

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.21.2023

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Facilitation Issues - step up and step back, organize your presentation and your thoughts, do not monopolize conversation, stay on topic etc.

For non RAR announcements or to put other items on the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

Good News

Charges dropped against all activists arrested at Local Law 97 protest.

GOP “ethics” chair moves to expel George Santos.

14th amendment-Judge in CO declared that Trump is an insurrectionist.

The whole country of Portugal ran without fossil fuels for 6 days in early November.

Upcoming Actions

- Thursday, 11/30 at 5 pm-- Immigration Vigil - location TBD.
- Saturday, 12/2 8 am--Clinic Defense with NYC FAR meet at Prince and Mott St
- Sunday, 12/3 at 1 pm--Trump Going Out of Business - (back-up date Sunday December 10) Lots of props, masks, a gold toilet seat. Looks like we have the right amount of people but could always use more. Press release is done. Jonathan is taking care of the truck.
- Monday, 12/4 at 5 pm--Rikers Vigil--Times Square Subway Station.
- Saturday, 12/9 at 6/6:15 pm--NYYRC GALA--Cipriani Wall St.

This is their gala. Now lead guest is Matt Goetz along with Steve Bannon, Rudy Giuliani, Roger Stone. Working hard to sell tickets. Doesn't look like it's sold out. Big problem is there is very little street limo access on that block so it will be accessible for us.

- 14.3 Action—Date TBD. Next time someone shows up at 60 Centre, we'll do the godfather theme. This will be catnip to the press. Waiting for Hoylman to write a letter in support of 14.3. Hoping for a press conference live. We would be the visual.

Here is the list of members of the NYS Senate Elections Committee. We need to push to join Hoylman in support of 14.3.

<https://www.nysenate.gov/committees/elections>

<https://freespeechforpeople.org/the-14point3-campaign/>

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Former President Donald Trump will stay on the Minnesota primary ballot after the state supreme court on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit seeking end his candidacy under a rarely-used constitutional provision that forbids those who “engaged in insurrection” from holding office. Nov 8, 2023

The state's high court declined to become the first in history to use Section Three of the 14th Amendment to prevent someone from running for the presidency. However, it said in its ruling the decision applied only to the state's primary and left open the possibility that plaintiffs could try again to knock Trump off the general election ballot in November.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/the-14th-amendment-isnt-going-to-save-us-from-donald-trump/>

- Stop The Coup/Project 2025-Date TBD. Information and possible teach-in.

<https://www.project2025.org/>

https://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/project2025/2025_MandateForLeadership_FULL.pdf

Julie, Jackie, and Jamie went to a potluck to talk about the stop the coup project which is trying to get the word out on Project 2025 put together by the Heritage Foundation. Project 2025 is an organized version of the chaos that occurred at the beginning of the Trump administration. How to take over every Federal agency and defang it. Put in people who will suspend things, using a lot of executive orders. In week one, they want to establish an authoritarian state. This is a 900-page policy paper. It's hard to convince people (including the press) that this is a real threat. 2025 outlines a loyalty test. If you don't pass the loyalty test, you're out. It's a very scary document. Issue: How do we get the community to be aware of this and take it seriously as a threat?

Sunday Dec. 17 2 to 5 pm presentation will be geared toward those of us who are political already. Jamie will reach out and ask for an early December Tuesday to give a presentation at one of our general meetings.

Report back from Election Committee on the NYS Democratic Party—11/14 & 15

NYS Democratic Cttee met in Uniondale, LI. We covered their spring meeting last spring. We had 12-15 people over the past Tues/Weds. We are trying to unsettle the structure of the Democratic State Party. Co-opted by big donors. Deaf to its constituents. They are responsible for NY giving the House to Republicans. We gave them the nerve to say what they were thinking. We made quite a splash last week. The police were summoned. Some friends on the Committee helped us a bit. We got permission to stand in a certain part of the hotel. Hochel showed up but we were hidden while she was there.

Our small group with our flyers and our messaging gave others at the meeting the courage to speak out and talk about what a mess the Party is. We plan to continue to attend these meetings and keep the pressure on. If we don't change this Party in NY, we are going to enable the MAGA movement to take over.

Reports Back

- Thursday, 11/16 Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal
Good turnout. Main problem is the lighting which isn't good at 5 pm. Hard to stay in the light. Probably not going to be there in the dead of winter. People were receptive to us. The messaging is good, but the lighting isn't bright enough to sustain us. One suggestion is to move the action to the morning.

- Saturday, 11/18 XR No Art on A Dead Planet at the Guggenheim
The idea is to get attention. We need to communicate how desperate the situation is. We must shout it out. The police emptied the place out around 6 pm and allowed the demonstrators to stay until 8 pm. This action got a lot of publicity.

Also took over the Museum of Natural History last week. It was a good action; maybe not the best organized. Did a die in near the main entrance.

So, two major museums were closed down by climate activists.

<https://nypost.com/2023/11/20/news/extinction-rebellion-protesters-busted-at-nyc-museum/>

- Saturday, 11/18 Halt Solitary reading of the names of people who died in NYC Jails and NY Prisons—in Washington Square Park near the Arch.
Jamie, Elaine and Taj were there. A very good action with about 40-50 attendees, many were family members of those who died. Jumane Williams spoke and he was great. Spoke about how the prison/jail system is failing the people in it, and acknowledged the families' losses which made it very moving.

- Monday, 11/20 Truth Tuesday at the FOX Plastic Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Picked a spot where we could see the performers and stood where our signs would appear in all the pictures of the trees. We only heckled when the hosts were out. Very successful.

- Tuesday, 11/21 Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12noon 47th St.& 6th Ave.
Tis the season to Turn off Fox. Julie bought cheesy head pieces that had flashing lights. Did some chanting. Tis the season to turn off fox.

- Experiences at various anti-war/ceasefire in Gaza demonstrations

Stu—went to two at Columbia University. Columbia has banned two student groups—Jewish Voices for Peace and a Palestinian group. Both protests were about the ban and the issue itself. First one was organized by professors or students. The second one was organized by alumni of Columbia. Both had a few hundred people. Ann Shiraz, Wendy Brandes, and Beena were there.

Jenny went to the Dan Goldman event at Grand Army Plaza. It was just okay; not energetic.

Non-RaR announcements

- Heat Action to be held on 11/30

•Patricia, the Statue of Liberty Climber, was put on 5 years of probation as a result. Probation ended a couple of months ago. Someone in her building had something against and called child services on her. Child services can do what they want, often to poor people since they don't have the means to fight back. Can go into a home without a warrant and threaten to take a child away. They broke her door down when she wouldn't let them in. Has found a lawyer at CUNY Law School and is fighting back. She wants to have a press conference and make a big issue out of it.

•Wendy—Big conference organized by the NY Times. Jamie Diamond and Elon Musk. Someone is doing an action around it. Get link from the chat. Weds. Nov. 29 at 3:30 pm. <https://actionnetwork.org/events/shut-down-dealbook>

•Miriam—On Accessibility—the library in the Village is totally inaccessible. Trying to get a ramp. The entrance is very steep and very dark. Put more pressure on the electeds in the area. Please call the electeds and work with me. Call Deborah Glick at 212 674 5153. Call Brian Kavanaugh at 212 298 5565

•Livvie—public service announcement—a settlement has been reached for people arrested during the George Floyd actions. Can get up to \$10,000 apiece. They need to file a claim by Dec. 22.

•Wendy's Google doc of Palestine related events:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1_pttt1_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit?usp=sharing

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