

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 9.22.2020

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REPORT BACKS:

9/17 Democracy Dies In A Police State @ City Hall (RAR)

Stu: Banner plus photos action @ City Hall. Good car traffic & supporting honking. Moved to Foley Sq for a photo op near the Supreme Court building. Fourth action w/this new banner, and Actions will continue to develop ideas, and possibly bring the banner to others' actions.

9/18 Say Their Names @ 96th St. & Broadway (RAR)

Jenny: Had a speaker system this time, w/different folks reading the names. New banner next week: "Stop Killing Black People"

9/18 VOCAL Vigil for 200,000 Dead – endorsed

Donna: Combination of a vigil and a rally. Leader of VOCAL happy that RAR was there.

9/18 NYCC BlackRock demo @ East 51st street -- endorsed

Stu: Action against BlackRock's investment in Palantir which works with ICE, organized by Mijente. Three people tried to deliver letter w/60,000 names. The purpose of the action was to let people know we will not stop fighting, during a pandemic.

Request for endorsement for New York Communities for Change (NYCC) which has targeted Blackrock for years, and gotten them to divest from coal. March from Chase to Blackrock planned for Friday, October 2, 2 – 3:30, @ 47th, and Vanderbilt (Chase's HQs). Sign-up for Oct. 2 action [here](#)

Vote passes to endorse this action.

9/20 Climate Justice Through Racial Justice - endorsed

Livvie: Drawing the essential link between racial and climate justice. The indigenous component is really strong. A good action.

9/20 March For The Dead - endorsed

Martin: At Central Park Pond about 100 gathered to mourn 200,000 dead and demand new leadership for the living. Singers: Resistance Revival Chorus plus Adrienne Danrich. Marched to Trump Tower but cops blocked it off. Shut down Fifth Ave w/out getting addressed. Good

press on Rachel Maddow, [Buzzfeed article](#), and an image on Sunday's Meet the Press before the action.

The next action will be on Sunday, October 18, a Virtual March for the Dead. See [the volunteer form here](#) to participate. And there may be another large action before the election.

Ken: Gratitude for RAR folks who were there, and to Martin for organizing. This action, like our grief, will continue on. #TrumpVirus.

Donna: A very beautiful action, a hill of candles. Quiet, moving, mourning. People said the names of people who had died. A fulfilling event.

Jackie R: Such a moving action, and your father, the Mighty Quinn, is going to live on. The candles going out on the pond, the detail was taken – it was overwhelming. Lead-in to Maddow's show amplified it that night: 200,000 dead and no one is talking about it. Bravo.

Heliport Action >> NO MORE YEARS at NYPL (ERT approved)

Jamie: Trump did not come to U.N. as planned, so Heliport Action did not happen. Instead, the demo held at 12 noon today, Tuesday, at NYPL.

Robert: Yes, we called out the hypocrisy of Trump w/our two banners – FOX and NBC were there. Did a mic check of "I am fighting for a country where"

Vote passes to support ERT's approval of this action

UPCOMING ACTIONS:

Thurs., 9/24 Abolish ICE at Staten Island Ferry Plaza, 5-6 pm (Whitehall St).

Donna: To oppose ICE and recent reports of forced hysterectomies of women in detention. See [FB event here](#).

Friday, 10/9 Beds Not Bodybags action, 4:30 pm, (Diversity Plaza, Jackson Heights, Roosevelt Ave & Broadway).

Mark: Health Care Action Group ready to resume the 'Beds not Bodybags' actions in Queens. FB event will solidify exact time & location.

Leon: Trying to do more work with state assembly people to get more buy in near the elections, and build support (Ex: Jessica Ramos). Have good flyers.

Vote passes to support this and future actions in this series by Health Care Action group.

Volunteers to make handmade posters

Donna: We were making hand-made signs before COVID, which added some variety and freshness to our actions. Let's start again. The aim is to make something big, visible, colorful and looks hand-made. I want to be able to put out a call for handmades and some people respond. Please contact Donna if you are interested at donnagould@earthlink.net

Recommendations for elections/phone banking

Livvie: This is not a RAR event, but something individually you can do from your house. My personal thing is to flip the Senate, and I've narrowed my focus to 3 Senate seats. I've been

working with specific groups in the 3 states/Senate races I've targeted and signed up for phone banking for a certain time each week. I've chosen to work with groups that also focus on down-ballot elections.

See Livvie's [calendar of phone banking](#) possibilities, if you are interested in doing this work. You will be trained together with others on Zoom, and then come back together afterward, so it's not totally individual. Please contact Livvie at elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com for more phone banking info.

Discussion and other useful links offered by folks:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_United_States_Senate_elections

from Indivisible:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iGINBaAYHyIjLeRV0FpY9hqrS_S9jr4M-Alp0Xmmr8c/edit

from Poor People's Campaign:

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/voting/more-registration/>

from Persist Brooklyn (texting events):

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/267691/>

from ACLU:

<https://www.aclu.org/voter/>

from People's Action:

<https://peoplesaction.org>

from Movement for Black Lives and Working Families Party:

<https://www.mobilize.us/thefrontline/event/327619/>

Post Office working group update Social Media Action Campaign

Robert: We just launched our Social Media Action Campaign today (on Twitter, Instagram, FB) targeting nine enemies of the Post Office. We are doing this for the next 9 days, rolling out an individual each day. Series of collectible stamps (Virginia's images) available! See [the Twitter campaign here](#). Go on the RAR FB page and see the post we did today on the Post Office.

Addison: Can I get permission for the Instagram post for the campaign.

Group: Yes

Decarceration working group update

Jenny: We are showing the film Attica, 6:30 pm this Monday 9/28 -- a Netflix film on the Attica uprising. We will show on Zoom, all are invited. Contact Jenny via email at jennyhz@aol.com and I'll put you on the Zoom list.

Donna: This Saturday, 9/26 at 3 pm, please join our Decarceration working group meeting by contacting the group Administrator at sarahgold97@gmail.com

REPORT-BACK RE: RBG: Demos 9/20 & Elections Signed Schumer Letter

Alexandra: We came out for 6 pm gathering on 9/20 at Washington Sq Park. The person organizing action was not strong. Sing Out Louise filled in. A little disappointing.

Katrina: ?? pm gathering at Foley Sq. Large mural for folks to leave thoughts—which may travel. People who came out in front of all the 5 Supreme Courts in NYC partly met up at the bridge. The vigil continued from 10 pm to midnight.

Mark: About 500 folks there and then it grew. (Need to train folks how to use mics and megaphones!) Candle shrine across the court steps. A huge canvas mural made it feel like a community thing. Part of a larger nationwide memorial to RGB that night at courts across the country.

Alexis: Livvie and I on a call tonight led by Center for Popular Democracy with other more election-oriented orgs. The focus is to hold Schumer's feet to the fire so that he pulls out all procedural stops to throw everything in the way of the nomination process. RAR's part in this is to show up and give Schumer hell, as we've done before.

Series of 3 actions planned: The first is Friday, Oct 2, at 4:30 at Schumer's office, 780 3rd Ave (btw 38th and 39th). This second action is on Saturday, Oct 3, at Schumer's apartment, and the third one, after the Jewish High holiday, on Monday night with a breakfast action—bring signs and bagels. Pressure Schumer to work outside the box, and manage the procedural process so Republicans do not have smooth sailing.

Livvie: All Indivisibles in NYS got together within 24 hours of McConnell's announcement to write a letter to Schumer pressuring him to Stand Up. Elections signed on. [See the letter here.](#)

DISCUSSION: Justice Ginsberg/SCOTUS/McConnell

Jamie: There are going to be stages of this: Trump naming the name, series of hearings, then a voting process. Let's talk about what we can do, and in this COVID moment, what we are willing personally to do. Also, let's recognize that in this Bill Barr moment, going to DC may have different repercussions than when folks went down to protest Kavanaugh.

Stu: Some are saying there is really nothing Schumer can do, procedurally. Maybe Pelosi could do another impeachment of Barr. We've seen this story w/Kavanaugh when a lot of energy is spent. It seems to be the battle to fight is to win the election and flip the Senate – then we have a chance to expand the Court, change the rules. I'm not sure of what I'm saying, but maybe it can be considered.

Mark: I was on a call today with a group developing an issue advocacy campaign around health and the Supreme Court. Coming court case re constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, and arguments will be heard one week after Election Day. All our health care rights are at risk—all of us who benefited from ACA, including all of us with pre-existing conditions. Should those protections go away, and in the middle of a public health crisis?! Polling information shows that for 'persuadable voters' the issues that pull people away from trump are the pandemic and health care in general.

Betsy: What's the ask to Schumer?

Alexis: The ask is to not rollover. To use every procedural tool in the toolkit. Procedures that are not necessarily being considered by Schumer. Procedures that will distract and punish, that will hold Republicans to account. That is about playing dirty within the confines of what's possible.

Eve: Nothing seems more important than this issue at the moment. We can't have a fair democratic outcome to the election if this goes through.

Mike: We may not be able to stop the Republicans, but it's worthwhile to include this as part of the protests leading up to the elections.

Ann: A three-pronged effort being developed by the Center for Popular Democracy: 1) [Get out the Vote](#). 2) Pressure Schumer 3) Get meetings with Senators (Schumer & Gillibrand). Tool in Senate: revoke unanimous consent. Any Senator who revokes unanimous consent on a motion or a vote stops the machinery. See [article here](#)

Finance

Susan \$20,500 balance -- an increase of \$200 from a week ago.

Non-Rise and Resist announcements

Stefon: I'm working on a poster campaign via Kickstarter called "Go F**king Vote!!" – Can you volunteer to tag stickers and pass out posters for this? See [Kickstarter campaign here](#).

Ann: Make Billionaire's Pay coalition (which RAR has endorsed and marshaled for) has new action at 11 a.m. Friday 9/25 at 740 Park Avenue. See [FB event here](#). The coalition wants us to endorse this one.

Vote passes to endorse the action.

Wroff: MoveOn and Indivisible looking to organize protest events if trump does not accept the election results. Please email Wroff at wroff@wroff.net and see [Protect the Results here](#).

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