

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 6.28.2022

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Facilitators: Stu and Jamie **Notes:** Alex

Good News - Jan 6th Commission Hearings

- Backs up everything we have been saying and protesting.
- Took John Eastman's phone, Clark's laptop.

NOTE: Here is the zoom link for Actions Committee, which meets every Weds at 6 pm

- Join Zoom Meeting:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83102304406?pwd=eW5NeDIxeUp2djJIYmRVTXZWVhWQT09>

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

Upcoming/New Actions:

Immigration Vigil - Thursday, June 30, 5PM Staten Island Ferry Terminal

- Jamie: Lately Immigration may feel peripheral, but we saw today a truck-full of people suffocate to death.
- Anti-immigrant policies which offer no safe passage for immigrants are killing people.
- Title 42 needs to be abolished
- Livvie: Elections Group Idea to take voter registration materials to the action.
- Stu: Article on Victor Orban: Every right-wing dictator uses immigration as a dog whistle.

Pop Up INDICT at Trump Tower Weds June 29 1 pm-2pm

Next INDICT - Wed. July 6 1PM at Trump Tower

- Jamie: It would be good to have enough people (about 15) to hold a face-out and face-in banner
- Stop the GOP coverup banner suggested

Special FOX Truth Tuesday July 12 10AM - 47th St. and 6th Avenue

- Julie met with DDAD folks.
 - Defenders of Democracy against Disinformation.
 - <https://www.stopdisinformation.org/>
 - Very good group that does more social media and desktop work and want to develop street cred.
 - They will meet at local Fox sites in different parts of the country and will join us in our action.

Picket at St. Patrick's Cathedral Wednesday at 5 pm

. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CfW0LWvlh15/>

- Andy: Led by NYC for Abortion Rights, which started right after trump elected.
- This group has done fundraising, clinic protection.
- They will be talking about role of Catholicism in anti-abortion ideology
- There will be a march to a second location at 5:30; people can choose to join.

RaR voted to endorse this action.

Clinic defense Saturday morning, July 2 at 8 AM at the Basicilla of old St. Pat's at 263 Mulberry Street <https://www.instagram.com/p/CfP31bjsTYR/>

- Andy: This group has a long history of opposing right wing Christian, Catholic anti-abortion group as well as clinic defense. These defense actions occur once a month
- Moderate risk of arrest.
- Others will provide banners and umbrellas to prevent patients from seeing the anti-abortion people
- Grass roots movement
- There will be police.
- Here is a primer on clinic defense via Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CdJ55jHsGSd/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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Healthcare - No more 24 update

- Alex: Healthcare supports a proposed bill introduced by Councilmember Marte (Ind 0175-2022) which abolishes the 24-hour work shift for home healthcare workers.
- We are submitting a letter to the members of the City Council in support of this bill
- We were invited to lend our support by Ain't I a Woman Campaign
- Dropbox link for RaR letter:
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/u0072tgt3si4gz3/6%2028%2022%20RaR%20support%20Ind%200175-2022.docx?dl=0>

- Dropbox link to Ain't I a Woman Press release:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tztx58szbx6l5qe/AIW%20Support%20Memo%20for%20No%20More%2024%20Act%20%2806-06-2022%29.pdf?dl=0>
- Link to contact your Councilmembers about the NO More 24 bill:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UEb7Uxuw2vaJ-IOMOjQcHFQh1mAziZVrFrSnagKQJWg/edit?usp=sharing>

Elections Group update “Maliotakis Mondays”

- Livvie: We will be visiting Nicole Maliotakis every Monday starting Monday July 11 at 1 pm. Bay Ridge Office 7716 Third Ave
 - Can be reached from Manhattan by R train
- This action is modelled on the very successful Faso Fridays campaign.
- Different themes every week: anti-immigrant, anti-gun control, anti-abortion, refused to endorse the 2022 Election.
- We crucially need voter turnout to win elections.
- Discussion of the issue of supporting or not supporting candidates.
- Elections meets Tuesdays at 5:00. Contact Livvie if you want Zoom address elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com

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Elevator Actions - MTA commits to make subway stations accessible

- Jon: Sasha Blair Goldensohn was a plaintiff in a lawsuit which the MTA fought bitterly.
- 95% accessibility by 2055?
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/22/nyregion/nyc-subway-accessibility-disabilities-elevators.html>
- Legally binding decision is much more valuable than a promise.
- First subway lawsuit was filed 1979.
- In the past 5 years, Rise and Resist has worked tremendously hard with a range of groups
- Court credited the work of disability rights activists in this turn around.
- 15% of the capital budget has to be spent on elevators.

Assist Freedom Agenda with zapping Mayor Adams at his appearances about closing Rikers.

- Donna: Introduced Marquis Jenkins of Freedom Agenda
 - mjenkins@urbanjustice.org
- 2020 more than 50 people died in Rikers
- 2022 so far: 9 have died.
- Rikers, a death trap, is scheduled to be closed by 2027
- Goal: reduce jail population to 3300 or less.
- Our law-and-order Mayor insists this is the way to keep our communities safe.

- We share the goal, but not his approach:
 - We do not want to perpetuate the Rikers culture in other new prisons
 - Adams gives lip service to closing Rikers. Rhetoric does not match actions
 - Criminalizes poverty
- We intend to lift up the names of people who have died in Rikers Island.
- We will send text messages will to interested members of RaR

Discussion of SCOTUS and what the new rulings mean for the future

- Vote vote vote
 - Broke records in the recent Georgia election
- Multiracial working-class movement in unions.
- Several people said that younger voters are furious that Democrats are asking for money with no statement of policy.
 - “If the Dems came through for us, they wouldn’t be able to use our fear to get more money.... The lack of action is the strategy.”
 - Call our corrupt corporate democrats
 - Pelosi and Schumer supported pro-gun Quellar over Cisneros
 - Dems need to impeach people who supported the insurrection.
- Small affinity groups are working to support union efforts to overtake corporate messaging.
- Different action groups including Healthcare should coordinate with Elections Group.
- Our responsibility is to go into District 11 and flip that seat.
- **Action in DC on Thursday, June 30: [signup scotus.cpdaction.org](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfklDhFuKo66Y4oe483tnxR2jXNz9ETYx8EQH9E3djneQ6dUg/viewform)**
- Link to Thursday June 30 bus trip to DC
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfklDhFuKo66Y4oe483tnxR2jXNz9ETYx8EQH9E3djneQ6dUg/viewform>
- Students for Justice is focusing on NC, GA, and FL this fall where there are 3 senate seats and 2 gubernatorial elections happening. If interested in working to get out the vote in those states, SFJ will be sharing information in the fall.

Report Backs

Chase branch action on 6/23 before the Indict Pop Up and the GAG action.

- Livvie: We went to Astor Place Branch in a small action
- What we learned:
 - We did not scout the space sufficiently
 - We did not draw cooperating groups successfully.
 - The location was not conducive.

INDICT pop-up action right after Chase Action on 6/23

- Rick: We stayed about ½ hour
- Good location
- Not a lot of reaction.

Say Their Names 6/24 was the 2nd anniversary of the action every Friday at 5PM 96th and Broadway

- Jenny: We are starting our third year; of vigils.
- Especially hard on the day of the SCOTUS decision
- We will include names of Rikers inmates who died.
- People who argue with us allow us to hear the reactions and thinking of people who object.
- Good article about this work in the West Side Spirit:
<https://www.westsidespirit.com/news/say-their-names-a-vigil-s-second-anniversary-EC2114521>

Friday night SCOTUS protests

- We agreed to work with coalition groups like Planned Parenthood for 8 pm action in Union Square
- 6:30 pm action at Washington Square
- Other actions spun off from this.
- www.abortionrights.nyc
 - Here is arrest footage for night time repro rights action:
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CfONhHjO7fU/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Round up on drag march/dyke march/QLM weekend actions

- Jamie: We worked out the marshalling. We did not have nearly enough marshals for the task, and Alexis and Jamie found themselves leading the marshals for the entire march.
- SCOTUS decisions were predominant in the Drag March, Dyke March, QLM March

FOX Truth Tuesday 6/8 10AM at 47th & 6th Ave.

- Julie: Good action. Gutfeld came by and was furious

Non-RaR announcements

One more training session tomorrow night Generation Vote

- <https://secure.everyaction.com/wrjNXO4rO0Cpj-PkrZdqsw2>

Dana: Hearing at City Hall this Thursday on how Sackler money should be allocated

- Goal: money for overdose prevention.

Jon: On the day that SCOTUS rules on W Va vs EPA, there will be an emergency action. Stay alert.

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