

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 9.28.2021

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Facilitators: Livvie & Jay **Notes:** Alexandra

Good News-

Biden will allow Jan 6 investigation to access White House documents.

The Green Party increases share of votes in German election to about 15%,

This gives them a bigger role in brokering decisions.

Report back on the Annual Meeting and new Board elections

Members: Jackie Rudin: President, Cherie Acierno: Treasurer, Sandy Radoff: Secretary,
Ministers without Portfolio: Bill Hartmann, George De Castro Day, Livvie Mann, Jamie Bauer,
Stu Waldman.

We need more people to take on meeting tasks.

We need a couple of people to screenshare, and we need note takers to open up facilitation and note taker roles.

Should there be discussion of returning to in-person meetings?

Locations Coordinator, Alexandra will follow up with the Center and with the People's Forum.

Report Backs and Discussion

PICNIC!

Donna: It was a big success, and a lot of fun. Location was great; Jackie Rudin's pics said it all.

9/24 Future Fridays action at City Hall

Livvie: An annual event, which did not occur last year. Smaller than when Greta Thunberg spoke the first year. Great, imaginative signs.

Virginia: young people speaking were great and hopeful, not despairing.

Livvie and Stu: good representation from RaR
Great pix from Diane Lent.

9/24 Say Their Names (every Friday at 5PM at 96th/Broadway)

Jenny: good gathering, mellow, some new people, who come generally by walking by.

9/28 Truth Tuesday at Fox today (and every Tuesday at 9AM @ 48th/6Ave)

Photos by Diane

George: We recruited Extinction Rebellion and had more numbers. Goal all along to pivot as neatly as possible from issue to issue, to bring in healthcare next, and to expand scope of the actions outside of NYC. .

Jenny: Why is there not more media? On MSNBC there is massive coverage, very little on the street.

Jamie: Fox is a live station in NYC. In the mornings they are trying to get their personalities out, which is a great opportunity. We birddogged Dana Perino. Karin birddogged Steve Doucey. Security was upset. They have had to move people from the main doors to the side doors. Fox is very aware of the protests.

Jay: Do we have addresses for cable shows? Chris Hayes, Joy Ann Reid?

Livvie looked at Andy's contact list, and also found Sunrise Movement's list, which is more up to date. List requires further updating.

Jackie: We have NY 1, and we need them to show up. Jackie might be able to access Rachel Maddow.

Karin: We need to see if we can find out who is going to be featured in the AM.

There was discussion of **"Unfox your Cable box."** <https://unfoxmycablebox.com/>

Virginia, George, Karin, Jamie:

- Fox makes their money via subscription plans, not advertising.
- FIOS has a system where one can get FOX off.
 - We need to learn how to do this
 - Jamie will look into this.
 - We need to advertise this.
 - We need to wheatpaste signs.
 - This is part of a nationwide effort.
- You cannot yet UnFox your Spectrum bundle.
- Fios income can be chipped away if a movement develops.

Report back on Fox Lies meeting with Defenders of Democracy Against Disinformation (DADD) www.stopdisinformation.org

Update on the morphing of For The People Act into the Freedom To Vote Act

Sandy presented a timeline on how this has developed and discussed what had been removed from the For the People Act and reported that it is still a pretty good act which Stacey Abrams would stand behind.

Timeline:

- House passes the For the People Act—3/3/21
- FTPA blocked in the Senate—6/22/21
- Manchin puts out outline of a bill he could support—June 2021
- Freedom to Vote Act introduced in the Senate by Sen. Klobuchar—9/14/21
- Republicans immediately state they won't support it and here we are.

Possible next steps

- Manchin is working on getting 10 Republicans to sign on
- After that, Manchin and Sinema may agree to a carve out for voting rights
- But we shouldn't hold our breath!!

Freedom to Vote Act

The Freedom to Vote Act is historic legislation that would be the most consequential voting rights and anti-corruption bill passed in more than half a century. It tackles the biggest problems currently facing our democracy by:

- setting national standards to protect access to the vote,
- ending partisan gerrymandering of congressional districts,
- beginning to overhaul our broken campaign finance system,
- creating new safeguards against subversion of the electoral process.

In many ways, the Freedom to Vote Act is broader than the FTPA was;

- It tackles the issues raised by most of the 400 laws that have been introduced in 49 states to make voting harder.

What was left out from the original FTPA:

- Does not mandate the use of non-partisan commissions for Congressional redistricting
- Does not mandate non-partisan criteria for redistricting
- Waters down some of the finance reforms such as voluntary public financing programs for campaigns
- Does not restructure the Federal Elections Commission—the agency responsible for enforcing laws that govern the U.S. campaign finance system—has sole responsibility for overseeing the integrity of our political campaigns—the FEC routinely deadlocks and fails to reach the 4 votes needed to open an investigation.
- The FTPA mandated the following re the FEC, and this has been removed:
 - The # of commissioners would be changed from 6 to 5 with no more than 2 from each political party
 - Create a non-partisan advisory panel to identify and recommend qualified nominees
 - Strengthen the enforcement process to prevent commissioners from shutting down an investigation at an early stage.

Laura Tavormina is preparing a talk for Freedom to Vote for Students for Justice and will talk to RaR if we are interested.

[Links to additional information on the Freedom to Vote Act](#)

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/breaking-down-freedom-vote-act>

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/freedom-vote-act>

https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/2021_09_FreedomToVote_V5.pdf

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/17/1007715994/manchin-offers-a-voting-bill-compromise-but-key-republicans-swiftly-reject-it>

https://www.psqonline.org/cm/eventfile/summaryreport_072221.pdf

<https://campaignlegal.org/update/three-big-ways-people-act-would-fix-fec>

Upcoming Actions:

9/30 at 5 pm Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal

Jamie: Crisis of Haitian refugees, with marshalls herding them back if they were farm animals with whips.

Many people have been deported since then.

Administration has been very quiet about this.

At the Thursday action we will be addressing this. Judge's determination that Title 42 cannot be enforced against families will not be turned back is coming into effect shortly.

Biden's position is as close to Trump's in this as with anything.

Stu and Jamie: we need photos of the border patrol attacking the refugees.

Women's March participation on Saturday, October 2 in NYC

Manhattan: Foley Square 2 pm marching to Washington Square Park

- Organizers could not get a permit for WSP start.
- Sing Out Louise will be there.
- RaR will carry F**k Texas letters.
- [Reproductive Rights March](#)

Brooklyn: Cadman Plaza Park 11:30 am marching into Manhattan Washington Square Park

- Karin will be carrying a red balloon.
- [March for Abortion Access!](#)

Queens: 11 am; starts at Queens Borough Hall 120-55 Queens Boulevard

[Rally for Reproductive Rights](#)

Bronx: 2 pm, Van Cortlandt Park, Broadway & West 254 St.

[Protect Women's Reproductive Rights!?](#)

Sunday, October 3 at 12 noon: Washington Square Cathedral

SCOTUS - Abortion Rights action on Monday October 4 in DC

If interested, contact Alexis at alexisdanzig@gmail.com.

October 11-15 D.C. People vs. Fossil Fuels

Stu: Group led by indigenous activists is organizing actions on these days. Focus on the pipelines, with a different action each day.

- o <https://peoplevsfossilfuels.org/>
- Biden did Keystone, not Dakota Access.
- Manchin is not going to allow coal items.
- Rick and Mark: Greenpeace kayaked around his boat with signs: "Don't sink Build Back Better".
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/joe-manchin-houseboat-budget-bill_n_6152aedae4b03dd7280f1ca3

New Actions

Republican clubs are having speakers and events. We need to decide who to go after.

- Discussion in Actions: Do we go after assholes or existential threats or both?
 - o Zephyr Teachout talked about how to "pre-toxify" candidates who are dangerous
- Mike Pompeo will be at one on November 1 at the Union League Club.
- Rick and Jamie: We are thinking about focusing on key public figures. Eric Prince was photobombed entering Yale Club and photo showed up a couple of years later.
- Zeldin will be running for governor, and it is important to go after him.
- Jamie: A press event is upcoming at the Republican headquarters opening south of Penn Station where Zeldin will speak.
- Another: The Liberty Club. Zeldin will speak but no press
- Sean Spicer: not till October.
 - o Is Sean Spicer an existential threat or an asshole?
- Mike Pompeo: November 1 speaking at a gala for the Republican Club at the Union League club on 37th Street.
 - o Dangerous
 - o A huge apologist for Trump.
 - o Possible press coverage and in Kansas.

RaR voted to endorse all upcoming actions against Pompeo and Zeldin in 2021, and to vote on others individually.

Let Our People Go: Friday October 1, 9AM to 10 am Rikers demo at City Hall Park, Broadway/Murray

Donna: This is an emergency rally to put pressure on judges, and police.

- o Judges are not following the law; they are detaining increased number of people pre trial, flouting determination re severity of crime and likelihood of committing another a crime, setting higher bail;

- o 12 people have died.
- o Gothamist article:
<https://gothamist.com/news/public-defenders-activists-call-judges-address-mounting-riker-death-toll>
- o <https://www.nysfocus.com/2021/09/27/death-at-rikers-how-nyc-judges-fueled-the-swelling-jail-population/>

RaR voted to endorse Let Our People Go action

Non Rise and Resist Actions

Saturday October 2 at 11: A Fukushima demo at 42nd Street Library.

Thursday October 7 at noon organized by War Resisters League; at the NY Public Library on 42nd Street.

- o USA in endless war. \$2 trillion a year

Friday, Oct. 1? 3:00 to 4:30 a bill that allows people who have been at Rikers to access housing.

- o Chastity Michel led discussion
- o Contact Katrina if you are interested Katcorbell19@gmail.com
- o City Council meetings are upcoming in October.
- o Landlord has no right to look at records, not expunged.
- o Landlords are not judges or juries.
- o People with felony criminal records have no access to NYCHA housing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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