

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition – 8.18.20

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REPORT BACKS

8.13 Covid Behind Bars

Second Manhattan Bridge Action. Multiple banners, many signs, lots of eyeballs on the message. Plaza is a great location. Mostly very positive response from honking cars, a very few negatives. Friendly cops.

8.13 Marked By Covid.

Caedmon Plaza. A vigil for those affected by the disease led by Kristin Urquiza who said, “My dad’s only pre-existing condition was trusting Trump.” Rick and Julie joined with RaR banner “Trump Lies People Die.” <https://www.facebook.com/MarkedByCovid/>

8.14 Say Their Names.

Weekly. Friday at 5:00 96th and Broadway. Adding participants every week, which is good. Adding names to read, which is bad. There’s possible future trouble because a construction worker from a nearby site was aggressive, but maybe not be a problem as site was (karmically) closed down during the action. Jonathan following up.

8.18 Beds Not Body Bags

At Elmhurst Hospital in Queens with body bags, lots of people, including the nurses union, doctors (residents) who joined. Specific demands for more hospital beds in the outer boroughs where hospitals have been closed. Very successful action; jumping off point for future Beds Not Body Bags actions in Queens and the Bronx where hospital bed capacity is lowest. Also to be used as a basis for coalition building with healthcare workers unions, Campaign for NY Health, and local groups. Gothamist Article:

<https://gothamist.com/news/beds-not-bodybags-activists-warn-hospital-closures-make-nyc-vulnerable-another-covid-wave>

UPCOMING ACTIONS

8.18 Rikers Action

Rally for women who have died or been victimized in prison. Demanding closure of women's section of Rikers, replacing it with social services, hopefully as a national model.

8.27. No More Years.

The night that Trump receives Republican nomination. Gather at 6:00 pm at Naumberg Bandshell around 71st St on eastern side of Central Park. Walk to Bethesda Fountain. Celebrating four years of resistance, but a serious procession, followed by raucousness of Rude Mechanical Orchestra. Not a Facebook action, but will be shared with all coalition partners. To get more involved contact Robert at rcroon@gmail.com

8.21. March for the Dead, Fight for the Living

Starts at Caedmon Plaza at 6:00 then march across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall for a couple of speakers. RAPP, VOCAL and other groups. Illuminators will be there after dark on the Verizon building on the Manhattan side. marchfortheDead.org. Honor those we haven't been able to mourn, and to demand better for those still alive. Sign up here.

<https://www.facebook.com/MarchfortheDead/photos/a.101110208356959/121604182974228>

8.22. Save the Post Office

The rest of the country is catching up with the Save the Post Office group! Day of Action by Move On. Rise and Resist is going to Main Post Office 34th and 8th Ave at 11:00 a.m. It's at the same time as Move On action, but is a Rise and Resist action. Need to change messaging to fit changing circumstances. To get involved go to Actions Committee meeting Wednesday August 19, 6:00, on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2326471812>

Vote to approve: PASSED

Social Media Discussion

Ray suggests that each working group have a designated poster. To get involved, contact media@riseandresist.org There will be a breakout group to discuss who does what and how. There will also be a social media training session.

NON-RAR ACTIONS

Bayard Rustin March

August 24.

Vote to Endorse: Passed

8.20 Cancel Rent House the Homeless March on Billionaire Landlords

Andrea Shapiro asking for marshal support.

Arrive at 3:30 if marshalling, at 4:00 march from Bryant Park behind 42nd Street Library to REBNY at 51st and Lexington. Vulnerable participants immigration-wise, heavy police presence expected so marshals are needed,

Vote to Endorse: Passed

Protect the Vote

<https://protecttheresults.com/> People may have to get out in the street to do it.

8.28. March on Washington

Looking for people to hold "Take your knee off his neck" banner in support. In Queens

Anti Police Actions - andyratto@gmail.com for more information about

8.19 Anti-police action in queens

<https://twitter.com/peopleshistory/status/1295529224976183302?s=21>

8.20 March at Stonewall

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CEC3Vfhh6jY/?igshid=2lpfxhcqcps7>

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