

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.2.2023

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Jennifer and Karin **Note Taker:** Wendy 23 in attendance

New process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

GOOD NEWS!

- Two strict abortion bills failed [in Nebraska and South Carolina](#).

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, May 4 - Two actions

- 11 AM: Santos "Office Hours" Action in Farmingdale, Long Island. To take train to L.I., meet at precisely 9:12 AM at the ticket booth in Penn Station. Here is the [Facebook link](#).
- 5 PM: Immigration vigil at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal, Manhattan side.
 - There's been confusing news this week, including word that people might be able to apply for asylum in the countries they're trying to flee. However, the administration doesn't want people presenting themselves at the southern border so if you have money and can fly in, you can apply. If you walk, you can't.
 - There are still questions about what happens when Title 42 expires this month.
 - Active-duty service people are being sent to the border – unarmed – supposedly to help with processing.

Thursday May 11 - Three actions

- 10 AM: HALT Solitary demo at Hochul's Manhattan office at 633 3rd Ave.
 - The legislation to reduce solitary confinement passed two years ago and has not been put into practice.
- 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM: Citibank climate action at Citibank HQ at 388 Greenwich St. It will be kid-friendly with music and a Mother's Day theme. [Sign up here](#). Endorsed by the group via vote.
- All-day (or most of day) event: The State Democratic Committee is having one of its rare meetings in Albany. The Replace Jay Jacobs movement will have a press conference. More information at the Elections meeting tomorrow at 5 PM. People who can't afford to pay for travel will be subsidized, and **\$400 budget was approved for signage etc.**

Monday, May 15, FOX “upfront” advertisers day

- Julie is coordinating morning and evening activities. Jonathan is making a video for an advertising truck while Media Matters is considering its own video truck.

Wednesday, May 24

- 5 PM: March to support people’s budget – keeping current level of funding for public schools, CUNY etc – while reducing NYPD and Corrections budgets. Make the Road, JFREJ, WFP, NY 4 Change, Alliance for Quality Education and other organizations participating.
- **RAR voted to endorse.**

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Elevator Action Group - Court Celebration

- There was a court hearing and a celebration. We saw photos from Judge Hagler’s courtroom and a video with Sasha Blair-Goldensohn.

Abortion Action Group

- **\$300 approved for Abortion Is a Human Right banner.**

REPORT BACKS

Climate Action Week

- Monday, April 24: Rally at Citibank
- Wednesday, April 26: Disruptive action at Hudson Yards office of KKR private equity. People blocked the escalator and shut the entrance down for about an hour and a half, and six were arrested. KKR was caught by surprise.
- Friday, April 28: Disruptive action at Hudson Yards office of BlackRock. Security/police were ready for us, following the group into Whole Foods and setting up barricades. Arrests were made when people slipped through the barricades. [Zack put together a video.](#)
- Monday, May 1: A final disruption blocking celebrities leaving Mark Hotel for Met Gala. Paris Hilton was caught in our web. About an hour and a half disruption. Lock boxes were used and some people were sawed free. 15 were arrested. Unfortunately, six phones were stolen from jail support during the action.

Climate group asks to sign on to [a letter](#). national grid has been in cahoots with fossil fuel group - disinformation about renewables not being reliable.

Finally, Cherie points out good news: Public renewables act was passed by NYS legislature, while gas has been banned in new construction.

Say Their Names:

- Canceled due to rain.
- We’ll try again next Friday at 5 PM at 96th and Broadway.

Monday, May 1, Drag Story Hour at NY Public Library

- Julie and Jay were there with signs; no photos were taken.
- The usual crew including Gays for Trump were there saying noxious things.

Monday, May 1, Rikers Vigil in Times Square

- Photos shown, colorful signs were appreciated.
- People were interested – we ran out of leaflets.

Tuesday, May 2, E.J. Carroll trial at SNDY

- Gathered at 8:15, EJ came by around 9:30, court started at 10 instead of 9 as expected.
- EJ Carroll saw us, stopped and waved.
- Two women who were there on their own joined us and we got their info for mailing list.
- Trump lawyer went around the back.
- Rick did great chalking. Vince was there on his birthday.

Tuesday, May 2, Truth Tuesdays at FOX “News”

- Every Tuesday at 12 noon at 47th & 6th Ave..
- We interrupted a live shot and a cameraman was overheard calling in saying “They’re here every Tuesday.”
- Tried some new signs - going into “Fox is toast” “Fox is poison” themes, moving on from Dominion lawsuit.
- During rain, we went under the awning and some signs were faced to the reception desk.
- It was an hour and 15 minute action in wild weather. “We’re out of our minds” Robert said.

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Robert shares info on nuclear disarmament ship - The Golden Rule - schedule <https://vfpgoldenruleproject.org/>
- Sandy points out there was 1,000 person May Day march in Washington Square Park .

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