

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition – 7.13.21

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**Facilitators:** Jamie & Alexandra    **Notes:** Sandy

### **Good news**

Texas Democrats go to Washington D.C. to protest voter suppression legislation. The G20 just signed on to a resolution that all corporations should be taxed at a minimum of 15%. This will stop the race to the bottom.

### **Report backs**

#### **7.08. Immigration Vigil in Grand Central**

Grand Central had enough traffic to do a vigil. Quite a few people; not as it was before at 5 pm during rush hour but quite lively. Diversity of people there was evident. Lot of fliers handed out; lots of interaction with passersby. Some folks were not happy we were there, middle aged white guys mostly. Overall, successful vigil. We will likely go there again. Indoors, air conditioned, and masks required.

#### **7.09. Say Their Names**

Happens every Friday, weather permitting, at 96<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway  
It took place. People come back. We had 25-30 people. A mixed group. Reading the names goes over an hour vs. 45 minutes before. Estimate is about 450 names.

#### **7.10. Beds Not Body Bags**

This was the seventh Beds Not Body Bags; 5 in Queens, 1 in Brooklyn; 1 in Manhattan. This one took place in an African American community in Jamaica Queens which is gentrifying somewhat. It was at the former Mary Immaculate Hospital which closed losing 225 beds. Held a red banner made by Miriam Schecter; has 225 bed icons to show how many beds were lost

when this hospital closed. 12-15 of us held banners, tombstones, and signs. Covered by some news media but have not seen anything broadcast. Mark and Leon were interviewed. Afterwards some went to part across the street and passed out leaflets.

The action was well put together and well-received. The neighborhood is Indian/Pakistani and they were fired up about this issue; very supportive. Two or three men responded very strongly. Their message of Rise and Resist was--Thank you for being here because we do not have a hospital.

A couple of good questions were asked which led to some interesting discussion. The questions were: When we do a vigil like this, do we place it in a way where lots of people come or is it a media opportunity? Do we have a policy objective?

Responses to Questions:

--Counted 8 articles after a search of our actions; expanding awareness across the boroughs is a key objective.

--This is an ongoing issue. The goal is to stop this and reverse it. We need more beds and to end hospital apartheid.

--Get City Hall and State Reps that we are demanding that Queens County get more hospital beds. Provide more hospital beds and stop closing more hospitals.

--About the dire need, the racism, inequity. Ties in with the NY health Act and Medicare fight.

--Hospitals that have been closed have mainly been in black and brown neighborhoods in Queens.

This issue has gained traction.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1EQQhAut8oaN23OyvA5hzfLVC7QwhUiL2>

## **Upcoming Actions**

### **Weds. July 14 at 10 am—End the Pandemic rally and march**

RaR Actions Group is helping with this coalition action. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> in a series. Unless we vaccinate everyone, we could be set back. WTO is involved to waive the international patent rights. Big Pharma is opposed, and Pfizer is leading the charge. Biden is supporting the waiver, but a few major countries are standing in the way; e.g. Germany; proposing a meaningless resolution instead. Merkel and Biden will be discussing the pandemic. This campaign is called The People's Vaccine Alliance. Marching to the German Consulate and then marching to Pfizer Headquarters. Expecting >200 people. Now we just need people to show up and could still use some marshals; show up at 9:30 am. Will be an affinity group action at the end; aka, a vague action.

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/a09da09901db50b780e49a8f8eb80309a8785e04>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/dag-hammarskj%C3%B6ld-plaza-833-1st-avenue-new-york-nycgovparksorg/rally-to-end-the-pandemic-everywhere/393020112147950/>

<https://twitter.com/riseandresistny/status/1415085913626058757?s=21>

### **Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>—10 am to 1 pm—Reclining Liberty Action in Morningside Park**

This is a filibuster action and a totally drop in event.

Messaging will strongly pass S1 before the recess. Create your own social media. Mix and match signs. There is a need for office supplies (markers etc.), paper towels, photo props, and snacks. Heather has a sign up list. Heather will read a Mary Oliver poem. Others are welcome to bring something to read.

There will be fliers and postcards to hand out.

[https://www.facebook.com/events/495817181479800/?acontext=%7B%22event\\_action\\_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22your\\_upcoming\\_events\\_unit%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22bookmark%22%7D%2C%22ref\\_notif\\_type%22%3Anull%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/495817181479800/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22your_upcoming_events_unit%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22bookmark%22%7D%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D)

Sign up sheet for Sunday - supplies, props, and food!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11JsW1otRs1n0mq5F0XTrv1u\\_X-wWfdZv8Dlwnx9Kzgw/e/dit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11JsW1otRs1n0mq5F0XTrv1u_X-wWfdZv8Dlwnx9Kzgw/e/dit?usp=sharing)

### **New Actions**

**July 19, 26, and August 2--Proposal to demonstrate at Schumer's Office** on consecutive Mondays about voting rights/filibuster—780 Third Avenue at 48<sup>th</sup> St. Most of the actions have been outside Schumer's house. We wanted to protest at his office in Manhattan. Tell him to put his staff to work and pass voting rights legislation. These would be done at various hours so more people would have opportunities to go. First one is Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Monday, July 26 at noon; Monday August 2 time TBD. Want to do a lot of leafleting, having a presence. We will be out on the street but may go in and ask to go upstairs. Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> is headed by the Poor People's Campaign. They are excited that RaR will be joining them. Might involve CD. Note about location: The area is closed off; it's a construction site. Just have a strip of sidewalk.

**Sponsorship requested: Sponsorship endorsed.**

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/07/12/which-side-are-you-poor-peoples-campaign-pressures-us-senate-democracy-and-justice>

**July 17 Pipeline action and march—starts at Titanic Memorial Park** (corner of Water and Fulton St.)

People's Climate Movement introduced us to Mothers Out Front who have been protesting a proposed pipeline through the Blue Ridge Mountains. Local actions haven't gotten them anywhere so they're bringing it to NYC where fossil fuel financiers & insurers lurk. The usual cast of local characters is signing on (NY Communities for Change, 350s)

It's Saturday July 17, starts at 10:00 am at [Titanic Memorial Park](#) (corner of Water St. and Fulton St.) Walk down [John St.](#) (known for the insurance industry) Walk down Broad Street to the [Fearless Girl](#) confronting Wall St. End at the [Charging Bull Statue](#) in [Bowling Green Park](#).

The entire route is under a mile and we'll be stopping to take photographs on John St., the Fearless Girl and in front of the Charging B

It's a photo op/social media action.

It's during the Enbridge Line 3 week of action so will include that as well as No Brooklyn pipeline in messaging.

Here's the link to the sign up for the action.

[https://va.mothersoutfront.org/mountains\\_to\\_sea\\_gas\\_free?recruiter\\_id=2384](https://va.mothersoutfront.org/mountains_to_sea_gas_free?recruiter_id=2384)

**Endorsement requested: Action endorsed.**

### **July 17 John Lewis Good Trouble Vigil at Schumer's Home at 5:30 pm**

Several groups involved including Indivisible Brooklyn, Common Cause, Fair Elections, with Zellner Myrie speaking. Schumer's Rabbi is also speaking

**Endorsement requested: Action endorsed.**

### **Finance**

Nothing and suggested that they be taken off as a regular agenda item and only included when they request time.

Here's a link to donate to Rise and Resist.

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/riseandresistny>

### **Non-RAR announcements**

**Sunday, July 25 at noon—Joints for Jobs Picnic** in Prospect Park across from Schumer's residence

Action was endorsed last week. Coalition action with Normal, Act Up, and Housing Works.

Tomorrow launching the senate version—Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act. We want this to pass. Still 40,000 Cannabis prisoners in the U. S. The majority of whom are black.

The Fentanyl Act—puts some money aside for this.

Have a drug that would cut opioid abuse by 40% but is impossible to get in the U.S.

### **Wednesday, July 14 at 2 pm-- Zoom court appointment for Mary Ellen.**

If anyone is interested in logging on, contact Cherie.

**August 6 at 11 am at the Municipal Bldg—Commemoration of bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima.**

Trying to get two pieces of legislation across the finish line; urging Speaker Johnson to pass the NYC Nuclear Disarmament legislation. More information to come.

**July 17 at noon at 110<sup>th</sup> St and Fifth Ave--Celebratory picnic halt solitary**

Halt Solitary [Bit.ly/CelebrateHALT](https://bit.ly/CelebrateHALT)

**Ending July 14--Art show in Williamsburg**—Ray Black's partner Richard's work--17 Frost St.

in Williamsburg; Open 2 to 10 pm

Bedford Stop on the train

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