

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition – 02.23.21

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting [click here](#)
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**Facilitators:** Paul & Stu    **Notes:** Jackie O.    **Participants:** 36 folks

### GOOD NEWS

- Supreme Court orders Trump to give tax returns to Manhattan D.A. and also refused to review election 'fraud' cases from multiple states
- Ted Cruz gets his due while AOC and Beto stepped up and actually helped folks in TX
- Vax distribution: Pfizer, Moderna, and J & J shipping soon shipping millions of doses in US

**NO REPORT BACKS - Due to winter weather, no actions this past week!**

But we did have media coverage this week:

- [NYT article on Erik Prince](#) used photo of RAR demo we did two years ago at a New York Young Republicans Gala



- [Op-ed in Daily News](#) also had image from Elevator Actions action, with excellent op-ed by Jessica Murray of Elevator Actions w/summary of what's going on now



- Int'l Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons also had coverage all over the world

Our actions and images live on! All kinds of ripple effects that we don't know at the time...

## UPCOMING ACTIONS

**2/24 Wed., 11AM @ Cuomo's Office (40th St./3rd Ave) -- Vaccinate and Decarcerate**

Donna: Press conference and delegation organized by CCA and RAR. Will deliver a letter signed by public health folks and activists/advocates demanding immediate vaccination of all incarcerated people. We will provide marshals. See [Bit.ly/COVID-in-cages](https://bit.ly/COVID-in-cages) to sign up

**2/25 Thurs., 12noon @ Cuomo's Office (633 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave) -- "The Show Can't Go On" // Invest in Our New York**

Livvie: Action is part of campaign to Tax Billionaires. Music Workers Alliance pairing with Invest in Our New York to hold this rally supporting resources for artists and cultural workers shut out of work in the pandemic.

**2/25 Thurs., 5PM @ Staten Island Ferry Terminal (Manhattan) Immigration Vigil -- No Detentions No Deportations**

Jamie: Resuming our immigration vigils. Lots of pedestrians at that hour, and we will be targeting Nicole Malliotakis (Trumpist & US congressional Rep, 11<sup>th</sup> district, S. Brooklyn and Staten Island). Three new banners will be displayed: 'No Detentions, No Deportations' & 'Stop the Deportation Machine' & 'A Path to Citizenship for All'. Building support for proposed [Biden bill on immigration](#) laying out pathway to citizenship for 11 million including TPS, DACA, undocumented folks, farm workers. Action will encourage ferry riders who to phone Malliotakis's office and pressure her support of the bill.

Check out [Mijente's website](#) for detailed analysis of proposed Biden legislation. Their position is that, while the bill has flaws, it looks like it might be better than under Obama.

**2/26 Fri., 4:30PM @ 96th and Broadway -- Say Their Names vigil**

Jenny: We'll be out again on Friday, if weather permits. Our vigils continue even as the police violence continues with impunity. See the powerful video, [Surviving a Lynching](#)

- Jon & Mary: Given the recent grand jury decisions failing to indict police violence, we need to change the grand jury system.

**3/3 Wed., 2PM @ BlackRock -- 51<sup>st</sup> St btwn Madison & Park -- Stop Fueling Climate Chaos // Climate Action**

Stu: Climate actions may have taken a bit of a back burner due to the pandemic, but climate damage hasn't stopped during that time. Latest news is that things are even worse than previous models predicted. BlackRock now manages \$9 trillion in fossil fuels. Companies now are at least on the defensive. Stop the Money Pipeline coalition is back on the streets. This rowdy action will start at BlackRock and head to Chase bank. There will be a CD component to the action where people accept the risk of getting arrested. See FB event [here](#).

**Vote to CO-HOST - YES**

**TAX THE RICH - INVEST IN OUR NEW YORK**

Livvie: Tax the Rich still pushing to get legislation into budget by end of March. Huge deficit looming. Cuomo is already cutting schools, medical care, etc. RAR is part of the Invest in Our New York Coalition, and participates in weekly actions: Letter-writing, weekly phone call, occasional actions – basic stuff that keeps pressure on the NYS legislature. Sign-up to participate in Tax the Rich/Invest in Our New York [here](#).

Next Wed., join a zoom call re: what can be done to invest in the arts & artists thru Tax the Rich. Invite will be sent to all the Working Groups. Contact Livvie for more info:

Tom, Robert, Eve, Livvie, Jim: Discussion of one-on-one mentoring in the arts with kids? Will this hurt art educators, though, who teach the arts and in the pandemic aren't getting paid? How to have equitable use of tax money?

Stu: Recent polls show 88% of folks currently support taxing the rich. It's not a 'socialist' idea.

**Vote to support #TaxTheRich campaign - YES**

Please email Stu if you want more info and want to come out: [waldman@mikaya.com](mailto:waldman@mikaya.com)

**Co-sponsorship request from ACT-UP for 3/1, Mon., 12noon @ Cuomo's office –Cuomo Cuts Kill**

Brandon: As part of Invest in Our New York, next week is health care week for the campaign, with action outside Cuomo's office. VOCAL-NY, Housing Works, Physicians for a National Health Care Plan and others are participating.

Ann: RAR Health Care Action group already working on this action. See FB event [here](#).

## **Vote to co-sponsor 3/1 ACT-UP action - YES**

**3/7 Sun., 1 pm @ arch at Washington Sq Park - International Women's Day // Pass the ERA action**

Virginia, Tom, Maryellen, Leon: Action to support of the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment). 38 states have now endorsed it but the time has run out. Action will offer a kind of tour through women's history, and support the legislative actions necessary to ultimately pass the ERA. The U.S. is the only country with a modern constitution that doesn't guarantee women's rights. Version of the ERA actually first introduced in this country in 1923.

## **Vote to endorse ERA action - YES**

### **ELECTIONS/FILIBUSTER UPDATE**

Sandy: Organizing a call relay/ phone tree on March 1 to urge Schumer to support ending the filibuster. Please sign up for a five-minute slot for next Monday. [Sign-up here](#).

### **REACTION TO PRO TRUMP PUBLICITY @ WOLLMAN RINK**

Paul: Dion Cini was at the Wollman Rink to display his trump paraphernalia/MAGA flag and was thrown out [Video clip was shown.]

- Tom, Jamie: But as media savvy people, we need to recognize this is exactly what the Trump guy wanted. Dion is a provocateur, stages events where he tries to get himself attacked and thrown out, and then claims that he's a victim. He posted the video himself and tried to get it to circulate.

### **FINANCE**

No report this week (we are solvent). Link to help fund Rise and Resist actions/donate [here](#).

### **NON RISE AND RESIST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alvin: We know anti-asian violence is spiking. The Asian American Federation is organizing a **RALLY TO RISE UP AGAINST ASIAN HATE, Feb. 27, Sat @ 1 pm --** Foley Square – [FB event here](#).

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