

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 8.22.2023

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting [click here](#)
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**Facilitators:** Alexandra and Jennifer    **Note Taker:** Wendy    18 participants

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Use [rar.facilitation@gmail.com](mailto:rar.facilitation@gmail.com) before 3PM on Monday!

### GOOD NEWS!

- Mar-a-Lago [security aide got his own lawyer and flipped.](#)
- [Lachlan Murdoch pays A\\$1.3 million in legal fees related to dropped defamation suit in Australia.](#)
- [Left-wing socialist wins presidency in Guatemala.](#)

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### UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, August 24 - Immigration vigil

- **Where and when:** Staten Island Ferry Terminal, 5 PM

Friday, August 25 - Fox Concert Series

- **Where and when:** 1211 6th Ave, 7 AM - 9 AM (Around the corner on 48th, rather than right in front)
- Maverick City Music is the performer.
- We have a small crew - could use a few more bodies.
- Vince will be bringing the props.

Friday, August 25 - Say Their Names

- **Where and when:** 96th & Broadway, 5 PM
- Hopefully weather won't be a problem.

#### Tuesday, August 29 - Truth Tuesdays at Fox

- **Where and when: 1211 6th Ave, 10 AM - 11 AM**
- Theme to be announced

#### Thursday, August 31 - Countdown to Closing Rikers

- **Where and when:** City Hall Park at 10 AM
- [Freedom Agenda's link](#).

#### Saturday, September 2 - Clinic Defense at Planned Parenthood

- **Where and when:** Meet at 8 AM at Mott and Prince

#### Saturday, September 2 - Museum of Natural History climate action

- We'll find out more next week - no one is here to speak about it.

#### Monday, September 11 - Rikers Vigil

- **Where and when:** Penn Station, 5 PM
- Rise and Resist monthly vigil. During the winter we did it in Times Square on the first Monday of every month. This month the day is moved due to Labor Day.
- Enter SW corner of 7th Ave. and W33rd. St. Go down escalator and we will be at the foot.

#### **CLIMATE ACTION UPDATES**

- Flyering at Bushwick is on September 2, 10 AM to 12 PM, for the big September 17 action.
- Bill attended climate meeting Thursday - discussion of flyering at Puerto Rican parade on Monday in Brooklyn.
- September 19 Fox Truth Tuesdays will be climate themed.
- [Sign up for more info on full week of actions and September 17 march](#).

#### **STATE OF NY VS THE FORMER GUY**

- Waiting on the next update from Bragg's office on the civil case. Be on the lookout if you're on the action group email list. There's no day/time yet.

#### **ELEVATOR ACTION GROUP UPDATE**

- Museum of City of NY contacted the group about including a disability rights section in its long-running exhibit (since 2012!) on activism. Erik McGregor photo from Elevator Action Group in 2017 is backdrop. Postcards featured in display.
- Rise and Resist is all over a slide show about activism in NYC.
- 103rd and 5th Avenue
- [Find info about hours/days at museum](#). We will try to arrange a group outing.

#### **REPORTS BACK**

##### Wednesday, August 16 - Save Medicare's Lower Drug Prices Action

- About 50 people gathered at Jones Day, which is the law firm helping Big Pharma sue to prevent Medicare from negotiating lower drug prices.
- Organized by Mark Hannay who spoke - [video was shared in meeting](#).
- [News story about the day of protests](#) shared by Mike.

#### Friday, August 18 - Fox Summer Series Disruption

- Performer Vanilla Ice canceled. [The group War substituted.](#)
- The percussionist thanked us for protesting, says he hates Fox, was embarrassed by the gig, pointed out his United Farm Workers button.
- Masterbuilt BBQ sponsors had to crash War's set, in the middle of a song, to promo themselves, because they haven't been able to be on stage with the Fox & Friends hosts because RAR heckles the hosts.
- Other groups have had names on the Fox zipper, and War did not. Julie suspects War did not let them.

#### Friday, August 18 - Say Their Names

- No special news to report.

#### Tuesday, August 22 - Truth Tuesdays at Fox

- 2nd anniversary! We've only missed one week due to Hurricane Ida.
- Robert (and all of us) praised Julie for this consistent action.
- Indictment theme continued this week.

### **NON RAR ACTIONS**

#### Tuesday, August 22 - Union Solidarity

- SAG AFTRA was joined by bakers, teachers, musicians, Teamsters, Equity, hotel & gaming, IATSE (studio technicians) - incredible solidarity and huge crowd. Gale Brewer and Brad Lander were there.
- To support people affected by the strike, donate to [Entertainment Community Fund](#) (formerly the Actors' Fund). Strike has been going on since July 12, which is going to really impact people's health insurance in October.

#### Sunday, September 10 - Trans Harrassers

- People are considering what to do around chapter launch party for right-wing extremists calling themselves "Gays Against Groomers." They are associated with Moms 4 Liberty and Proud Boys and attack drag story hours and trans kids.
- Action possibility: [Report them to Spring for violations of Terms of Service](#) - they shouldn't be selling harassment-oriented merch there.
- Report [Andre Michel DeCastro](#), LMHC; NYC College of Technology for his involvement. Other links: [here](#) and [here](#).
- In the works: Queer Rapid Response team for de-escalation.

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