

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 7.26.2022

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**Facilitators:** Stu and Paul **Notes:** Alex

### Good News!

Bannon found guilty on both counts and the Judge is not happy with him.

Jan 6 Committee connects the dots; the committee is working with DOJ. Mark Short, former Chief of Staff to Mike Pence, is speaking to the Grand Jury.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/07/26/trump-justice-investigation-january-6/>

Lots of Josh Hawley memes brought some good laughs.

Joni Mitchell came back to sing at the Newport Folk Festival – first performance in 8887 days, as she said. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aqGjaFDtxQ>

### Upcoming/New Actions:

#### 7/28 Thursday 5PM Immigration Vigil - in Grand Central Terminal main hall

Jamie:

- We had a long discussion about the heat, and we decided to return to GCT, where we last were in February.
- It is an air-conditioned space.
- We should be masked as it is a transportation hub.
- Signs about Remain in Mexico, Title 42, mourning the 53 immigrants who died in the truck.
- Immigration: <https://fb.me/e/1Dgyl95wv>

#### 8/3 Wednesday 1PM Monthly INDICT at Trump Tower

Jamie:

In addition to pop-ups we do monthly actions, which have moved from Foley Square to Trump Tower. We have many posters. We may use: "If you are innocent why are you taking the Fifth?" DJT 2016

There was discussion of the use of the Fifth amendment in this way.

- Under McCarthy, many people exercised their right to not self-incriminate.
- Can we use it in terms of Trump's hypocrisy?
- This question will be discussed further in Actions.
- Indict: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1241957879977133>

### **TBD Protest at Trump deposition AG James - most likely 60 Centre St. and potential pop-up INDICTS**

Jamie as Rick is away:

Deposition was postponed from 7/15/22 because of Ivana's funeral.

### **8/1 Malliotakis Monday - 3rd Ave. & 77th St. in Brooklyn. Time TBD. 86<sup>th</sup> Street stop of the R train.**

Livvie:

We will go to 86<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, where there is a large commuter bus stop with many busses going to Staten Island, among other boroughs.

- VOTE NICOLE OUT! Banner
- Signs listing her horrible votes
- Cardboard Sinema will be turned into cardboard Malliotakis.
- We will try to flyer as many people as possible.
- We can anticipate a semi hostile crowd.
- Only chance we, in NYC, have to influence the discussion, and the congressional balance.
- We need to be mindful of bus operators and of disabled people.

### **Election discussion** – focusing on Congressional District 11.

Several people voiced opposition to RaR picking a primary candidate.

- We are likely to have differing views within RaR.
- We don't know the district all that well.
- The Poor People's Campaign is not endorsing its own member, Brittany Ramos Debarros, as a matter of policy: their stance is to focus on the issues.

There were questions and comments about strategy.

- Are there alternatives to the term "endorse?"
- We should have had this conversation sooner in Elections.
- How can we be most effective in flipping that seat blue?
- We have had difficulty getting a voter registration campaign going. We have only four weeks left.
- Raise M's negatives and encourage people to vote in the primary.
- We could have used voting lists provided by each Dem campaign to target voters we are interested in.
- Locals put out lots of effort to register Republicans. This will be a slog; we need to get all the help we can get.

- Unlike PPC we have tax status where we can endorse a candidate

There was discussion of both candidates: Max Rose and Brittany Ramos Debarros

- Ramos Debarros has been endorsed by many of our allies: Indivisible, Amazon union workers, Sunrise.

Summary comments:

- The goal is to throw out a Republican candidate. We need to do our part to prevent a MAGA Trump wave, which would be totally disastrous. Our specific goal is to build up an opposition campaign, and to move the persuadables to vote.
- Members are comfortable with vote Nicole out and raising people's consciousness that the only way to do that is to vote.
- We need to trust voters to choose the Dem who is most likely to win. Then we can continue to get the vote out.

Next steps:

- As well as Malliotakis Mondays, we are going to be doing weekend gigs in Bay Ridge.

### **Endorsed disarmament actions - 8/2 noon Isaiah Wall (43rd and 1st) vigil 12 to 1**

Donna and Robert:

- March to UN. Civil disobedience will be 1 to 3. We need people to join to support the people doing CD. There will be no risk of arrest for people who don't want arrest
- Demands of this action:
  - End military interventions in other countries
  - Redirect resources from the military to meet human needs
  - Dismantle nuclear reactors
  - Disarm unilaterally-starting with nuclear weapons
  - Sign, ratify, and implement the UN treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

### **Friday 8/5 noon at Japanese Consulate Park & 48th St.**

This marks the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima

- The new treaty now includes "positive obligations": peoples affected in any way by the creation of the bombs or their detonation should get reparations. This involves many Indigenous people.
- Scouting in progress;
- Big banner

We need more members. We meet Weds 2:30-4

- If you would like to join NYCAN (the New York Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) please contact Robert at [rcroon@gmail.com](mailto:rcroon@gmail.com)
- NYCAN recommends that the US Government take these three steps:
- <https://vimeo.com/730868123>

### **Healthcare**

**"No More 24 "update**

Alex:

The No More 24 campaign is supporting City Council Bill 0175-2022 which abolishes the use of 24-hour shifts, requiring 12 hour shifts instead. The bill has gained 29 sponsors.

- Jihye Song of AIW encourages RaR members to call their City Council members.
- Here is a list of City Council members. Those marked with x are co-sponsoring the “No More 24” bill:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UEb7Uxuw2vaJ-IOMojQcHFQh1mAziZVrFrSnagKQJWg/edit?usp=sharing>

## Report Backs

### 7/21 Monkeypox demonstration at Foley Square

Martin/Andy/Jay:

- Two working groups: Prep for All group (Group focused on public health, based on their long experience with HIV/AIDS) and a working group that formed out of Act UP.
  - Andy is part of the Act Up group.
- These groups are assessing who in CDC to put pressure on and what are the demands, as conditions are changing fast.
- Link in the chat. Resources: <https://bit.ly/monkeypoxnyc>

Jay:

- The city is focusing specifically on male identified people who have sex with men and is excluding trans people and sex workers.
- You literally have to be a male identified person with many sex to sign up for vaccine.
- This is a big problem.

**7/22 Climate Clock demo.** Armageddon clock went down to 6 years from 7 years. Several RaR members participated.

7/22 (canceled due to heat) Say Their Names - every Friday at 5PM 96th & Broadway  
We will be there at 96 and Broadway.

### 7/26 Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 10AM

Julie. Great weather, and terrific showing, excellent photos. Great film footage which 6 out of last 7 events have focused on Jan 6.

## Read and Resist

Andy:

- Please fill in survey if you are interested.
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoP9dIBAOWW3ZF8dHd-1DttqAcalQAR9Wr4R8oL8Aijt\\_pw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoP9dIBAOWW3ZF8dHd-1DttqAcalQAR9Wr4R8oL8Aijt_pw/viewform)

- Next book and meeting time will be announced. You can just put in your email address, you will be on email notification.
- We are coming back after a hiatus over COVID.

## Non-RaR announcements

### **Indivisible nation Brooklyn (INBK) This Thursday 11:00 to 11:30 am What the fuck Chuck at his Manhattan Office location: 730 Third Ave**

Julie for Wendy Brandes: <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblenationbk/event/483230/>

### **Action at NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's Office Wed. 7/27 12 noon at 250 Broadway by City Hall. his office to support renewables**

Mike

- This bill has teeth in that it states that all energy has to be renewable by 2030. Major push back by business interests.
- Supported by all major environmental groups
- Support the Build Public Renewables Act for possible August vote in NY Assembly! It's already passed the NYS Senate.
- Join with Food and Water Action, DSA Eco-Socialists and Others in Protest
- "Our unrelenting people power has already scared Carl Heastie into holding a hearing on our climate bill (BPRA) this week. Now, as the city boils, we need to make sure the Assembly passes it in August-unchanged! Join us outside Heastie's office (250 Bway, by City Hall) Wed 7/27 at noon for an all-out FINAL PUSH FOR PUBLIC POWER!"

Sign up link: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/new-york-wants-public-renewables-now>

### **C19LAP Covid long hauler advocacy project.**

Kat:

- Kat is a chapter head in NYC. There are chapters all over the country.
- Networking with NIH for two years. NIH is talking to us about who should we work with.
- You can create a user ID and vote to boost us up.
- We were just granted 501c3. We have raised \$800 of \$1200 for an annual zoom that has capacity for 1000 people.
- Information on C19LA : <https://longcovidatwork.ideascale.com/c/idea/1048405>
- Donation link : <https://www.longhauler-advocacy.org/donate>

Livvie is working with **Brooklyn Climate Parents** (Pete Secoura) to get Brad Lander to be more aggressive with entities like Black Rock. **There will be a webinar: Monday at 11 am**

- Bill McKibben will be there.

- [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84862544315?tk=TQg68VmLFCf66s4jGbxJJ2Kp6c9XW-CzKM9sgDnRw0w.DQMAAAATwjOpuXZKQ1k3OWIsSFFZQ2pGdjNWTXBqWF93AA&uuid=WN\\_SICsQ2fPTRSZ\\_PBNQxSIOg](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84862544315?tk=TQg68VmLFCf66s4jGbxJJ2Kp6c9XW-CzKM9sgDnRw0w.DQMAAAATwjOpuXZKQ1k3OWIsSFFZQ2pGdjNWTXBqWF93AA&uuid=WN_SICsQ2fPTRSZ_PBNQxSIOg)

Ray shared with the group the very sad news that **Jasper** died today. Jasper loved hearing our voices and attended many Rise and Resist meetings on Ray's lap. Jasper was 16. Many tears were shed in the meeting and many loving messages were sent to Ray.

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