

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.17.2022

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Facilitation Issues

Encourage as many people to talk as possible. Will keep track of how many times people talk and to spread the talking around. If spoken a couple of times, step back. Stay on topic. Don't repeat what others have said.

Good News!

No major good news the past couple of weeks.
RAR did get a lot of press coverage.
Tucker Carson is getting the spotlight on him.
Reproductive rights actions happened all over the country.
The DOJ asked for testimony transcripts.
Kellen graduated from college!

Upcoming/New Actions

5/19 at 5 pm—Immigration Vigil—Staten Island Ferry Terminal (Manhattan)

On May 23rd, Biden was going to roll back Title 42 exclusions. Right now, that is still with a Federal Judge in LA who has put a hold on Title 42. Will decide by May 23. Will keep hammering that Title 42 needs to be repealed and plenty of room for people to seek asylum here. Alternative location in case of bad weather is likely Grand Central.

5/21 from 11 am to 4 pm—RaR Picnic—Pier 64 (Hudson River Park at 24th St.)

Weather looks to be good, maybe hot. Bring food.

5/24 at noon—Healthcare action-FOX News Headquarters—47th St and 6th Avenue

The pandemic focus at FOX for this week got postponed until next week. We'll call out FOX for its role in spreading lies about Covid 19. Will mark the milestone that we have reached 1 MM people who have died from Covid. Somber event. Will have a funeral procession. Grim reaper,

coffin, tombstone, and signs. Everyone should wear black. Noon—Tuesday, May 24.

5/24 at 1 pm—Chase Action

We are trying to keep at Chase consistently. Once a month to headquarters and once a month will go to a branch. 8th Ave. And 58th St. will be our first branch action. Very busy area. Aim is to publicize and raise awareness about what Chase is doing. At Chase headquarters the targets are both the general public and Chase employees. **Note: This action happens right after the FOX action at noon at 47th St. & 6th Avenue.**

5/25 from 8 to 9:30 am—Blackrock Action

Annual meeting action. Protesting against fossil fuel investments. In coalition with NY Communities for Change and Xr. Short action. Contact Livvie if interested in a vague action, text Livvie at 646-831-6422. Need to gather and make some noise. Needs an endorsement.

Vote: Endorsed

6/12 at time TBD—DeSantis and Pompey come to Tikvah Fund event

Tikvah Fund got kicked out of the Museum of Jewish Heritage because they invited DeSantis and the museum was uncomfortable. Venue was moved to Pier 60 in Chelsea Piers. Event is from 9 am to 5 pm. DeSantis is the last speaker—Why Florida policies are good for the Jews. Will be discussed in Actions on May 18. Chelsea Piers is one of those quasi-public-private spaces. Logistics need to be carefully worked out. Pompeo will speak in the morning. Jewish Voices for Peace, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice are groups to work with. RaR will take the lead.

Other Healthcare

Keep pressure on the NY Health Act. Make calls. Passing NYHA in this session:
<https://p2a.co/M7PNcRR>

To pass End Medical Debt:

<https://www.cssny.org/campaigns/entry/end-medical-debt#take-action>

Truth Tuesday FOX Video

Brainchild of Rick, Julie, Owen, and Virginia—did a little shoot. Meant to coincide with televised hearings of the Jan. 6 insurrection starting June 9. The video is done. Need ideas for distribution. TikTok mentioned. Jamie mentioned that Sandi Bachom has a lot of twitter followers and might put it up for us.

Change the Channel is the action step.

Message is that FOX turned couch-potatoes into insurrectionists.

Some feel we should get it out now. More felt we should wait until the hearings to spread this video around. Will be more relevant then.

Discussion New York State redistricting maps and Congressional Races

Redistricting in NYS has been a wild ride. Republican redistricting gets approved but not in NY. NY redistricting must be transparent, and the districts have to be compact, and they couldn't gerrymander. A bi-partisan committee was set up to make the maps. Cuomo was very involved. The Commission had 5 Dems and 5 Republicans which set it up to fail. Ultimately the legislature drew the maps. The legislature is super blue and gerrymandered. Republicans took their map to a courthouse 5-6 hours from Manhattan in front of a Republican judge and he threw the maps out. The Upstate judge in Bath found a guy called the Master who drew a new map.

The new map was released yesterday. Manhattan used to be cut vertically. Nadler in the West; Maloney to the East. The new map pits Nadler vs. Maloney. Because of all the delays, the June 28th primary will only be for the Assembly and some statewide races.

Mark Hannay: Actually, new NYC congressional districts will likely all stay Dem. no matter who runs in the new districts, incumbents can run in them and then would have to move into it if they win. The only district in play is still NY-11 (Malliotakis, Staten Is. and SW Bklyn), and it's now been redrawn to be bluer, so nothing really has changed much for NYC.

The public has until 10 am Wednesday, May 18, to comment on the new maps. The judge who hired the grandmaster is the one who will approve the maps.

Possible messaging ideas for public comments--Communities of color have been torn apart and Manhattan districting has been greatly transformed. Write something about your own district will be most effective.

https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/?districtType=cd&propA=current_2012&propB=congress_specialmasterblockbased_20220516&opacity=0.92#%26map=10.5/40.7067/-73.9696

Elections Committee—Committee has met 4 times and have been thrown off by redistricting. We want to protect Congress and go after Malliotakis. Will focus on voter registration and education. Need to find allies on the ground to work with to target people of color and low registration and low turnout areas. Groups called Re-Sisters and Village Independent Democrats may work with us. Being in person is the most effective way to campaign. Reach out to Livvie to join the Elections Committee. elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com

Report Backs

5/11-Indict Trump and Bragg Action

First part was in front of the Federal Court. "What, Me Worry?" Alfred E. Newman sign created by Rick was great. Did chanting, name calling, got positive feedback. Then went to Bragg's office, did some speechifying, some additional signs.

5/12-Coalition of Immokalee Workers demonstration

This was a wonderful demonstration. In the center of Manhattan in front of Wendy's headquarters to get Nelson Peltz voted off the Board. A few RaR members were there. Crowd was lively and vibrant, and the speakers were inspiring. Wonderful Mariachi band. Street theater piece produced by the Immokalee workers to get others to join them. Very colorful action. Show how bosses mistreat workers. The Wendy's Board is meeting on May 18. Last week their proxy advisor service recommended their shareholders vote against Peltz. This coalition serves as an inspiration to keep on going when the going gets tough.

5/20-Say Their Names at 5 pm every Friday—96th and Broadway

Got rained out last week as it had the week before. Need to come up with a way to let people know in time to stop folks coming in from other boroughs.

5/14-Bans Off Our Bodies March across the Brooklyn Bridge

Thanks to Cherie for suggesting that we march with the abortion action heads group. That

brought a lot of media attention. We had a great contingent. Impeach the SCOTUS perjurers signs were well-received. Impressive march because it was huge. Those on the Foley St. Side felt the crowd of people coming from the bridge was endless, there were a lot of younger people including younger men. Estimates were around 20,000. The NYPD put the number at 25,000. USA Today said nearly 400 Bans Off Our Bodies events were held across the U.S. last Saturday, May 14. More marches are coming in two weeks.

5/16--Leslie Cagan/NYCAN event

Honored Leslie Cagan to keep the nuclear free zone issue in the public eye. Had a celebration which coincided with her 75th BD which she wasn't able to celebrate because of covid. Filled out postcards, danced, ate cupcakes. It was great fun!

5/17--Truth Tuesday at FOX--Every Tuesday at noon at 47th St.-6th Ave.

Great turnout, great energy, about 40 people. Thanks to the healthcare group for giving up their day to pivot to the White Supremacy message. Several non-RaR members came. Ran out of fliers. Many NYU graduates walked by and were positively responding to the action, especially the students of color. Good chalking done today. The FOX flier goes beyond information but is a call to action to shut it down. The entire action was centered around Tucker Carlson and his white supremacy message. We also had people holding pictures of each of the people who were killed with bios. Their names were called out one by one.

5/17--Birddogging Chase Executives at Chase Headquarters

Planned by the Youth Finance alliance. About 10 of them along with an RaR contingent. Went to Chase headquarters. Went to bird dog executives there. Great energy, great speeches. Chase was quite annoyed by our presence. A lot of chalking was done. Birddogging wasn't too successful. Chase was in lockdown in response to this action. Speakers were all young people, and they were great.

Non-RaR Announcements

May 17-24, 2022-Amnesia Atomica NYC presents Zero Nukes-Times Square, Duffy Square
Thurs/Fri noon to 8 pm; info booths; young artists created a virtual reality go on a magical version of what happened in HI and have half an hour to live.

<http://arts.timessquarenyc.org/times-square-arts/projects/at-the-crossroads/amnesia-atomica-nyc/index.aspx>

May 19--Thursday at 11 am--rally at City Hall in support of the Clean Slate act.

State legislature is supporting this. Allows people released from prison to get their records expunged after a certain period of time which would help them get jobs.

May 19--Student walkout for abortion rights--Union Square at 1 pm. This Thursday will be the 3rd week for a student walkout in support of abortion rights. Plan to do it every Thursday. Walkouts have been all over the country and have been big. Starts at 1 pm in Union Square and walks to Washington Square Park.

Student walkout info for Thursdays: <https://riseup4abortionrights.org/3955-2/>

5/21--Saturday 11 am Yemen Vigil (7th year)

5/21--Saturday 1 pm Goddard College 1pm anti-war teach-in. Anti-NATO

5/22 Sunday from 11 am to 8 pm—Rising together Sunday Salon

5C Café & Cultural Center; 68 Avenue C at East 5th St, Loisaida; New York, NY 10009
11 am to 4:30 pm-- Trudy Silver, Steve Bloom, Ras Moshe Burnett, Mindy Levekov, Jenny Amanda Hurwitz, Farid Bitar, Joel Landy, Susan Metz, Carlo Ceballos, V. Jane Orendain, Atsuko Mu Yuma, Brendan Fay, Rev. Billy, Lewis Grupper, Feliecea "EmpresS" Rose, Al Stolzer, Jane Spoken Word & Albie Balgochian, Pat Russell, Riyin Trill & Mango The Only, Sammy Buttons & Funkalicious 4:30 pm

6 to 8 pm—Procession to the Earth Church with Rev. Billy The Church of Stop shopping & Rising together Guerilla Theater

May 23 Albany action on the Survivors Act.

Reach out to Jaron Benjamin if interested. jbenjamin@malkinross.com

FROM JARON- We're on the verge of passing the Adult Survivors Act. The ASA is modeled after the Child Victims Act and provides a look back period for survivors to file civil suits. We're having a presser and doing some birddogging of key targets that day and have a bus going up the morning of (departing Manhattan at 8 and returning at 6). Sign up link at <https://bit.ly/passtheASA> -

May 2022 is advocacy month for the medical condition that is identical to Long Covid. Two house and senate bills being proposed. Ask House and Senate to pass them. Means funding for the scientists researching it, making insurance recognize it from a short- and long-term disability perspective, providing help with rent and general living support.

June 18th—Poor People's Campaign will have buses to Washington

Final Note: Last evening as a curtain raiser to FOX, Gays against Guns did a march from the NYPL to Times Square solely focused on Buffalo.

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