

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition – 7.20.21

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**Facilitators:** Livvie and Cherie    **Notes:** Sandy

### REPORT BACKS

#### **6.14. End the Pandemic Everywhere (Vaccine Access)**

Report back delayed until July 27.

#### **6.16--Say Their Names**

Good action. Got reactions from passersby including one older white woman who expressed dislike for the action. We suggested she find another route to walk each Friday if it bothers her. An interesting interaction was also noted between a mother and a young child who was asking all kinds of questions and learned something about social justice.

#### **6.17--Pipeline action**

People's Climate Movement in NY and RaR got in touch with Mothers in VA who were protesting a pipeline planned through the Blue Ridge Mountains. The VA actions weren't getting much traction so they came to NY to go to the source. They walked through the Wall Street area, stopping at banks etc. People from No Bklyn Pipeline resisters and people who had been in MN protesting Pipeline 3 were there. They drew several pipeline groups together in front of many financiers and insurers.

**Update on Future Climate Actions**—thinking about a large action on September 13 around financial institutions. Will be ready to present it next week.

#### **6.17--John Lewis Good Trouble Demonstration**

This demonstration scheduled for 5:30 pm on Saturday in Brooklyn was canceled and moved online due to the weather. The zoom was very disappointing. Over 200 people on; heartfelt to

remember John Lewis. Senator Schumer popped on and said pretty much nothing. Trish James spoke about some voter suppression suits in NY. Zellnor Myrie, head of the Elections Committee spoke about his commitment. A woman named Eljoy was a very inspiring speaker. She indicated that we must drive these people crazy and make them do it.

### **6.18--Reclining Liberty—Kill the Filibuster/Pass S1 Action**

It was a picnic with an action attached and it was an action with a picnic attached. Quite a few RaRers attended and some from an uptown Indivisible group, plus a mom from the neighborhood with their handmade signs. People in the neighborhood seemed happy we were there. People loved cardboard Chuck. We wrote postcards (45) and handed out fliers.

Many thanks to Heather for organizing this. Picnic was fun. Police came by briefly a little before 10 am when Mike did his Trump in the orange jumpsuit. The police simply said “we’re here today if you need anything”.

### **6.19--Schumer Kill the Filibuster/Pass S1 Action**

First of three demonstrations at Schumer’s midtown Manhattan office. Stood across the street with banners and signs. Then moved to the front of his office building but it is almost all covered with scaffolding. Lots of people took pictures. A couple of Republicans tried to argue with us. The Security Guard was expecting us. Several of us called Schumer’s office during the demo. We had cardboard Chuck. The area was so narrow that our 18 ft banner was too big for it. Gave out lots of fliers. Schumer’s office is not at all identified. Jamie brought resistance music and it was heartening. Several cars driving by gave us a thumbs up. Mostly positive feedback.

## **UPCOMING ACTIONS**

### **7.22--Immigration action at Staten Island Ferry Terminal at 5 pm**

Been doing this action since December three years ago. Some did not feel comfortable in GC Station last time because so many people were not masked. For the next one, this Thursday at 5 pm, we will go back to the SI Ferry terminal which is completely outside.

Messaging is an issue—on Friday a judge in Texas put a hard stop on all DACA applications. No one else can apply while this case is going on. This is problematic because it’s a push to bring things to the Supreme Court. DACA was put in by Executive Order and EOs can be easily changed by Executive Order. This has made it important for the Senate to take this up. People in the DACA organizations were shocked by this ruling and felt very vulnerable because they need to re-apply every two years.

Good Democracy Now segment about the DACA issue.

[https://www.democracynow.org/2021/7/20/judge\\_rules\\_daca\\_unlawful](https://www.democracynow.org/2021/7/20/judge_rules_daca_unlawful)

### **7.26--Voting Rights Monday action in front of Schumer's office at noon**

The Poor People's Campaign (PPC) is organizing a press conference to call out to Schumer that he needs to kill the filibuster, he needs to pass S1 and put pressure on him to pass the \$15 an hour minimum wage law. RAR is participating with PPC. There will likely be a more direct-action component during or after that. Plans are still being formed. Part of a set of actions across the country. Many will include some CD; probably some form of a sit in. They need marshal help; they want 10 people in their affinity group-need 2 or 3 from RAR; they have lawyers in Albany but don't have these connections in NYC; they need to be connected to lawyers in NYC.

### **8.7--Beds not Body Bags in Elmhurst at 1 pm**

This is the 8th Beds not Body Bags action. Former hospitals make good sites since it highlights beds lost. St. John's is the next former hospital; 226 beds lost in this hospital; right off the subway-Woodhaven Station on the R or M train. Saturday August 7 at 1 pm. We have a lot of props. 8 hospitals closed; 8 gravestones; two rollout banners that have hospital beds on it and can see what 226 beds look like. Lots of signs, banners, maps. Queens press has been in touch so there may be a bigger piece coming up. Across from the Queens Center mall which has a lot of traffic. There is a press release available. Stu has a new contact at WPIX.

## **NEW ACTIONS**

### **August 4--Lee Zeldin speaking at Manhattan Republican Club; meet at 5:30 pm**

We need to be outside to shame him and call him out for voting to not certify the election and he should not be running for governor as a result. Get a few people to go inside for \$20. We can hold signs shaming him or ask questions if there's an opportunity; we don't want to disrupt by yelling. But holding signs indicating we disagree can be effective.

Would like a facebook event—we would get there at 5:30 pm since the event starts at 6 pm. Only 1 entrance so Zeldin must walk past us. Address of Metropolitan Republican Club is 122 East 83<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Action was endorsed unanimously.**

### **8.6--NYCAN Vigil across from City Hall from 11 am to noon**

Supporting two pieces of disarmament legislation coming to the City council which Corey Johnson is blocking. August 6 is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We will be honoring those who made NYC a nuclear weapons free zone. Used to be 180 nuclear weapons near NYC; we became a nuclear weapons free zone due to the efforts of several key people who will be honored at this action. Beautiful posters of each person being honored will be held during the vigil.

NYCAN will have two press releases, one focusing on the fact that the majority of people we are honoring as New York City Nuclear Weapons Free Heroes are members of the LGBTQ community and are appealing to Corey as a member of that community.

Have great photographers lined up. Will be doing some wheat pasting. 8 X 11 and will wheat paste them by City Hall.

### **Two letters to sign**

Letter to Schumer about passing S1-specific demand; pass it by August recess and passing it intact with the campaign finance section alive and well. Put out by Fair Elections

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/131cBb4BUtdObl1OgJN-v6FV2j\\_04w3i-HRsqhLKRISs/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/131cBb4BUtdObl1OgJN-v6FV2j_04w3i-HRsqhLKRISs/edit)

**Second letter**—more educational; letter to voting public of NYS; has to do with voting rights legislation passed at the state level—three parts that will need a constitution amendment—same day registration; no fault absentee ballots; make redistricting fairer. Process for a constitutional amendment—two consecutive legislative sessions need to vote on it. Must be approved by We the People so will be on the ballot in November. We want to start publicizing that these things are on the ballot.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yOo2Byt-6Og5Imwfn3EEmwBCWxz03ppCyMhQsWIVwMs/edit>

### **NON RAR ACTIONS**

A letter was provided to RaR to sign along with an opportunity to call the Corey Johnson about the issue of solitary confinement. The City Board of Corrections has proposed a change to solitary confinement which is actually solitary confinement. These phone calls are to criticize that.

<https://mailchi.mp/e6cfd069ae21/nycaic-2100648?e=7eb6f16cec>

### **DACA demonstration at 67 Mulberry St. At noon on Friday, July 23.**

Some Asian sponsorship. It's in Columbus Park.

<https://www.facebook.com/thenyic/photos/gm.548225439708317/10159270565677381>

### **Update on Homeless Situation**

The City Department of Homeless Services and their private contractors have a temporary restraining order which means they can't force homeless people out of hotels into shelters. The City needs to be humane. Urban Justice Center needs to be available to advocate for clients getting bad information and inhumane treatment. This was a victory for the homeless.

**Notices of the Meetings**—the new meeting announcements are a real improvement. Tuesday morning with zoom link; Weds/Thurs following up with actions for the week.

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