

## Rise and Resist General Meeting 9.17.2019

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018
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### Notes - Nilber **Facilitators** - Jamie and Jay

Welcome - NYPD or Law enforcement - Please identify yourselves, Journalists - please identify yourselves if you are reporting on this meeting. To general membership: Just because people have not self-identified as NYPD or Journalists doesn't mean that there aren't police or journalists present. We welcome journalists and their media entities, but we ask that they identify themselves in the event that people do not want to be recorded.

Please put your phones away; let's remain present.

Folks who are in spaces like this normally speak a lot. We ask that you step back, and give space to people who may not be as comfortable speaking in a group to step up. We ask new folks to feel empowered to ask questions, to speak up, and to participate.

### REPORT BACKS

- No Raids/Close The Camps/Abolish ICE Vigil  
9/12/19 5:30PM @Oculus  
Presenter: Stuart  
Approximately 70 People Participated (Smaller than previous actions)  
Pivot in location of Vigil (from Washington Square) - Caused minor confusion  
Facebook Event updated RSVPs / Notification sent to R&R Email Lists
- #NoBusinessWithICE Close the Camps Coalition Action (Cosecha, XR, Earth Strike)  
9/14/19 12PM @NYPL and Microsoft Store on 6th Ave  
Presenter: Kellen

NYPL March Rally Point - March to Microsoft Store on 6th Ave  
Activists Blocked Entranced to Store (No Response from Store). Arrestees Formed 6th  
Ave Blockade - 76 Arrestees  
Activists Dropped Banners Inside Store, Took Over Second Floor/Top Floor

## UPCOMING RAR ACTIONS

- [NYC Student Climate Strike](#)  
9/20/19 12PM @Foley Square  
RAR Contingent - Will Carry Banner  
RAR Marshals meet Alexis Danzig 10:30AM
  
- [United In Outrage - Resistance March](#)  
9/23/19 5:30PM @Bryant Park - TBD whether Sidewalk March or taking the Street -  
dependent on March participation  
Presenters: Diane, Jody, John
  - Call for Volunteers & Participants
    - Get Involved and Take on a Task
    - Get Friends to Come
    - Share on Social Media and Email Facebook events
    - Inform of Media Contacts - [Press Release](#)
    - Volunteers for Leafleting/Flyering - RAR Flyering Opportunities
      - Report Back on Flyering at Elizabeth Warren Campaign Rally  
9/16/19 @Washington Square
      - [Student Climate Strike/Walk-Out](#) 9/20/19
      - [We the People March](#) 9/21/19 12PM @Columbus Circle
      - Print and Post [Flyers](#) [Print Sample] around  
Neighborhoods/Communities - make sure to distribute all Flyers
    - United in Outrage [Volunteer Sign-Up](#)
  - Facilitating Full Accessibility for All at March - RAR will rent wheelchairs with  
assistance of 5 RAR volunteer (Precedent Set by Dyke March)
    - **Budget Ask: \$250 - \$500**  
**Vote: Passed**
    - Suggestion: Mark  
March Route far from Accessible Subway Stations (Closest Rockefeller  
Station) - reassess for future actions or marches
    - Suggestion: Jonathan  
Need to better coordinate March Accessibility issues with Elevator Action  
Group and resources provided/shared with Disability Groups
    - Comment: Jamie  
Scouted March route for accessible Curb cuts and obstructive scaffolding  
for sidewalk march

- **New March Banner and Flyers**  
**Budget Ask: \$800**  
**Vote: Passed**
  
- [Climate Emergency: No More Business As Usual](#)  
Presenter: Climate Action Group - Jonathan  
9/25/19 8AM @Bloomberg Global Business Forum Breakfast (UN Climate Week) across from Pulitzer Park. R&R One-Stop Shop Protest of unacceptable Political Figures like Keynote Speaker - Narendra Modi and Jamie Dimon
  - Action Orientation Meetings (CD/Arrest & Jail Support - See Paul)
    - 7PM The Church of the Village - The Crypt 9/19/19
    - The Center Room 310 9/21/19
  - **Budget Ask: \$250 For flyer printing distribution**  
**Vote: Passes**
  
- [#NeverAgain Shutdown the ICE Newark, NJ Office](#)  
10/3/19 - 970 Broad St, Newark, NJ 07102-2504. Will include CD Action
  
- [NoRaids/Close the Camps/Abolish ICE RAR Vigil](#)  
10/10/19 5:30PM @Washington Square Park (New Location - with heavy foot traffic)
  
- [R&R Marshal Training](#)  
9/19/19 @Lenox Healthplex
  - Scheduling Conflict with Climate Emergency Orientation Training: Location will be nearby (across the street), any who attend Marshal training should join second half of Orientation Training

## **ERT BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

ERT endorsed Letter to Schumer regarding support for CCPA with 350 NYC and other environmental organizations. ERT approved endorsement of letter without reading it when it included favorable remarks about Schumer - went above and beyond in thanking him and praise

Inquiry: Mark

Substance of Letter regarding issues? On principle in agreement with R&R principles and mission

**Should General Body ratify ERT endorsed Letter?**

**Vote: Passed (under Split Vote - Significant Vote Against ratifying and abstentions)**

## **RAR ROLE IN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS DISCUSSION**

## **New York State**

Floor vote set aside time for R&R meeting for discussing New York State Legislative/Electoral Issues in October

**Vote: Passed**

## **2020 National Elections**

Discussion Overview: Jamie

How do we want to see R&R organize and act? Should we focus on Trump, Focus on Voter Suppression/Getting the Vote Out, Raise Issues with Democratic Candidates - Impeachment, etc

Discussion Point: Betsy

We should not disrupt Democratic Candidate events

Discussion Point: Stuart

Food and Water Watch Action - Biden at Oil Executives Event with Media  
Opportunity to Highlight environmental Issues

Discussion Point: Bill

Whoever is the Democratic Candidate we must support  
Raise key issues - Speak out against Voter Suppression

Discussion Point: Marlane

Push Issues Democratic candidates should be supporting

Discussion Point: Jody

During Primaries, push issues (env, immigration) whether its a disruption or not

Discussion Point: Paul

Focus actions on Trump targets

Discussion Point: Rick

Focus on Vote Registration

Discussion Point: Martin

RAR spearheaded Impeachment and Abolish ICE. Target Trump for the election

Discussion Point: Livvie

Push Progressive Agenda and Issues. Beyond Trump focus

Discussion Point: Donna

Press issues without attacking Democratic candidates

Discussion Point: Mark

Focus on target, promote issues/messages with Democratic candidates. Also focus on voter engagement and education

Discussion Point: Diane

R&R should play an important role. Get Out the Vote, Canvassing, Focus on Battleground Areas

Discussion Point: Mark

Historically AIDS Activists have bird dogged Democratic candidates. No Free Pass for Democratic During Primaries - keep raising issues

Get candidates to sign onto Pledges - RAR should draft statements for candidates to sign

Discussion Point: Erik

Trump has set the bar so low, beware of buying into candidates offering piecemeal/mediocre reforms/improvements - push the Progressive Issues/Agenda

Discussion Point: Sandy

Organize [Postcard Parties](#) - Huge impact with getting out the vote

Discussion Point: Donna

RAR should not be working as an organization to elect a candidate - instead focus on pushing the issues only

Discussion Point: Susan

Need to make a distinction between Primary and General Elections

Push for voter registration/education in both

Muster to support whichever opposition to Trump in General Election

Discussion Point: Jackie

Undertake canvassing and phone banking targeting Neighboring battleground areas/states

Discussion Point: Marlane

Indivisible NYC Puts Out List Every Week of events to support

Discussion Point: Tim

BirddogNation - [Primer](#) on bird dogging

## **NEW RAR Actions**

- Trump Fundraiser Action

9/26/19 Location and Time TBD

Presenter: Jamie

**Floor Endorsement of Action: with Location and Time TBD**

**Vote: Passed**

## NON RAR ACTIONS

- **Reed Vreeland from Housing Works**

Requested Endorsement of October 8 action in Washington DC at the Supreme Court. Three cases of LGBT rights violations have been combined and will be heard that day (not decided). A bad outcome in the case could legalize discrimination based on gender and sexual orientation. Massive civil disobedience is planned..

**Endorsement Vote: Passed**

- GAG and SIGBI Action pushing for queer recognition under Supreme Court Title VII cases under consideration.

Roadtrip to DC. Email [scotusbus@gmail.com](mailto:scotusbus@gmail.com) if you'd like to join

- Islamic Network Group

9/19/19 Campaign Endorsement

**Endorsement of 'No Ban Act' Letter of Support**

**Vote: Passed**

- Center for Popular Democracy Action against confirmation of Stephen Clark and impeachment of Brett Kavanaugh

Bus to DC - email [jpeter@populardemocracy.org](mailto:jpeter@populardemocracy.org)

Presenter: Jackie

- Mighty Earth - DC-based environmental non-profit

- Disrupt [Cargill Executive Interview](#): Cargill Don't Let the Amazon Burn 10/7/19

- [NYC Vigil for the Amazon: End Corporate Deforestation](#)

Consumer Goods Forum - Not Before 400 Largest Corporations cut ties to Cargill, Amazon Deforestation

## RAR FINANCE

Share RAR Store and RAR Merchandise on Social Media

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