

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 6.23.2020

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**Notes** - Jamie **Facilitators** - Karin, Sandy, and Cherie **ASL Signer** - Elizabeth

Good news. **The Supreme Court upheld DACA** and Trump's Rally was a bust.

**Elevator Action Group** - short documentary by Martyna Starosta called Elevator Pitch will be shown at the AFI Docs Film Festival. <https://docs.afi.com/2020/short-films-2020/elevator-pitch/>

Photos were shared of different banner actions including taking the **"Take Your Knee Off His Neck" banner** to several actions on Juneteenth at 96th St., and the Break The Chains With Love march across the Brooklyn Bridge.

Stu and Robert reported on the **Rikers action**. They took a **banner "COVID Behind Bars = Death"** on Juneteenth to Rikers Island. The Jails Action Coalition and Just Leadership USA were cosponsors. The group chanted and rallied - and it was broadcast via a webinar. The rally called for depopulating Rikers by releasing people who are held on parole violations and who are awaiting trial, defunding the Department of Corrections, and defunding NYPD.

Elka spoke about the **June 23rd Day of Action to Save the Post Office**. Rise and Resist participated and went to several Post Offices in Manhattan and Brooklyn with the Save The Post Office banner and chalked messages and posters. New York Metro Area Postal Union was at some of the major Post Offices and RAR members joined them as well.

Jennifer raised an issue about the problems of the Post Office - and her concerns about voting by mail, and Mary responded that it is the Board of Elections that is the problem. There was some back and forth on this, regarding problems with the Post Office and people's negative feelings about it.

Sandy spoke about **Reclaim Our Vote** and the importance of vote by mail as the lesser of the evils in terms of getting out the vote. She also spoke about organizing Students For Justice to fight voter suppression.

Jamie spoke about the **Elders For Black Lives** demo on Wednesday June 24 at 12PM at the east side of City Hall. We will bring the Knee banner.

The **Healthcare Group** spoke about Reverend Barber and the Poor People's Campaign virtual rally last Saturday (6/20).

The group proposed an **action at Elmhurst Hospital "Beds Not Body Bags/Queens Needs More Hospitals"** to demand more hospital beds outside of Manhattan. Ideally, demos would be done in the other boroughs as well. **The group voted to allocate \$300 for props.**

**Reclaim Pride** - Will be meeting to march on Sunday June 28 at Foley Square at 1PM. There will be interpreters and wheelchairs for accessibility. The march is not permitted but there is an expectation that we will be marching in the street the entire time (no curbs). March route has not been made public yet, but is 3.5 miles long.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2650793568541801/>

Mary reported for Comms - **VOCAL is occupying City Hall** to protest the city budget and demand that the city defund the NYPD. Ann added that it is part of a week of actions for budget justice.

Ann Rubin informed that **Healthcare signed onto a letter to defund the NYPD** and add the money to the social services budget.

Susan gave the Finance report.

### **Non RAR announcements:**

Elka asked if people wanted to **join the VOCAL demo** - this was referred back to the Actions Committee.

Donna asked if there is a hard copy of the **Poor People's Campaign demands**. This is the link to download it:

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/moral-justice-jubilee-policy-platform/>

Ann spoke about a demo July 1 outside NY to caravan to Hampton's houses who fund NYPD "charities".

Alvin said there is a protest on Saturday 2PM to save 70 Mulberry Street.  
<https://lespinyc.salsalabs.org/70mulberryprotest20200627?>

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