

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.26.2020

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Notes - Jamie **Facilitators** - Jay, Kellen, and Livvie **ASL Signer** - Elizabeth

The meeting started at 7:05 to give people time to holler and bang pots.

REPORT BACKS

Trump Hotel Body Bag Action with Indivisible Bklyn.

Jonathan and Rick reported back - done as two affinity groups (one for body bags and one for the banner).

There was a procession with the body bags to the Broadway side of the hotel where people lay down the body bags, and then the banner moved in behind. Great pictures, coverage on NY1.

Jackie Rudin said that we may get a big donation from someone based on them seeing the coverage/photos that she got out on social media and NY1 - still working out details.

Post Office Actions - Elka and Robert

There are two thousand postcards to distribute, half to Senators half to the House. Also "Save The Post Office" stickers coming. The three hashtags are #SaveThePostOffice, #ProtectVoteByMail, #USPSEssentialForever.

Next action is on Wednesday 5/27 at the Canal St. P.O.

June 16th will be a day of action in NYC to push the message out.

Decarceration Working Group - Sarah, Donna and Jennifer B.

Introducing the group to RAR, the goal is to educate themselves and figure out what they can do. They've started a reading list, and are reaching out to other groups and see what kind of work they think needs to be done esp. COVID-19.

Donna gave a report back on prisoners in NY - Cuomo is trying to pass a meaningless release bill which allows for powers he already has. **RAPP (Release Aging People in Prisons)** sent an

urgent call for action for people to call the chairs of the Assembly to pass Elder Parole and limit Solitary Confinement. RAPP is having a virtual rally on Wednesday starting at 10AM.

Ray talked about messaging that specifically talks about people in prison and immigration detention and COVID-19, for a banner. They do not have a clear banner text yet but hope to come back next week.

Jamie showed photos of the actions at Times Square (**TRUMP LIES PEOPLE DIE**) and Foley Square (If Manafort/Stone/Flynn can go free, why can't detainees be released).

Livvie reported back on Elections - which is postcarding.

Sandy reported on **Reclaim The Vote** - key states are 20%+ minority voters, 8+ electoral votes, and a Senate seat up for election. The Objective is to get people registered and to check that they have not been taken off the rolls.

Also an effort called "**DITCH MITCH**" targeting women in Kentucky.

Link to "**Suppress The Vote**" a 30 minute film,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03DGjnlkTdl&feature=youtu.be>

Jackie Rudin spoke about the NYCLU suit to get Cuomo to not distinguish protest from religion or picnics, and Cuomo agreed that any outdoor gathering of 10 or fewer people is permitted as long as social distancing is practiced. RAR to keep doing what we are doing, and not be too concerned about it.

Healthcare report from **Ann R.** and **Mark H.** Some good things to report - Gustavo Rivera is pushing bills so that people can get paid leave for quarantine, push for New York Health Care Act, expanding COVID-19 coverage for a year for undocumented New Yorkers, and PPE funding for home health workers.

- A call for the Legislature to enact the NY Health Act universal health care bill as a pandemic response:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-5zmPeGKahq5A0d_Vub0NWyD3ptZBN OXChzS2LjKL9F1uRw/viewform

Here is the Social Media kit on health care issues in NY State:

https://www.nyhcampaign.org/twitterstormmay2020?utm_campaign=no_medicaid_cuts_may_2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=pnhpnymetro

Letter signed onto by RAR from **Housing Justice** campaign:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuTsCpYuwLL1Wnm4EhmXMUuW7EPIDYYqxc1tNMMtEsnPCviQ/viewform>

Climate Action - Sandy reported on the **BlackRock** action at BlackRock headquarters with a hot air balloon (New York Communities For Change organized the demo) WSJ wrote about the demo calling out BlackRock, and about the social distancing of the demo.

Elka raised the **murder of George Floyd** in Minneapolis and what RAR can do so that we are not silent about it.

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