find tweets to retweet (if you don't want to compose your own) go to @riseandresist, @makenytrueblue, @mycathatestrump, @celinegoboating
- Ray has posted on Instagram too, and people are responding to that. Ray thanked Stu for his hard work, and also Actions working well together. Props to Julie for letters, and Erik McGregor for photos.
- Livvie: there are a bunch of new actions: texting, phone banking, she will send us a letter soon with all our options.

Julie modeled Robert Ayers' new "Tax the Rich" shirt. Here is the link:

<https://www.teepublic.com/hoodie/19838939-tax-the-rich-text-only-ghost-version?fbclid=IwAR1zG6jZBSH5UQA60duRtNbBfuT8Xhq4Q7PGFe7ke6JAvhyBES6mzX0YTX0>

New Actions

Free the Vaccine: Pfizer headquarters. 42nd and 2nd. Thursday, March 11, 12 noon

Mark: This is an action to remove patents so that countries across the world can access vaccines at reasonable costs or free. Governments have poured huge amounts of money into the pharmaceutical industry, but the industry is claiming all the profits for itself.

- Organized by CPD, Housing Works, Act Up among others. They will have signs and material
- We just need to turn up.

As a co-sponsor, RaR needs to send out a toolkit. It will be available by Tuesday at noon.

- Dann and Mary will push it out.

Cosecha and Close the Camps are having a “Democrats Continue to Deport Us” protest Saturday 3/13 at 3 pm. Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn

Andy: Target Chuck Schumer and Biden.

- Goal: End deportations which are continuing on a daily and weekly basis.
- Key groups working on immigration actions/close the camps.
- Now we are in transition focusing on Dem. Congress.
- Request is for banners and signs; Build connections with other groups.

RaR voted to endorse this End Deportations action.

- https://www.instagram.com/p/CL6xtBeFu4_/

Malliotakis meet and greet for Republican donors Monday 3/15 6pm location TBD Jamie: Republican Club of NY has the Liberty Club for people who donate \$1k plus. They are having Nicole Malliotakis and another Republican as speakers. Malliotakis does not recognize Biden as President, and is against COVID relief, against immigrants.

This will take place somewhere in midtown. We will plan to get there at 5:30 and stay till everyone gets in.

If we can't find out who is doing the action, we will figure it out.

RaR approved the Malliotakis Meet and Greet action on Monday 3/15. .

Request for endorsement and help marshaling Protect Queer and Trans Asylum Seekers - event Friday 3/19. At 5 pm. Starts at 26 Federal Plaza and head to Stonewall Inn

Uche of QDAP: Goal: Make demands to Biden and hold him accountable.

- He has stated that he will protect LGBTQ immigrants.
- Yesterday we lost one trans activist, who suffered effects in solitary confinement, spoke with Uche about her sadness; she committed suicide. Many of these asylum seekers have no community, particularly with pandemic.
- We need to raise awareness about their struggles
- For more information, contact Uche: uchekukwu@qdep.org

RaR voted to endorse action to protect Queer and Trans Asylum Seekers

About 6 people agreed to marshal.

Jamie will make connections and will arrange marshaling.

Livvie: Three big Pro Democracy actions:

There will be a webinar on Filibuster and its Jim crow roots.

Actions are being led by Indivisible, CPD, Common Cause, True Blue.

3/20 In front of Schumer's home in Brooklyn, led by Indivisible
3/31 action will have to do with Democracy bills

Sandy: Filibuster is essential but HR 1, S1 are closely related to each other.

- Tightening messaging needed.
- Filibuster and For the People's Act are crucial.

RaR voted to endorse this trio of actions.

RAPP request for memorandum of support - New York legislative initiatives

Donna: 3 memos of support.

- Elder parole,
- Free and timely parole
- End Solitary

RAR has already voted to sign these letters.

Robert: donate to RaR link: <https://www.riseandresist.org/donate>

Dem Club in Bay Ridge will hold an action Saturday 3/13, 1PM. 7716 3rd Ave Bklyn, NY 11209-3002 Bay Ridge (Q train) to support LGBT demo at Malliotakis' office.

Jay: Malliotakis voted against the Equality Act. Was in the legislature before and voted against it then too.

Non Rise and Resist announcements

Livvie: Three actions:

- 1) Wed 3.10, 11:30 am, Cuomo's office 633 Third Ave.
 - o <https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=3208>
- 2) 3/11/21 24 hour vigil at Speaker Heastie Bronx Office 10:30.
 - o Sleepover at Heastie's office starts at 10:30 am; 1446 East Gunhill Road. Meet at 3040 Eastchester.
- Vocal to Carl Heastie: funding to end homelessness,
 - o <https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=3210>

Katrina. Coalition for the Homeless link: you can still post comments to Andrea Stuart Cousins and Cuomo.

- He wants the power to get people accused of mental illness for extended periods. More than 72 hours.
- Write to Albany about indefinite detention.
- <https://www.votervoice.net/CFTH/Campaigns/80434/Respond?vvsn=BprDAgT9ACyoTAOagwX7EAA>
- Respond to Katrina to find the link: katrinacorbell@outlook.com

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