

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.28.2023

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

Facilitators: Stu and Jennifer **Note Taker:** Sandy

Facilitation Issues - step up and step back, organize your presentation and your thoughts, do not monopolize conversation, stay on topic etc.

For non RAR announcements or to put additional items on the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

Good News

Naomi Braine's book is out (Abortion Beyond the Law).

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/733943/abortion-beyond-the-law-by-naomi-braine/>

The Guardian article about fundraising featured Stu's picture at a Fox action.

Upcoming Actions

•Patricia Okoumou court support action—Friday, 12/1 at 9 am at SI Courthouse
Patricia joined our meeting and laid out her case, describing the scene where Administrative Child Services, without a warrant and based on an anonymous tip, broke down her door and served her with two summonses. They claimed they were following a court order. Her 3-year-old child is traumatized, and they were left in an unsafe situation since the lock on their door was broken. Patricia wants a press conference and supporters with signs at the courthouse in SI this Friday, Dec. 1 at 9 am when she appears, to make sure this doesn't happen to other poor people with children.

Jamie and Stu thought they could go this Friday but suggested that we could stage other actions at protective services offices in Manhattan to make the same point. This does not need to be a one-time action in SI this Friday.

Livvie thinks there's a bill in Albany eliminating the legality of submitting these reports anonymously.

Contact Patricia at patricia@patriciaokoumou.com if you want to get involved in supporting her.

Article about this issue:

<https://youthtoday.org/2018/08/why-its-so-easy-to-troll-someone-with-anonymous-child-abuse-report/>

•**Elevator Actions Group**--Wednesday, 11/29 8:45-9:15AM at the MTA 2 Broadway Monthly rally in front of MTA Building. Half hour rally prior to their cttee meeting. The ask is to fix the elevators and settle the case they are refusing to settle.

Vague action next Wednesday. Reach out to Jennifer if you want to know more about that.

•**Immigration Vigil**--Thursday, 11/30 at 5PM in the Times Square subway station where we do the Rikers Vigil—between the Shuttle and the 1,2,3. This will be warmer than the SI ferry terminal.

The mayor is doing two despicable things. One is that we need to cut all city services because we're spending too much on migrants. At the same time, he's violating NY right to shelter rules by denying migrants a spot in shelters.

•**Clinic Defense with NYFAR**--Saturday, 12/2 8AM, meet at Prince and Mott St. First Saturday of each month at Old St. Pat's Church hosts anti-abortion fanatics do a procession to a nearby Planned Parenthood Clinic escorted by a massive number of police. We stand in front of the fanatics with a RaR banner—Abortion is Human Right and signage. Try to prevent them from being seen. Jamie interferes with their walkie talkies. Sometimes there's a bank to drown out their prayers.

•**Trump Going Out of Business Sale** - Sunday December 3, 1PM (back update Sunday December 10)

Fifth Ave will be closed to traffic for holiday shopping. We will do this almost serious but satirical action at Trump Tower. Great props, masks, great signs, video truck with a short movie. Will have faux shoppers go in and come out with gold plated toilet seats etc. We will get a 30 to 60 second video of this. We should meet at the Grand Army Plaza at the fountain at 12:30 pm there to distribute props. Tony the Truck will gladly reschedule for us if the weather doesn't cooperate.

•**Rikers Vigil** 12/4 in Times Square Subway Station

5 pm on Monday, Dec. 4 at Times Square Subway in between the Shuttle and the 1,2,3.

•Two Decarceration actions

Halt Solitary--Mon. Dec. 11—11 am Foley Square—Rights are being trampled inside prisons which are harming families.

Community not Cages-Thurs. Dec. 14 noon to 1 pm at Foley Square—to support bills to reform NYS sentencing laws; eliminating mandatory minimums; decrease prison time by participating in rehabilitation programs.

•NYYRC GALA - Saturday December 9 - Cipriani Wall St.

Insurrectionist ball—Roger Stone, Bannon, Guiliani, little Guiliana, Paul Gosar, Matt Goetz. Save the date and will announce details next week.

•Trump to return to Civil Court NYC approx. Dec 11.

Trump will be the final witness in the case. Eric is coming back to testify on Dec. 6. We will go out on both dates. We have an opportunity to present any anti-Trump messaging we want. Press will be there. Both will be in the early am.

Stop The Coup/Project 2025—Teach In on Tues. Dec. 7/Townhall on Sun 12/17

Christine Dedeski is doing a teach-in next Tuesday at 7:30 pm at next week's RaR meeting. Informational Townhall on Sunday Dec. 17 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm—high quality speakers and Q & A. At the LGBTQ center.

Report Backs

Experiences at various anti-war/ceasefire in Gaza demonstrations

Chinatown action—affinity groups. Too many people were there to be arrested; at least 1200 people in the calls. 1,000 people were prepared to be arrested.

Keep getting people inquiring about rumors about Jewish Voices for Peace not really being Jewish. Have not found any validity in this. It seems undermining.

Dan Goldman Office demo—Dan G. was in Israel on Oct. 7; he is a Zionist; very pro-Israel. One of the few Democrats who censored T. Organized by Not Now. 100 people showed up. A moving action.

Here's Wendy's frequently updated Google doc of Palestine actions:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1_pttt1_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohI4/edit?usp=sharing

11/28 Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12 noon 47th St.& 6th Ave.

Holidays are a great time to be at Fox. We get Xmas music. Tourist crowds are growing. Get some nastiness but also many thumbs up. Many take pictures and take it back to their home states. We sang. Tis the season to turn off Fox song.

Non-RaR announcements

Weds 11/29 at 5 pm at Columbus Circle—Shut Down the Dealbook. The DB is an event that the NY Times puts on every year with important people. Netanyahu was last year. This year they are featuring Jamie Dimon, Elon Musk, Kamala Harris, head of the PGA. RaR has been to the DB in past years. This year it is a bit different with what is going on in Palestine. Stop destroying this planet and stop destroying these people. The intention is to shut it down. Will be balloons. At the Jazz at Lincoln center location.

Climate Action—Thursday 11/30 at noon—Press conference near City Hall for the Heat Act.

Support Cease Fire Rally at Schumer's office Thursday 11/30 at 4 pm about pressuring Schumer to support a cease fire. Activists are bringing hard copies of letters pushing for this. 780 Third Ave.

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