

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 2.20.2024

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For non RAR announcements or to add other items to the agenda:
Email rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

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Good News!

Suozzi wins in NY 03 by 8%, a swing from 2020 of 16%!

Trump fined \$350,000,000 plus interest and can't do business in NY for 3 years.

Various House Republicans are announcing they're not running for re-election.

Wisconsin Governor signed off on redistricting maps that redo the Republican gerrymandering that's existed since 2010.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/wisconsin-redistricting_n_65d3719ce4b043f1c0ac1013

Upcoming Actions

Feb 22, 6:30. Thursday, **Jeffrey Clark protest**. January 6 Instigator is coming to town for the Young Republicans. Location TBD, but probably Womens Republican Club. Jamie will email details. Non-engagement, non-screaming is the plan.

Feb 22, Thursday, 3:00. **JVP Action against AIPAC**, a powerful dark money bipartisan Zionist group that has been undermining progressives in Congress for the last 30 years. Action is part of a campaign to out the politicians who are taking money from them. Starts at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, continues to AIPAC.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C3lxEJRObC1/?igsh=MTR1cjZjNmNrdG55Zg%3D%3D>

Feb 28, Wednesday, 10:00. City Hall Park. 24-hour **JVP & VOCAL action to demand NYC City Council Ceasefire Resolution**. Names of Palestinian dead will be read continually.
<https://vocal-ny.com/NYC4CeasefireVigil>

Feb 26, Monday, 8:45 - 9:15 **Elevator Action** Group monthly action at MTA. Meet at 2 Broadway.

Feb 27, Tuesday, 3:00. **Insure Our Future Climate Rally**, starts at steps of NYPL, march to 6th Ave to hit all insurance companies: Chubb, Tokyo Marine, AIG. Many groups, some from Louisiana front line communities. RaR meet at 2:45 at bottom of the steps to the right.
<https://global.insure-our-future.com/global-week-of-action-2024/>

Mar 2, Saturday, 8:00 (or 9:00!). **NYFAR Abortion protection**. Old St. Patricks at 8:00, Planned Parenthood at 9:00.

Mar 4, Monday, 5:00, **Close Rikers Action**, Times Square Subway Station.

Mar 25, 9:45. **Trump's NYC criminal trial** starts. Meanwhile, waiting for the trial to start, Public Citizen & others want us to join an action for the day. Possible presser? Zoom for planners on 3/25, Friday, 12:00. Stu, Holley, Jamie, Julie will attend repping RaR.

Insurrection Act. Guest Paul Milo proposes a petition and action: signers pledge to take to the streets if Trump is re-elected and invokes the Insurrection Act which allows president to suppress protest by declaring a state of emergency and creating an instant police state. Also a call to action. In line with Stop the Coup. Still in the aspirational stage. He'll keep us in the loop as it develops.

Text of petition:

If he is re-elected Donald Trump has suggested he may send the military into US cities to suppress legitimate protests. While there are laws against using the military on US soil in non-emergency situations, these laws can be bypassed under the Insurrection Act, which gives the president almost unlimited power to declare a state of emergency anywhere in the country. Trump's use of the Act could not be appealed in court nor is there an automatic "sunset," meaning the Act could potentially remain in effect for as long as Trump (or any president) chooses.

While the Insurrection Act, which dates to 1792, has been used legitimately on multiple occasions (such as during the efforts to desegregate schools during the Civil Rights era), Trump and those close to him have hinted that they would instead use this law to deprive average Americans of their basic rights. Jeffrey Clark, a prominent Department of Justice official under Trump, suggested using the Act to stay in power in 2020 despite losing the

election. Trump's onetime national security advisor, Michael Flynn, wanted to use the military to seize voting machines in states where Trump lost.

We call on the president to use the Insurrection Act only in the case of a legitimate emergency or in a case where local or state officials refuse to enforce federal law. We also vow to take to the streets in protest should the president invoke the Insurrection Act to suppress the rights of US citizens and anyone else on US soil, or to deploy the military or other federal agents to carry out routine law enforcement functions normally handled by local or state officials. We further vow to remain on the streets in protest until the president ends any inappropriate use of the Insurrection Act.

Discussion: Will any Blue really do?

Many had to hold their noses to work for Suozzi's win. How pragmatic must we be to flip Congress blue? Protect Jamaal Bowman and non-NY Squad members. Focus on NYS Cong races or expand beyond? State Project giving circles mentioned for down-ballot out of state races. We'll continue to discuss this at Tuesday meetings.

Report Backs.

Gaza protests can be problematic because of offensive, war-mongering chants & messaging.

Feb 15 Outside 100 Centre Street for the **Trump's criminal fraud trial**. Problem getting a visible position due to massive NYPD street and sidewalk shutdowns because of Trump. What does that bode for the coming 6 weeks of trial?

Feb 17 **Going out of business** action at Trump Tower. Great, fun action, lots of joy was mustered!! Sandi Bachom video of it has gotten half a million views, plus lots of media coverage. <https://twitter.com/realsandibachom/status/1759444252260503556?s=20>

Feb 19 **Presidents Day** action at Trump Tower. No Dictators in the USA was the theme. Fox Business cameras were there with interchangeable Fox blonde. RaR photobombed with signs whenever she was on camera.

Feb 19 **RAPP** action at South Ferry with Jared Chausow in support of bills to get elders out of prison. Blocked in the terminal by a guard who thought they were soliciting so got on a ferry a got signatures there. Will get permit to do it in the terminal on Mondays from now until June.

February 20 **Fox Truth Tuesday** Stop Exploiting Fear banner in response to Fox immigrant fear mongering. The studio blinds were pulled down in anticipation.

Non-Rise and Resist announcements.

Poor People's Campaign. Rally to Tax the Rich, protect people's services.

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/event/mass-poor-peoples-low-wage-workers-assembly-on-march-2nd/> March 2, Saturday, Rally in Albany. Other rallies are happening around the country. Also March 4 people of faith rally.

Students for Justice interns will be spreading the word about Project 2025 via Tik Toks that they will create. They'll go out on Instagram as well.

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