

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 3.19.2024

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Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

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GOOD NEWS!

- Supreme Court turns down Peter Navarro (Trump advisor) request to delay his report to prison(four month sentence) for 2 counts of criminal contempt of Congress.
- Fani Willis to stay on in Georgia Trump Case (now 10 felonies).
- Trump can't raise cash/bonds to pay the \$500 million for the appeal in the NY fraud case.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, March 21, 5PM-6PM Immigration Vigil in Times Square subway station.

An action subcommittee created a lot of new immigration messaging—not demonizing immigrants for a perceived crime wave, taking jobs away, that they are a drag on the economy. New messaging and a new banner will be used on Thursday. The banner says “Let migrants work.”

Saturday, March 23, 10AM in Foley Square - join NYC For Abortion Rights counter protest at “anti-abortion rally”.

NEW YORK LOVES ABORTION - NYC

WHERE: FOLEY SQUARE

WHEN: 10 AM

Anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQ+ bigots are trying to hold a march March 23, so activists will be out in force to make it known that bigotry isn't welcome in New York City. Organizers encourage you to bring signs, banners, and noisemakers. (Also, wear a mask).

Monday, March 25, at 8:30AM protest at scheduled hearing in Trump criminal case. **Meet at 8:30 at 60 Centre** St to maximize visibility.

The trial has been put off because of the last-minute document dump. The judge agreed to a 30-day delay which puts it at the end of April. But there is an in-person hearing on March 25 in Judge Engoron's courtroom. Trump might be there but we're not sure, but the cameras will be there, and this is the day he is supposed to pay the \$464 million bond. It's a good opportunity for RaR and we'll discuss the message for the 25th in Actions.

Monday, March 25, at 8:45AM - Elevator Actions demo at MTA Headquarters - 2 Broadway.
This is the monthly rally

Saturday, April 13, at 1 pm, Stop the Coup Action at Columbus Circle at 1 pm

Kim and Elaine are organizing a once-a-month action about Project 2025 but will do it topic by topic. First topics are the LGBTQ issues. Will use some RaR props. This will happen rain or shine. They will do some reading from Project 2025. They will also do some outreach.

Needs endorsement: **ENDORSED**

RAR Board Elections and Insurance

Current board members—President: Jackie Rudin; Secretary: Cherie Acierno; Treasurer: Sandy Radoff; Members at Large: Jamie Bauer, Livvie Mann, Stu Waldman, Bill Hartman

We are still in search of an insurer to provide us with D & O insurance but have had little success. This is relevant because there are some who are uncomfortable serving on the Board unless we have that insurance. That said, the current board has already served more than two consecutive terms which is what the bylaws state is the limit.

Jamie thinks they can find 8 new people who will be willing to serve on the board even if we don't have the insurance.

In lieu of that, we may amend the bylaws to remove the term limits. In this case, some current board members could stay on. We decided to take a couple of weeks to see where we are and will then decide next steps.

Finance Report

-Current balance: \$16,968

-ActBlue now takes direct deposit

Update/Discussion on NYC agreement changing the Right To Shelter.

This change is upsetting but hasn't gotten a lot of media and it ties in with the migrant situation. Before the migrant situation, the City had a right to shelter law, you have a right to bed in a shelter which is secure and gives you access to a shower. If you have kids, you have the right to a private room with the kids. This had no time limit but there was help available to transition into traditional housing. It's expensive and difficult to manage. Politicians hate this policy. Mayor wanted to end the right to shelter. Instead, he modified the policy to say 30 days for adults you're out; 60 days for families and you're out. 18-23 you get 60 days; older than 23 and asylum seeker only get 30 days.

Not a great policy but it's been signed off on. Will be tough on people waiting for authorization to get working papers.

The right to shelter is still in place for city residents. Day limits are for asylum seekers only.

So we have a two-tiered system now with two different sets of rules.

[Link to an article that sums this up well](https://gothamist.com/news/nycs-mayor-adams-reaches-settlement-in-fight-to-roll-back-right-to-shelter?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=nypr-email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+-+Breaking+News+-+20240315&utm_term=Headline+Goes+Here&utm_id=315064&sfmc_id=59334149&utm_content=2024315)

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REPORT BACKS

Gaza/Ceasefire demonstrations

There was an action downtown for the current bombing of the hospital. Good rally, good chanting. Some of the leaders got arrested immediately. Within Our Lifetime—one of many local groups. They were targeted and harassed by Instagram. They are prominent organizers. Police are tougher toward Pro-Palestine groups.

Wednesday, March 13--No Dictators/No Immunity at Trump Tower

Good turnout, very lively, great signs. Lot of thumbs up. Jay posted a great tiktok.

Saturday, March 16, supporting Jamaal Bowman in Co-op City

Because Bowman was one of the first members of Congress to call the Israel-Palestine situation a genocide, he is being challenged by a candidate that has been hand-picked by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), a pro-Israel organization largely funded by right wing extremists. They have picked George Latimer, the current Westchester County Executive, who is generally well-liked in the district. It is anticipated that Latimer will have much more money than Bowman since he has the backing of AIPAC. We are interested in helping Bowman by petitioning, post carding, phone banking, and canvassing to help make up for the budget gap between him and Latimer.

About six of us went to Co-op City in the Bronx on Saturday, March 16 to do petitioning to help get Jamaal Bowman on the ballot for the June 25 primary. This is a painstaking process and the six of us succeeded in obtaining about 50 signatures over a couple of hours. Bowman needs 1,500 good signatures to qualify and is aiming to collect at least 3,000 in case some get thrown out.

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

We have a persistent heckler who works at Fox and refers to us as cunts. Jamie has argued with him and last week Jamie called him out about his comments. This morning he walked up to Jamie and said good morning, how are you? And, he stopped saying the bad things. This is progress!

An immigrant truck driver drove by and was thrilled to see our signs and banner. Julie handed him a flyer and he was so grateful for our presence and our message.

Good summary of Fox's migrant messaging:

https://decodingfoxnews.substack.com/p/fox-news-fueled-migrant-and-haitian?utm_campaign=email-post&r=821jk&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

No More 24 Action

There's a bill in front of the City Council to change the way women who work as home health aides are paid. Many object to it because of the cost.

No More 24 Action

Friday, Noon, City Hall

Sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRF4eaTGRGyTmHL3uMN0PT-gSStY5bGbwEBH8XH_RVqBadkQ/viewform

Karin's chalking was on Jimmy Kimmel last night. "Isn't it past your jail time?"

Karin--Going to DC Monday night, will be outside Supreme Court on Tuesday.

April 25 in DC—Some may head to DC for court room support for Degas climate activist who may be sentenced to 10 years

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