

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 4.16.2024

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GOOD NEWS!

--New Schedule F rule protecting Federal Civil servants was released by OPM and will go into effect May 9 (this prevents part of Project 2025 from being implemented without another rule change).

--ATF finalized rule to close the gun show loophole - this will expand background checks for gun buyers. Also takes effect in May.

--Trump's being tried in Criminal Court

--The Monday action got tremendous press; we were on the Rachel Maddow show 4/15

--The DOJ is going after Live Nation and Ticketmaster

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, April 18, 5PM-6PM Immigration Vigil in Times Square subway station.

We now have the larger 18 by 24 posters. It's the Let Migrants Work theme. Lots of props.

Monday, April 22, 8:30 AM - Trump Bond Hearing (The Emperor Has No Dough)

Bond hearing is at 60 Centre St. Trump will likely not be present for this. We should be able to meet and set up in front of 60 Centre St. The hearing starts at 9:30 am. If no press is at 60 Centre St, we may walk up to 100 Centre St. Important to be there and to thank Tricia James. The hearing is about the fact that the bond is not sufficient.

Thursday, April 25 8:30AM - No Immunity for Trump action at Trump Trial—100 Centre St.

Trump asked to be excused to attend the Supreme Court immunity argument and the judge denied Trump's request. He also wants to go to his son's graduation from high school. The judge denied this request as well. Meet just north of 60 Centre St.

Elections Update

- Jamaal Bowman postcards and updates. We committed to writing 8,000 postcards sent out to high propensity voters in June. The Campaign is working on the card and looking at our messaging suggestions. They promised they will approve it by this coming Friday.

-Canvassing opportunities in Bowman's district.

<https://www.mobilize.us/jamaalbowman/>

Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle are ~30 minutes from Grand Central. CoOp City is a longer trip by express bus but still doable. Note that there are some phone banks listed as well!

Proposed changes to bylaws to make it easier to elect "Board Members"

We are overdue for Board Elections since the last one was Sept. of 2022. To facilitate that process, we want to amend the Bylaws. The gist of the changes being recommended are:

--Eliminating term limits but requiring elections every two years

--Eliminating the need for a formal, annual meeting; instead we can designate any weekly meeting for elections to occur

--Eliminating the requirement that proposed amendments must be shared at least one week prior to the meeting in which a vote is taken

Here's a link to the current bylaws

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/cl2vs02le4jej13loqc7m/RAR-Bylaws-9.8.2017.pdf?rlkey=74tlef8xs5a7lfarcw9w3vzjw&dl=0>

After some discussion, next steps are for Sandy to draft revisions to the current bylaws and Alexandria will review them. Once done, we will submit them for a vote at the next weekly meeting.

Thoughts/discussion about the Trump Trial finally starting and what it means.

Lots of worries

Concerned about a stealth juror getting on the jury.

Jury foreman is from Harlem. Bodega on 139th and Bdway—one of the jurors lives in West Harlem; suspicious about Trump having an event in this place. Concerned about juror intimidation.

Here's info on the Trump bodega visit

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/former-president-donald-trump-meets-with-manhattan-bodega-workers-after-2nd-day-in-court/ar-BB1IJRY2>

Today at Fox, the Trump people are really wild about this trial. Being used as an opportunity to make Trump a martyr. This is arousing his base like nothing else. And intimidation is in the air.

Jury confidentiality is a concern. The jurors' names are likely known to Trump's lawyers but they are instructed to keep the names of the jurors from becoming public.

Lots of "just stay steady"

Enough to worry about without worrying about a stealth juror. Let the crazies be crazy; it makes them look bad. Let it play out.

Optimistic because there are 34 felony counts and it seems likely that not guilty will happen on all counts. You need a unanimous not guilty on all accounts for him to get off.

The base is hardened by this but the rest of the country will be listening, the more people will be getting a very lurid, negative view of Trump.

Michael Cohen has been convicted on the very same proof so it will be hard to find Trump not guilty on all the same proof.

Won't be good for Trump even if there's a hung jury.

Trump is pushing and pushing to get thrown into jail which would have tremendous impact.

Glenn Kirschner did talk about trying mob bosses so they have experience with this kind of problem. Don't think Trump's lawyers want to sacrifice their careers.

REPORTS BACK

Saturday, April 13, Stop The Coup at Columbus Circle/Maine Monument

20 people, Sing Out Louise was here, Jay was in Uncle Sam regalia, Josh was reading parts of Project 2025. Sunny handed out information as well as AC. It was a very cold day. Robert suggested a video that might get more out of the action. Sandy suggested a flyer with more information than just the website which might pique people's curiosity to go to the website. This will be monthly—first was LGBTQ rights; next one will be women's rights.

Monday, April 15, Trump Trial early AM...and Public Citizen press conference at later in Foley Square

RaR Action

Met at the park and kept all of our posters aside; had a group meeting; waited until 8:45 and then took the street. Centre St. was open so we walked north on Centre St with the banner and signs. The police opened up the frozen zone and let us go there. We opened up the banner and had a press conference. The cameras were running so the police didn't do anything. We continued to march and turned left and stood in front of a building and stayed there for the press coverage. We got tons of press.

Trump called for "all hell to break loose" and there were actually relatively few MAGAs that showed up.

We got picked up by every news and regular network news programs. We were the lead graphic—No One Is Above the Law.

We resisted all the taunting from the MAGAs who were there.

Our message of this being about Election Interference is really important work.

Without us there, it would have been a very one-sided presentation. RaR is there as a proxy for everyone who agrees with us.

We started to say guilty, guilty, guilty but stopped ourselves because we realized that was not a message we wanted out that day.

Public Citizen Press Conference

We agreed to back them up with our visuals behind their press conference. Had letters and posters with most of our messaging.

It looked great. We got more attention but it was fine. They had some good speakers.

One crazy MAGA lady came right before the speakers started and Jamie distracted her and then she went on her way.

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

It was nasty out there. Trump has unleashed some nastiness. Snarky comments and meanness. We kept our cool. Toward the end, some high schoolers cheered us a bit. One MAGA guy stuck around for the entire hour. Jamie toned him down. Dana attended the action. He is out on bail and awaiting trial.

Things are going to get worse at the Fox actions. We need to be prepared for it due to the trial.

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, June 28--Drag March—7 pm at Thompkins Square Park—9th St and Ave A
Alex is rounding up marshals. Jamie and Jackie have volunteered.

Wednesday, May 1—No More 24—Campaign to end the enforced 24 hour shifts that mostly women of color have to perform in their caretaking roles. Action on Weds. May 1 from noon to 1 pm at City Hall.

Update on the Save Beth Israel in NY campaign—a couple of unexpected victories—state dept of health rejected the closure. This will take some time. In a court case, judge ruled that because the state had not approved the closure plan, they had to restore all of the services they eliminated late last year. A negotiation regarding restoration of services will give the community a seat at the table.

This week's action newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/1d727b8c64f7/take-action-for-palestine-climate-justice-and-housing>

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