

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 6.1.2021

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Facilitators: Stu & Karin **Notes:** Livvie 47 attending

Good News:

Exxon/Mobil Shareholders Revolt: 2 climate activists elected to the board

Biden shut down drilling in NW Alaska

Texas Dems walk out rather than allow vote on voter suppression

Increase in housing voucher \$\$ approved

<https://citylimits.org/2021/05/28/city-council-votes-to-raise-value-of-housing-vouchers-for-homeless-new-yorkers/>

Biden ended the Stay in Mexico policy for asylum seekers.

Report backs: NONE!

Upcoming Actions:

JPM Chase Action, June 2, 1:00pm, meet at the fountain in Bryant Park. Calling out greenwashing and continued investment in fossil fuels.

Immigration Vigil, June 3, 5:00pm, Staten Island Ferry Terminal.

Vaccine patent action. June 3, 4:30pm, Demanding vaccine availability in countries lagging behind in vaccinations. Meet at Pfizer, 2nd and 42nd street. March to Canada, EU, UK, Germany UN missions to shame them.

https://actionnetwork.org/events/march-and-vigil-to-endvaccineapartheid?clear_id=true

RAPP action2, Cuomo's office, 40th and 3rd. Protesting Heastie and ASC for foot-dragging on Fair and Timely and Elder parole.

Transform Transit rally and press conference. June 7, Sun., 11:45am. Transform Transit (Elevator Action) @ Hostos Community College. By Riders Alliance. Calling for more transit accessibility. No endorsement vote needed.

Pass NY Health Act. Rally in Albany. June 7, Press conference in NYC at Carolyn Maloney's office. Campaign for NY Health & Poor People's Campaign. Theme is 3rd Reconstruction.

<https://www.3dreconstruction.org/?fbclid=IwAR2p09O2hI5TzkHWYkE90vaRccs5kAmog0IzdUAm0HzdvQBtLRge4Jb6cMY>

VOTE TO ENDORSE BOTH ALBANY & NYC ACTIONS: Passed.

New Actions:

Filibuster Action. Date iffy: June 10 or June 12. TBD at Actions meeting. At NYPL. We'll unfurl the KILL THE FILIBUSTER banner and hold signs for a dozen bills that can't be passed because of filibuster. Erik McGregor will photograph to get max exposure. Banner previously approved, now \$250 more needed for signs.

VOTE TO ENDORSE ACTION AND EXTRA \$250. Passed.

Announcement

From Elevator Group. Doc The Biggest Obstacle is showing in two theaters coming up about transit accessibility for disabled people.

<https://www.facebook.com/theBiggestObstacle/>

Discussion of What to Do About the State of Our Democracy:

Leon: Fascism thrives on fear and inequity. We have to counter that

Rick: Jan 6 was just a dress rehearsal, more to come

Owen: Tulsa Massacre anniversary an apt date to be talking about this. People who are threatened by loss of place in caste system are the problem. Referenced the homeless in hotels on UWS that have been so controversial and revealing. Trump brought latent hate to the surface. How? Reinforce the people who are doing the work. Long fight ahead.

Cotter: The filibuster must be the focus to stop the movement to authoritarianism

Susan: We have to keep being and doing us

Mike D: The US is already an oligarchy. Must challenge all corporate corruption, Dems and Repubs. You can't have a democracy with our current level of financial inequality. Used Uber situation as an example of corporations getting their way..

<https://www.businessinsider.com/major-study-finds-that-the-us-is-an-oligarchy-2014-4?p=1>

Naomi: we're still a hugely majority white group. Minority rule white elements are being challenged differently which frightens Dems as well as Repubs. Racial crisis & climate crisis simultaneously, Need to have a rolling process of thinking critically.

Julie: we have to mitigate the damage being done by the dinosaurs thrashing on their way to the tar pit. How to reprogram in the face of the lies? Without ending the filibuster and getting voting rights we're lost for a whole generation.

Jay: The Big Lie is just the latest in a series of Repub big lies. Filibuster is crucial. Reminder of the Pride Parade signs naming and shaming Repubs for homophobia, suggests doing a similar very public campaign exposing state level supporters of voter suppression bills.

Cherie: Need to work in coalition. Authoritarianism v Democracy campaign, maybe at the Statue of Liberty. Repubs aren't even pretending anymore - they're flat out suppressing the vote and pushing fascism.

Jackie O: We're in an interlude where things are consolidating around authoritarianism. We need to make our own arc. We need to find non-white allies to work with, maybe even non direct-action groups. We need to do more criticism of the media, not just Fox. We need to develop a social media strategy so we don't have to court mainstream media which is part of the problem.

Robert: Students for justice will have 100 students in the fall. 4 RaR people should do a workshop with them to learn how to do social media.

Peter: Trumpism, Repubs are an existential danger, the comet that could hit the earth. Concerned that if the filibuster is defeated Repubs will find something even worse to do. Feels that Trump's win took air out of RaR.

Jenny: We have to talk more about fascism. Maybe we need to talk about it more because we don't really believe it's happening. Need to Refuse Fascism.

Mark: We're in a new circumstance than 4 years ago. Think global, act local. Major social change post-pandemic could go the wrong way. We need to inject ourselves into it to prevent that from happening. Ref. back to Leon's point about inequality not just economic but race, gender, and now politics. Need to get rid of the filibuster!

Stu: Urgency!

Judy: Tea party took statehouses. We took the NYS statehouse. We should do more to work w/national groups to flip other states.

Jay: Repubs play the long game to amass power. We should work nationally to replicate success in NYS.

Karin: revisit conversation once a month.

Finance:

We have approx \$16,000. We still want more. Buy merch, ask for donations as birthday presents, and donate online.

Non-Rise and Resist announcements:

Public Power Action at City Hall tomorrow, 10:00 am. DSA's Movement for a Green New Deal is doing it. Wear red.

Sarah Shulman NYPL online talk about her book. Saturday afternoon.

Public hearing on **Gowanus rezoning**, Thursday, 3:30, JJ Byrne Park.

Candidates forum for CD 6 UWS: 8:00 Saturday. chance to pressure for democracy at the local level.

Contact Katrina katrina.corbell@outlook.com for info about upcoming supportive housing
Who to vote for?

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