

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.4.2022

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Facilitators: Jennifer and Cherie **Notes:** Sandy

Good News

- Twitter suspended Marjorie Taylor Greene's personal twitter account.
- A.G. Letitia James issued subpoenas to Ivanka and Don Jr. as part of fraud investigation.
- Schumer announced he will put forward changes to the filibuster (by Jan 17) if the Senate does not pass a voting rights bill.
- Conviction for Theranos fraud
- Outspoken statements being made about Garland
- Hospital in TX developed a new potential covid vaccine that will not be patented and will be shared with developing countries
 - Here's an article about the new patent-free Hotez vaccine. <https://bit.ly/3q6cERe>

Discussion - Reflections on our activism in 2021

Picnic was wonderful; good to hang out together on a beautiful day

Favorite action was held in Central Park to thank women who turned GA blue.
It was very positive.

Schumer has been the biggest disappointment; seems like an immovable object

Thanks to Jamie. Not one specific action but going over the body of our work this year. We're unique. We go after everything. Things circle back on each other. Doing more coalitioning with other groups and playing well with others.

Good experience going to climate actions. Like it and care about it. Immigration demo means a lot to me. The incarceration work is nourishing and inspiring and has

been effective. Most rewarding victory was the taxi drivers' victory.

Hard to pick an action but what's amazing is that we went to two actions a day. Love that we have been working with other groups. Inequality and racism.

The 24-hour vigil outside Schumer's house was so fulfilling. 24-hour program of readings was fabulous in its diversity, including poetry. Whole campaign on the fund excluded workers, the hunger strikes that the workers took on. Fasting for a political purpose really had meaning. Breaking of the fast for the workers in Wash Sq park and watching them take their first food and drink in weeks was extraordinary. Issue of raising taxes on the rich connected to this.

Confession. Don't pay attention. Trust this group. I show up. Thank you so much. I am not as glum because you're all there.

Amazed and thankful that we were out there during the entire pandemic.

Beds not body bags. Nice to hang out with RaR that's outside and safe.

Truth Tuesdays has been the little engine that could. Sticking to it has been great. It's an important message. We're sticking to it and figuring out creative ways to focus on the issues. Kudos to Jenny for Say Their Names on Fridays which has continued now for over 18 months. We had that summer of reckoning. There was some BLM but RaR stuck with it.

In the midst of the pandemic and in the age of Donald that RaR carries on for five years is amazing. A shout out to George and Wendy and Julie about the Fox demo. Found a community and love of each other that keeps each of you engaged and involved.

24-hour filibuster was an incredible production. Calling out Rick and Jamie for creating wonderful props. Thank you to the photographers. Made it through this past year because of all of you.

RaR was a constant during the pandemic; a way to see people I know and see the passion and energy.

Incredibly grateful for this group. No matter what it was about, it changed my outlook.

NYCAN victory.

Chubb action—weren't going to fund the Transmountain pipeline anymore.

Love the messaging. The creativity is stunning.

Reflections From the Chat

Diane Lent's RAR year in photos

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/greenelent/albums/72177720295670514>

Re: inventor of new COVID-19 vaccine who refuses to patent it: Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D. is Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine where he is also the Co-director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital.

www.nytimes.com/2021/12/20/us/politics/filibuster-senate-voting-rights.html?searchResultPosition=1

Love it when we get good press coverage - Fruman photobomb comes to mind, and the NYMag photo after the young repugnants

The UN projection with Robert was on January of 21 too!

Mary Hawkins's Banner Designs!

I love the sheepies and our Joseph and Mary and a sweet sweet donkey -

Lorenzo!!!

Sheep, donkey, and a bagel with a schmear!

Upcoming/New Actions

Say Their Names to resume Friday, Jan 7th at 4:30PM at 96th & Broadway, report back on safety/concerns zoom meeting.

Haven't met for the past 2 weeks due to the holidays. Will meet on Jan. 7.
Will say the names of people of color who have been killed by the police.

The spot is vulnerable and it's a regular meeting place, there have been a number of incidents that have caused concern from a safety perspective. Some people against our cause or some people suffering from mental illness and lack of care and have been disruptive. Zoom meeting this week led by Jamie to discuss safety.

Suggestions: having two people at each vigil who are responsible to keep their eyes on what's going on and de-escalate if necessary. Those 2 people should be clearly designated before each action.

Agreement that if there's a concern or someone is hurt or on the verge of something might happen, calling 911 is an appropriate response. Sense was supportive of not calling the police which is not ensuring safety.

At the beginning of each vigil, come together, remind ourselves of what it's about and it is our goal to not engage.

Real wish for de-escalation training. Maryellen has been asked to give some de-escalation training and she agreed to do it.

Week of January 17—The Roses to Mission Action

Robert Action—Endorse an action—annual with NYCAN.

Members of the UN every year endorse a letter against nuclear proliferation. A yellow rose and a thank you note gets delivered to each mission. Right now 86 nations have agreed. 59 have states have signed to say yes. 45% of all nations in the UN have agreed to ban nuclear weapons.

<https://secure.everyaction.com/spAvUc6KN0O-zwhAMoa7Lg2>

Endorsement Vote: ENDORSED unanimously

Thursday, Jan 6, 1PM Steps of the NYPL, SAVE DEMOCRACY, INDICT THE COUP LEADERS

<https://www.facebook.com/events/284831490288186/?ref=newsfeed>

One hour action. Banner says: Garland do your job Indict the Coup Plotters. Indict Trump banner. Many signs. Indict the Trump family; Indict the Coup Caucus; DOJ with a phone number; lot of individual Indict Brannon, Alex Jones, Mark Meadows.

Hoping for a photo op and some news. Garland will be speaking on Weds.

We have about 35 different indict signs. All black and white, bold. We should have enough people to hold everything we're bringing. We have enough stuff for 50 people. Everything is reusable.

Lots of advance notices and looks like we may have a big turnout.

Some theater and noise. There will be callouts with Indict ___ with names.

Press release has gone out. We would like to have someone to do a video.

Information about other Jan. 6 events

<https://www.mobilize.us/democracyvigils/event/433478/>

<https://mailchi.mp/0490cdd1af91/attend-a-january-6-vigil-and-join-the-fight-for-democracy>

Here's the national list and map of Jan. 6 actions: <https://jan6unityday.org/>

Discussion - following through/after Jan 6th what to about the Jan 6th Congressional Committee, and the Dept. of Justice.

Keep the pressure on Garland who's speaking at 2:30 pm on Weds.

It's going to be Garland and the DOJ moving forward. Have to be creative to find the best way to put pressure on a Washington based entity being in NY.

Congress Members are putting pressure on Garland and calling him out. Jan. 7 was a potential date when the AG of NY was going to call Trump in for a deposition. Put the pressure on NY for the civil and criminal charges. Add Bill Barr to the people who supported Trump to get where he was.

Discussion of NY redistricting. Moving toward it being resolved in the legislature and may be leading to gerrymandering that could save up to 5 Democratic seats in NY.

News story on NY redistricting: <https://bit.ly/3HH5eK8>

Report Backs

12/15 Elevator Actions will report back next meeting

Has not had an in-person action recently. We met outside the MTA on Dec. 15 at 2 Broadway. Afterwards we went into the Board meeting. Demanding that the MTA signs a binding agreement. We coalitioned with these people. We had a good turnout on a cold Dec. morning. Several went inside and spoke at the Board meeting. These meetings are tedious and awful but in this one all members stayed in the room and more than half of the agenda was about disability rights. We have to keep fighting to get these elevators built one by one. This is a long-haul fight. 100% accessibility is a decades long fight.

12/22 & 12/23 Action outside Schumer's House

Action took place over 4 days Mon-Thurs. Great signage in front of Schumer's apartment building. Two hours a day with the BKLYN indivisible folks. People honking and lots of response. We just showed up for Indivisible. They have been showing up over and over again.

12/28 and 1/4 Truth Tuesday at Fox "News" at 12:00PM

Last week had a large crowd; lots of interaction; had 3 banners plus signs. Saw many thumbs up and one random "get a job". Today it was very cold, we had only 1 banner and did about 35 minutes in the cold. White Supremacy is Terrorism banner and some signs, cowbells, and chants. Quieter today versus last week but the noon time seems better than 9 am. People have more time to interact with us.

Non-Rise and Resist Actions

Granny Peace Brigade—Jan 15 from 1 to 2:30 pm at the Highline. Takes place

in front of the drone replica. Global ban on aerial weaponized drones. Want an international treaty banning police drones.

We lost Betty White over the weekend and Bishop Tutu. Just a shout out to them as great souls.

3 scheduled orientation meetings throughout the month, starting on Jan. 17. State level program.

<https://mhp.urbanjustice.org/a2r-events/>

What is Medicaid HARP?

What are CORE mental health & substance use supports?

How do I get CORE mental health & substance use support?

What if I have grievances and quality issues?

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