

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 6.7.2022

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Facilitators: Cherie and Livvie **Notes:** Sandy

Good News!

- Proud Boys indicted by DOJ
- DOJ indicted Navarro for Contempt of Congress
- Biden invoked the Defense Production Act to produce heat pumps in the U.S.
- Biden reduced tariffs on solar panels and other things for the climate
- Daily News ran story about the Ron DeSantis appearance on the front page
- Two sources say McConnell will be willing to raise the gun age to 21 for assault rifles
- State Legislature—some good news on the legislation front; more to be said next week

RaR Remembers Tim Lunceford

Tim passed away two weeks ago. Brave, smart, funny, committed, part of RaR for a long time. Taking some time to remember him. The video [link below] was played. It features Tim representing disability rights and illustrates his passion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHNdg5jLRQo>

Mel read an obituary [link below] and he asked that we all donate to the ALS Foundation.

https://greenwichvillagefuneralhome.com/obituary/?ob-id=1704&obit=Alan+Timothy+Lunceford-Stevens#.Yp_dUblMLIW

<https://www.als.org/donate>

Numerous remarks were made in honor of Tim. They are all included at the end of these minutes.

To end the memorial section of the meeting, Jennifer Bartlett picked a poem that had been published in The NY Times. [Link below.]

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/15/opinion/10-poets-with-disabilities.html>

Upcoming/New Actions

June 8—INDICT Actions—1 pm at 40 Foley Square + DC

In front of the Federal Courthouse with the Indict Trump banner, we will do our monthly action. With the hearings starting Thursday night, perhaps we'll get more news coverage. We will have Merrick Garland posters since the banner will be in DC.

June 8--DOJ Action in DC

11 people going to DC in a van; a couple of slots left. Leaves SE corner of 4th Ave. and 15th St. Village Sun looking to run something on this. Dana will send some pictures. Calling for the imprisonment of Donald Trump.

June 10—Vaccine Access—Noon at 622 Third Ave. At 40th St

Vaccine apartheid action has been moved from Thursday to Friday. Same time; same location. The event is called End Covid Monopolies. One of 3 dozen actions around the world. All actions will deliver letters and communications to various embassies and consulates to the 4 nations blocking the waivers to help vaccines. Entire action will take about an hour. Live-streaming on facebook and twitter. Wear black. Main ask is to participate.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/earth-to-europe-and-us-end-cov/437890468172875/>

Here is the Action Network event for the Vaccine action this Friday:

https://actionnetwork.org/events/earth-to-europe-and-the-us-end-covid-monopolies-now?clear_id=true

June 11—Saturday—March for Our Lives—Moved to Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn at noon.

June 12—1:30 pm—Chelsea Piers for Tikvah Fund event—DeSantis event. Will be making some key decisions about messaging and timing at tomorrow's Action Meeting. Will gather at 1:30 at the northern entrance around 23rd-24th St.

June 12—Sunday—3:30 pm—Little Island—#HowManyMoreHaveTo Die

The non-human beings will be rushing over to Pier 60; not the human beings. GaG: Public time is 3:30 pm. Call time is 3 pm for human beings. June 12 is called Orlando day for those who died at Pulse. This year we're trying to represent all the major mass shootings where 10+ people have been killed since and including Pulse. This is a more stationary speak-out on gun violence.

June 12—8 am—United against Racism and Facism—RaR has collaborated with them. They are working against this event; they put up petitions. They are calling for a protest at 8 am to catch people going in the morning.

June 18—Saturday—Poor People's Campaign—Moral March on Washington

This is today's version of the 1963 March on Washington. Moral march on Washington and to the polls. Organize to register and vote this year. Buses going. Last day to get a seat is Friday,

June 10. Free seats available if you can't afford it. Buses leaving between 3:30 and 4 am from several boroughs.

Planning meetings are happening every Saturday morning including this Saturday, June 11.

PPC DC event basic info here: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june18/>

Busses from NYC to DC for PPC event -- sign-up form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDdWJujcKp0ssHZuM8w4jpd9UrEDg4oJNk5LanOlLkZ5dvtQ/viewform>

Upcoming Climate Action Group actions

June 14 and 23--Chase Actions

Twice a month will visit Chase at various locations. Tues. June 14 will meet after FOX action and go to a location and confront Chase.

June 23rd time TBD [probably noon or 1 pm] at the Astor Place Chase branch will be another Chase action. Chose Astor Place branch because there's a big plaza and because it's in the Village; high visibility.

June 17--Coalition Climate Action—10 am at the Municipal building-1 Center St. Brad Lander, Controller, has been reversing himself on Climate. He's now pushing away from climate groups; doubling private equity investments with city investment funds. Sunrise, 350. SMPL meeting outside his office to call him out. Banners and signs will be available.

Endorsement vote: ENDORSED

Upcoming Abortion Rights Actions when Supreme Court Decides

Action at Union Square at 5 pm on the day of the decision.

Action at Washington Square Park at 7 pm on the day Supreme Court decision is announced

May be a third action—NY City for Abortion Rights—time TBD

Women's March and/or Planned Parenthood may also have actions.

RaR should be ready to publicize all the actions being planned so we can mobilize and be out there. Send actions to RaR Media and Communications to publicize them.

Endorsement vote: ENDORSED

[Comms can publicize all the abortion actions as they come out. Empowering Comms to decide which actions to publicize]

Report Backs

June 2--Immigration Vigil

Four showed up and it poured. Stood under an overpass—Kellen, Jenny, Leon, and Danny. Few people noticed us. Went into the middle after the rain stopped and got a lot of nice responses.

June 3--Say Their Names (every Friday at 5 pm at 96th and Broadway)

We had it after several weeks of being canceled due to the weather. Missed the actual

anniversary of George Floyd. It was reasonably quiet.

June 4—Election Committee Voter Registration on Staten Island

Llvvie, Sandy, Judy K. and Ibbby Lang

Went to a farmer's market, registered 4 voters but raised awareness about the upcoming primaries. On Friday from 5 to 6 pm on Staten Island, there's a march for peace and can do some voter registration there.

June 7—FOX Truth Tuesdays (every Tuesday at noon at 47th and 6th ave.)

It was a warm day; had a heat issue. It's sun-drenched. Need to talk about an earlier morning action. Working on getting Murdoch on a banner. Handed out all the flyers. Movie that Rick, Andy, Dann, Cherie created is going to be put out on various social media platforms. The plan is to put it out on social media at noon on June 8. Next week the Fox action will be focused on Jan. 6, insurrection theme.

Non-RaR announcements

June 13—Student Walk-out-2 pm—NY County Supreme Court—Amena and Maya—Gun Violence school walkout. Want an endorsement to get a boost from our social media. NY County Supreme Court at 2 pm. Walkout is for gun control. This is our way of making our voice heard since we can't vote. Sending a message that something must be done. Want Background checks. Want to close the loophole for unlicensed dealers. Want to push a vote on gun legislation. Also want to voice opposition to the NY Supreme Court potentially striking down a NYS's tough gun laws.

Our main ask is to increase turnout.

Endorsement Vote: ENDORSED

Donna read a letter from Muriel from the coalition of Omaklee workers. It was a very touching thank you letter for our support.

Youth Climate Finance Alliance sent Kellen a thank you letter for marshaling.

RaR Memorial Remarks about Tim:

Mark Hannah—Know Timothy for 30 years through ActUp. Timothy was also active in the disability rights movement. I remember helping him move a storage locker full of stuff and getting that sorted out. There was a lot of activist stuff there. Appreciated his spirit, energy, and wisdom.

Ellen Bay—I knew Tim for at least 25 years. What sticks with me, he was never unkind to anybody including people who didn't understand him. His warmth and caring about other people is something I miss already. I will remember Timothy every time I am in a subway station I can't maneuver.

Jackie Rubin—I love Tim and miss him terribly. I appreciate his anger and his determination. Timothy was kind.

Jay Walker—I met Tim back in 1998. We worked on the Oct. 19 coalition and after Matthew Sheppard. Tim and I became friends. Tim mentored me and helped me learn a lot about direct

action. Tim was at the first meeting of GAG and he was very active in the early days. He was committed, dedicated, kind, and patient, unlike the dog he brought to meetings. Mel has earned a rest for being such a dedicated caregiver to Tim.

Jackie Goldenberg—I met Tim when I first joined RaR. I always thought he was a little badass; had a larger-than-life personality. Always playful and hilarious. We worked together with others on the subway situation; it's boring and nerdy but Tim had elan and hilarity and nerve. Tim always had a lot of real nerve. Not over serious about himself and very funny. Tim connected with the part of me that was very playful.

Jonathan Walker—echo some of Jackie's remarks. Tim is unique. I felt so in love with him and his uniqueness. After his death, Cherie has been doing some archival work. Jennifer VD worked with Tim and others on the elevator action group. JVD said Cherie's coming to take pics of posters. Make sure you have Tim's banner: Elevators are for everybody. Timothy made it himself.

Sasha Blair—That was Mel and Tim's banner. Tim was one of the first people to welcome me to RaR five years ago. I echo what others said. Timothy was an f...in good time. He was outraged, angry, and called out the truth. He was never nasty, mean. He always warm.

Alvin—In the early days of the coalition, we got to see Mel and Tim in the theater. Their will to simply be and love each other. They made a beautiful banner. They walked into the street with their handmade banner. We miss you, Timothy.

Jenny—I met Mel long ago. When I started at RaR, Mel, Tim and the dog sat in front of me. For me, it was the dog. I remember Timothy standing up in rage that people were not cognizant that he was hard of hearing, and he wanted people to speak in a way so he could understand. Timothy's warmth flowed over with the clear statement: Don't you see me; I can't hear you; Speak to me so I can hear you. Sending my love.

Stu—Memories come flying back. I remember when we went through the basement of GC to get to Chase through the escalator. I had mapped it out before. We got to a certain point and there were stairs, and I was mortified that I hadn't thought about it. Jennifer educated me about that. Timothy just said "help me down and stop talking about it"

Alexandra—I was new to activism; came to it from RaR. Tm was right there. Tim was kind. To someone new to the movement, he never said a mean thing. Tim was about a good time. I miss him.

Cherie—One of the things that was amazing about Tim was the breadth of his activism. He was involved in every single group in RaR. He was a member of the healthcare group, the immigration group, the climate group, and more. He was fierce and cared deeply about everything. I was moved at his memorial to see that he was being laid to rest with political buttons from all phases of his activism and wearing his "Be a Hero" shirt; from when we were down in DC with Ady Barkan fighting for healthcare. When Tim was yelling at the senate, we didn't know at that time that he would end up with ALS like Ady, and that Be a Hero shirt would take on extra resonance, Tim was indeed a hero, for so long and in so many ways.

Leon—When I first came to RaR and I didn't know anyone. Tim and Mel were there; so welcoming; so nice. Tim presented a way to be and how to stand up to others; how to be as an activist.

Mark Hannay—Tim was down in DC at the crisis moment of the ACA. He confronted John McCain on it. McCain was dying of cancer and Timothy was being treated. A few days later, John McCain saved the ACA with his vote. We can all thank and credit Timothy for saving the ACA. We have a lot to thank Timothy for.

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