

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.04.2021

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Facilitators: Jay and Paul **Notes:** Sandy

Good news:

24 hour subway service returns 5/17, Giuliani's home and office raided by F.B.I (just like Michael Cohen's raid...., Biden reverses himself and expands refugee cap from 15,000 to 62,500 (still short of his campaign promises).

Closing Indian point—good for the climate

Judge in DC ruled that the records around Bill Barr's Mueller Report must be released to the public.

Report backs:

4.30. Say Their Names

Weather was challenging; very windy but we kept on going. Holding the space in the rain was an experience. Started doing the bell after the 4 minutes when he died and the 5 mins 29 secs after that. Next one is this Friday May 7 at 5:00 pm at 96th and Broadway; a simultaneous one at the filibuster action in Brooklyn on Friday.

4.29. Teach In on HR1/S1 Voting Rights Bill

Sandy prefers to call it the Fair Elections Bill since it goes beyond Voting Rights. Mark Hannay suggests it is actually a Democracy Improvement Act. Both Teach Ins were excellent.

Here's a link to a recording of the April 29 session for those who missed it.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1azpy5zxxOqlyrin87rWPuiK_onihx1JX/view?usp=sharing

Here's a link to the bill itself, all 800 pages, for those who want more information.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1/text>

Sandy is following up with Laura T. to see if she is willing to share her PowerPoint presentation and if she would put her recording up on RaR's social media.

Upcoming Actions:

5.05. Elevator action has been cancelled

This rally was to urge Cuomo to restore 24 hr subway service. No need for the rally because we've had a victory. Letter has been signed urging the ability to make decisions about the MTA without Cuomo's signature.

5.06 at 5 pm—Immigration Vigil at Staten Island Ferry Terminal (Manhattan)

Jamie: Background on the good news; nothing to do with the southern border. About 100,000 in the pipeline. Maybe 35,000 fully vetted by U.S. Need to make sure all of the people in the pipeline get in. 62,500 breakdowns: 22,000 Africa, 6K east Asia, 4K Europe Central Asia, 5K Latin America, 13k South Asia, 12k undetermined slots.

Title 42 exclusions—totally separate issue from the 62,500 refugees. This is the Steven Miller/Trump rule. Can close the CA and MEX border because there's a health crisis even if seeking asylum. This can be done via Executive Order.

Will think about some other locations now that things are opening up.

For more information: UN High Commission for Refugees

<https://www.amnesty.org.au/refugee-and-an-asylum-seeker-difference/>

5.08 at 2 pm--John Lewis Day of Action—Meeting at 163 West 125th St.

Next Saturday, May 8 people across the country will be demonstrating to show support for the For The People Act (S1), the John Lewis Voting Rights Act (HR4), DC statehood (HR51), and reforming the filibuster.

NYC Event in Support of John Lewis Action Day

The event will start at 2pm in front of the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Bldg. on 163 West 125th St., New York, NY 10027 (uptown Manhattan). From there we will walk south to the Frederick Douglass Sculpture on the circle at 110th St. and Frederick Douglass Blvd./Central Park West.

Links to sign up for two aspects of **John Lewis Day of Action**

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/385554/>

<https://www.mobilize.us/publiccitizen/event/387879/>

RaR contingent is going to meet near 163 W. 125th St. Banners will include:

Count every vote; every vote counts banner. Signs have about voting rights. We will look for Jenny and Alexandra.

5.12 at 11 am--AIG—Don't insure the climate crisis—175 Water St between Fletcher and John St.

Taking a message Stop insuring all fossil fuels to mega insurance giant AIG. Without insurance, this stuff can't happen. Happening when their shareholder meeting is being held. These insurance companies need to be stopped.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/255220836344487>

5.07-08 from noon to noon--The Filibuster to end the Filibuster—Across the street from Schumer's residence at 9 Prospect Park West in Brooklyn

Livvie reporting: People are coming forward to do stuff. It's great. There is a run of show spreadsheet (Wrolf). Jennifer getting people to speak. Maryellen getting many people to speak. Martin setting up 24 hr live stream. Julie doing props and getting people in WVA and AZ to participate. Jamie and Rick working on props. Still some needs—need late night stage manager (4hrs) Will be there with a couple of Marshalls. 4 to 8 am is available. Need 2 people to take that shift.

RaR has the first hour and the last hour for our own use. We could use people for the actual reading. There are postcards to write to Chuck to get rid of filibuster. Common Cause has an app to send emails to Chuck Schumer to get rid of the filibuster and pass HR1/S1.

AT 11:45 am on Friday, the Stop Shopping choir will be performing. To end it at noon on Sat. The resistance revival chorus is performing. Need people for videoing and streaming. Only Martin signed up now. Marco Polo can help with live stream. Jackie Rudin mentioned one more. (Owen) Martin is the only one doing video right now. It's a lot of pressure on Martin.

Stage manager sign up link

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1y3r6T-fhgVGJpN7ejE-H1xH0nqx6ewF8zNUAZGVCPNE/edit#gid=1315786395>

Here is the filibuster library of suggested documents to read:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fth26c4mUF33yKsCovGfdvJ6OzxUpVSj/edit>

Parole Bills Update

Two NY events to pressure more to support the parole bill. Tomorrow May 3 in Woodhaven Qns 10:30 am; march to assembly members office to support the bills. Thurs May 5 at 6 pm. Place TBD in Bay Ridge. May 13, virtual action for older Americans. Go to a meeting with someone in the legislature and try to persuade them. Phone blast to Heastie and Cousins, on Thurs. May 13 from 2 to 3 pm urging them to sponsor the two parole bills.

The bitlys for the Parole Justice actions: May 3 in Woodhaven: bit.ly/WoodhavenRally and May 5 in Bay Ridge bit.ly/BayRidgeRally

Health Care Committee Updates

Beds Not Body Bags—upcoming action with Kingsbrook activists. Will have more detail next week. May 22 at noon. Location is still TBD. East Flatbush area.

Pfizer/TRIPS waiver

On the vaccine apartheid issue. Wrapping up two-week period of actions happening all around

the country. April 22 in NYC was the kick off. Issue is gaining traction. Bill Gates has become a target with his support of big pharma's position. Big action in DC tomorrow. Ongoing campaign.

Here's article in the Nation that on #FreeTheVaccine and Biden:

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/biden-vaccine-covid-trips-waiver/>

5.08 at noon--Arts Workers Rally Saturday at Foley Square

Jennifer reporting: Rally to Demand Equitable Financial Relief Now and as a precedent for systemic change

Non-Rise And Resist Events:

<https://sites.google.com/view/artsworkersmarch/>

Wendy and Alvin would like an endorsement so it can go up on RaR social media.

This coalition is the real grass roots of arts—contemporary dance, small organizations and artists. They are really struggling. This would help support the many businesses that depend on the arts. Spread the word.

Vote on endorsement of this action—PASSED

5.12--GAG Pulse Anniversary demo

Jay: 5th anniversary of the nightclub massacre. Do an event each year. Varies in size. This year, a procession from Christopher St over to the Stonewall with 49 human beings—dressed all in white representing those who died due to gun violence.

Wants Marshall volunteers or be a human being. <https://fb.me/e/hO0V2f0pd>

Vote to endorse: PASSED: action is endorsed.

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