

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.27.2020

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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:** Jennifer & Jamie **Notes:** Jackie O. **Participants:** 41 folks

### REPORT BACKS

#### **10/22 COUNT EVERY VOTE and VOTE HIM OUT @ NBC news studio**

Jay & Jackie R.: A really powerful action. Not much formal press beyond our allied friends, but great turnout of RaR members. All invited speakers showed up. Photo-ops at Fox News, then at Ivanka/Jared billboard in Times Sq. Phenomenal event. Videos of each speaker were spectacular—we will be sending them out for people to circulate.

#### **10/23 Say Their Names @ 96th St./Broadway (weekly)**

Jenny & Jennifer: The banner 'White supremacy is terrorism' was held high. A wonderful mix of activists and passers-by. A Native American man was invited by Jenny to read the last column of names, and it was a beautiful inclusion.

#### **10/24 Sat., First Day of Early Voting @ Madison Sq. Garden**

Donna, Jackie R., & Jamie: A lot of people there voting! We had our banners and signs which were appreciated by people and did some chalking on the sidewalk. Stayed for about 2 hours. Long lines were unbelievable. Discovered there was a senior/disabled line for anyone who wants it; they don't tell you, but they'll let you right in. Great action. Sing Out Louise came afterward to entertain the crowd. Picture of Zack holding the 'Count Every Vote' sign was in the Daily Post. Plus lots of folks taking pictures, European press taking photos and talking to us.

Early voting hours have been extended:

Friday 10/30 and Saturday 10/31: 7am-5pm

Sunday: 11/1 7am-4pm

#### **10/25 Sun., Second Day of Early Voting @ Barclays**

Rick & Judith: It was good, there was pizza. They let us put up our signs. We were there for an hour. There wasn't much of a line at Barclays -- at Tillary the line was huge.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We have a Facilitation team, a Screen Share team, and a Note-Taking team and we're about to create a new schedule. Anyone not currently on those teams, please volunteer! Email Jamie at [bauwau2u@gmail.com](mailto:bauwau2u@gmail.com) and they will send you the Doodle poll for your availability. If a few new people sign up it would be great.

## **UPCOMING ACTIONS**

**10/29, Thurs., 5 pm Banner action @ 125th St and Adam Clayton Powell Blvd**  
Plan to display "Count every vote/every vote counts" banner and distribute flyers regarding early voting locations. Sign up for [the FB event here](#). If there is a rain cancellation, which looks possible, all folks signed up will get a notice.

**10/30, Fri., 5 pm Friday Say Their Names @ Broadway and 96<sup>th</sup>.**  
If it's raining at 4:30 we will cancel -- no communication will be sent out.

### **Upcoming this weekend:**

Action Committee planning to schedule more banner actions on weekend/Election day, when the weather looks good. Possibly go to Times Sq on Halloween, Sat., 10/31? If you want an update for the banner actions, email Jamie at [bauwau2u@gmail.com](mailto:bauwau2u@gmail.com).

### **Nov. 1 March for the Dead canceled**

Jay: We planned to do another large march, but with all the election and court nominee activism, we were stretched too thin. We'll see what happens w/elections and decide how we want to move forward.

## **REPORT BACK ON PROTECT THE RESULTS COALITION AND PLANS:**

Jamie: Protect the Results is a nationwide mobilization, led by Indivisible, Stand Up America, and other groups. RAR is participating in weekly organizing calls. If trump refuses election results or claims victory when he hasn't won, etc., people are getting organized to go into the street. There are legal processes he can pursue to subvert the vote in a GOP coup. Coups can be stopped, but only if people take action immediately. Hundreds of cities and towns planning events.

Sign up for [NYC Protect the Results action here](#). NYC plan: Meet on Wed., Nov. 4 at 4 pm on steps of Public Library on Fifth Ave, to march to Washington Sq Park. This is a tentative plan because we don't know yet what trump will do. National organizations will decide and we will know by Wed morning. It may be necessary to go out several nights in a row and eventually look at civil disobedience. RAR has signed on, including help with marshaling. [Sign up to marshal here](#).

RAR volunteered to organize 10 wheelchairs for Nov. 4 for folks who can't march the whole way. Can RAR commit \$500 for the wheelchairs as a donation toward the action?

Leon: During the action, we need to let folks know in a way that's non-stigmatizing. Sometimes people just need it for a block or two. Even if they don't get fully used it's not a waste. Important to provide the service that allows folks to participate.

## **VOTE passes for \$500 to run an accessible march w/wheelchairs available**

If more \$\$ for Nov. 4 action is needed, the ERT (Emergency Response Team) will be contacted for approval.

Livvie: De-escalation training is part of this.

See Protect the Result's [de-escalation training here](#).

Upcoming de-escalation [trainings with Greenpeace here](#).

Mike: Sunrise, United We Dream, Dream Defenders also getting ready to stop a coup. Had a great get-out-the-vote rally. See [recording here](#) w/ Jamaal Bowman and Rashida Tlaib. Also see [webinar w/Sara Nelson](#) and other labor leaders: "What can Workers Do If Trump Tries to Steal the Election."

Donna: We need more folks to do social media on Protect the Results. Email Jamie at [bauwau2u@gmail.com](mailto:bauwau2u@gmail.com) if you can help, and it will be passed on to the Media team.

See also Protect the Results [social media toolkits here](#).

## **DISCUSSION RE: HOW FOLKS ARE FEELING AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING ONE WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTION**

People discussed get-out-the-vote phone banking and texting they are doing. Leafletting locally re: early voting locations, and postcards to voters re: NYS senate elections. Work w/[Reclaim Our Vote](#), Working Families Party canvassing this weekend, [SeeSay 2020](#), mentoring Students for Social Justice, trip to Philadelphia's Tilden Middle School to support mostly black voters, young and old ....

Election activism resources:

- For Move On texting in swing states, [instructions here](#).
- RAR's [flyer with QR code link](#) to early voter location sites. Spanish language flyer also available (ask Leon K?).
- Sign-up for [door-to-door canvassing](#) in Philadelphia.
- [TED talk by Van Jones](#) re: how a coup could happen and how to respond—terrifying and empowering

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Susan: Our net worth is \$20,100 -- up \$200+ from a few weeks ago

## **LETTER DEMANDING NYS LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR COVID RELIEF**

Livvie: Health Care and Elections [signed on to this letter](#) demanding that state legislature go back into emergency session after the election to pass COVID relief bill, given lack of any new federal COVID aid.

## **NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, Nov. 3, Election Day**

We will hold a brief meeting. We want to be together to see what's happening at 7 pm. And we will have an update on the "Protect the Results" coalition ....

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