

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.31.2023

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Facilitators: Jennifer and Jamie **Notes:** Sandy

GOOD NEWS!

-Grand Jury in NYC to review case against Trump in Stormy Daniels payoff.

-Santos resigning (temporarily) from his two committee assignments.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/31/us/politics/santos-house-committees.html>

-Trump deposition tapes out there

-The New York attorney general asks a judge to sanction Trump, his eldest children, and their attorneys for their responses in legal filings, including allegedly false statements that contradict previous sworn testimony.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

2/4 Abortion Rights Action--Saturday 8AM meet at Old St. Patrick's - provide support outside Planned Parenthood on Bleecker St. Meet at Mott and Prince in front of the Church and we will move to in front of the clinic.

2/8 INDICT Action--Wednesday 1PM outside Trump Tower (56th & 5th Ave)

Still waiting on Georgia. Working on Thank you Fanny Willis messaging. Thank you, Alvin Bragg, for indicting Trump. We're hoping for a criminal indictment soon.

2/9 Immigration Vigil-- Thursday 5 pm – Messaging to be discussed at Action Committee given what is going on in NYC with Migrants and Housing/Right to Shelter—Need to make messaging more NY focused. Location TBD. If it's really cold, maybe Grand Central again.

Adams is saying migrants don't have a right to shelter but, regardless, no one should be in the kind of shelter being offered up in Brooklyn.

Maria Gambale is very involved in the migrant situation and is a good contact if one wants to get involved.

2/14 Two Climate Actions (XR and Third Act)

● **2/14 Third Act**—early afternoon—Third Act is the lead on this. Third Act encourages older people to get involved in the climate movement because it's their grandchildren and children's future. National org with 35,000 people.

● **2/14 XR** action is at Citibank which is the #2 in fossil fuel investing.

3/21—Major Chase Action led by Third Act. It is going to involve a CD and Third Act is looking for volunteers. Delivering a letter to Jamie Dimon. The ask is no new fossil fuel investments.

All times for above climate actions TBD.

ELECTIONS

Reminder to join the Elections Group which meets every Wednesday at 5 pm. Here's the zoom link if you want to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84754686427?pwd=SXMzZ6M2FlaVdSdHpsYnZRMWtyUT09>

One of our focuses for this year is to help restructure the NY Democratic Party and replace Jay Jacobs in light of NY's dismal performance in the 2022 Midterms. The next meeting of the statewide group working on this is on Friday, Feb. 10 at 4 pm. Email Sandy at slradoff@gmail.com for link to sign up for this meeting.

Judy K was invited to Santos' Queens office where Move On, WFP, etc. had 100,000 signatures on a petition urging Santos to resign. Link describing this event:

<https://www.mobilize.us/moveon/event/549153/>

ELEVATORS

Jean Ryan—presented a letter from the DOJ. May initiate a lawsuit for the ADA. Accessorize is a boondoggle—people must wait a long time. It's a mess. Pending lawsuit if they don't come into compliance.

Janno of the MTA—\$11.2 billion to build the LI Railroad connection at GCT. That money would have made the subway 50% accessible. Have only spent \$4B in the past 40 years on accessibility.

This Thursday, Rider's alliance is hosting a rally near GW bridge. Attention will be focused on getting congestion pricing passed. Need to implement this law.

On Groundhog Day, Transit Riders, Environmental Advocates, Elected Officials Will Rally – Again – to Rebut Cynics Who Would Defund The MTA & Refuse To #FixTheSubway That Millions Depend On Each Day. When: Thursday, February 2 @ 11 am

Congestion pricing information from Re-Invent Albany

<https://reinventalbany.org/2023/01/testimony-to-mta-board-supporting-congestion-pricing/>

Brief discussion about non RAR announcements

Goal of non-RaR announcements is not open mike; just the how, what, when, where for other actions, meetings, hearings etc.

There is a Rise and Resist facilitation email, but we're locked out of it. Would people use an email address to email announcements or use a google form or would people want it to stay as is.

If you want it on the agenda, must get the info to us by 5 pm on Monday.

Facilitation will come back next week with a way to let us know how to submit non-RaR announcements.

REPORT BACKS

Tyre Nichols demonstrations over the weekend

Candlelight vigil in Queensborough Hall; religious leaders; community members told personal stories, very moving vigil.

Saturday's rally in WSP followed by a march up to Times Square. It was a big crowd; good speakers and the organizers did a good job of containing people who wanted to get more aggressive toward cops. Got to the red steps in Times Square.

WSP earlier, there was a good group from RaR. We stayed until about 6:30 pm. Speakers were pretty good. Jay got interviewed. It was peaceful, respectful and would have liked more people.

Another Tyre Nichols action took place on Friday at GC. Small previously planned a mostly silent vigil by the info desk about closing Rikers. Organized by the international group. Updated their signage to include Tyre Nichols. Merged with other Tyre Nichols marches.

1/26 Rikers Protest at Mayor Adam's State of the City address

Outside Flushing Meadow, a group of protesters to the close Rikers movement gathered. The Freedom Agenda was spearheading it. Family members who lost people at Rikers were there and spoke movingly about what was lost. This contrasted with a line of well-dressed people going into the Queens Theater to hear the mayor in contrast to the groups protesting outside. Huge amount of press. Resistance Revival singers were there.

1/26 Immigration Vigil

18 to 20 of us were there and 3 or 4 photographers. We had a presence and people were mostly receptive to us. One or two not supportive; hostile to Jenny and Ray. She said we're wasting our time and she had several refugees in her home and wanted to know how many refugees we had in our homes.

Marketing person recommended we give people a clear call to action. Tell them to put their photos on social media.

1/27 Say Their Names - every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th St. and Broadway

Last Friday was a hard day. We knew the video of Tyre was coming out. Was concerned about reactions of black on black. Everyone was tense. Jenny read something from the Black Caucus Indivisible group. It beautifully helped us to understand that this is about the police and White Supremacy. It is structural racism. It was important to read that. People responded well. Alex put it out on the academic press and got 20 requests.

Link to the entire Black Caucus piece--BEAR BELLINGER member of Indivisible Black Caucus on murder of Tyre Nichols from
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/epj6o1bpva00ifx/Who%20is%20responsible%20for%20the%20murder%20of%20Tyre%20Nichols.docx?dl=0>

1/31 Truth Tuesday at Fox - every Tuesday at 12 noon at 47th St. and 6th Ave. We held the Stop Killing Black People banner. Got a lot of thank yous. A few FUs on the sidewalk. Our TikTok account has been taken down because we violated community standards against hate speech and violence.

Showed the video from the Daily Show in which Julie appeared twice.
<https://youtu.be/-LY0RIZzbLw>

1/31 Drag Story Hour

Non-action but it was good news. Everyone agreed that 96th street (happening tomorrow) may be more antagonistic. No one from the other side showed up. We stayed until everyone was inside, and a little bit more and then left.

Several police were present and they had set up a cage out front, just in case.

Important that we show up. Google group has been set up. Contact Jamie if you want to be on the google list.

Non-RaR announcements

Jennifer-- We have been contacted by a curator from the Museum of the City of NY. They want some of our posters and banners in an exhibit on activism.

Wendy— Reinvigorating Upper East Side Indivisible
The UES chapter was going to close down so Wendy took it over and its 400 person email list. If anyone is on the UES or knows someone in the neighborhood, let Wendy know.
WendyBrandes@gmail.com

Andy—ACT UP to protest a book that is AIDS Denial
Subsidiary of Simon & Schuster is publishing an AIDS denial book. A mathematician by training has been writing claiming HIV does not cause aids. In this new book she advocates that people with HIV shouldn't be using the latest AIDS drugs. Campaign beginning to ask S & S to not distribute this book. Mostly ActUp people at the moment. Can contact Andy at andyratio@gmail.com and he can loop you in. Multi-faceted campaign to protest this book, including something in person.

Book Title: The Real Aids Epidemic: How the Tragic HIV Mistake Threatens Us All Author: Rebecca Culshaw

<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/The-Real-AIDS-Epidemic/Rebecca-V-Culshaw/Children-s-Health-Defense/9781510776715>

Kat—two posts for responses to the state of the city etc.

From NYS PPC: <https://linktr.ee/NYSPPC> links to NY State PPC's People's State on Poverty.

shoutnyc thread of our response to governor's portion re housing/shelter/supportive housing:

https://twitter.com/NYC_SHOUT/status/1618628929811804161?t=4ORxtepbDOO3ISrbCINzdQ&s=19

Bill Hartman—Wants to make us aware of a NY company located at Madison and 53rd—Water Asset Management—18 yrs in business. They buy up land rights where water rights are available, particularly in the West. Greed moves by a company in NYC. We should probably watch this organization. <https://waterinv.com/home>

Watson Hotel Update—there's a call to people to go there 24/7 so there's a presence. Link in chat on twitter. Can drop off supplies, donation links etc. Wendy is part of a Signal channel regarding events at the hotel. Reach out to her for the latest info.

<https://twitter.com/andyratto/status/1620551134766321664>

Link below is about the warehousing of 60K rent stabilized apartments in NYC - when we talk about the lack of housing in NYC, we should keep this in mind when we do our messaging. For anyone who wants to stay up to date on Watson Hotel specific actions, email me at wendybrandes@gmail.com

https://www.thecity.nyc/housing/2022/10/19/23411956/60000-rent-stabilized-apartments-vacant-warehousing-nyc-landlords-housing?_amp=true

Wendy's weekly activism newsletter is here, for anyone who missed it:

<https://mailchi.mp/588982e7086a/take-action-to-stop-police-violence>

This week, there is a supplementary Google document on actions to take related to police violence:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GNJfZdmA91V6i_axgy7CPHd31ASDITlrGzmSpLwURRo/edit?usp=sharing

NON RAR ACTION: phone zap to end qualified immunity in NY:

<https://vocalny.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtc-uorjsuE9LyPeRILN0A01E11nSEyhYB>

NON RAR ACTION, tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1:30 PM city hall steps - the NYC campaign for elected civilian review board. The only link available right now is on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CoDnyOoLNVm/?igshid=NWQ4MGE5ZTk%3>

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