

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.30.2023

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New process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

GOOD NEWS!

Elmer Stuart Rhodes and Kelly Meggs (Oath Keepers) sentenced to 18 years and 12 years for Seditious Conspiracy. The good part was that the judge read them “the riot act”.

"You, sir, present an ongoing threat and peril to this country ... and to the very fabric of our democracy," said U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Wednesday, May 31--INBK action at Hochul's Office -5 PM--NOTE: THIS ACTION WAS POSTPONED DUE TO ILLNESS. HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SAME TIME, SAME PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14.

Choose Voters Not Billionaires

Hochul's office, 633 3rd Ave 38th floor, (41st street)

Thursday, June 1, Immigration Vigil--5PM, Staten Island Ferry Terminal

Using our “No detentions no deportations” banner. Title 42 has ended but the Biden administration is against letting anyone in at the southern border. It's still very problematic. We are struggling in how to frame our concerns. Mayor Adams is trying to renege on their right to shelter. But, we need support from the Federal Government. So we have problems with both Adams and Biden.

Thursday, June 1, 6:30 pm--Chase “Corporate Challenge Run” in Central Park.

This is an event which presents Chase as a good corporate citizen. But, we know the truth. Chase can run, but they can't hide. We're doing a climate action with banners and signs.

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ACTION ENDORSED

Discussion about Climate activists in trouble

Two climate activists [Timothy Martin and Joanna Smith] staged an action at the National Gallery in DC. They used washable fingerprint on the glass enclosure around a Degas sculpture. They have been charged with two felonies including co-conspiracy. Each charge carries a fine of up to \$250,000 and 5 years in prison. The art world is upset by what happened and what's happened in Europe. They want to make an example of these two.

We need to support these activists even if we disagree with what they have done.

Damages cited were actually \$2400 worth.

Joan Smith Legal Fund

<https://t.co/PqcXBgrp9V>

Saturday, June 3, 8 am NYFAR clinic defense meet at Old Saint Pats (Mott and Prince St.)

Because of the increased police activity, there's not going to be any attempt at a blockade of the procession.

Instead, there will be flyering, picketing, and tabling plus holding the place at the clinic itself. We have a new banner due to be delivered on Wednesday, May 31.

Here's the link to the Jesus Hates Fascists t-shirt for clinic-defense fun:

<https://www.customink.com/g/dqh0-00cr-hrsp>

Saturday, June 3, 12 noon, Everytown For Gun Safety march. Meet in Cadman Plaza and march over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Registration Link:

<https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/53347/signup/?source=&akid=&zip>

Monday, June 12, 6:00 pm, GAG Pulse Anniversary Silent Vigil and March—Meet at intersection of 7th Ave and 4th St. and walk up to W. 10th St. and Waverly and then one block to Christopher St. where we will stand for 15 minutes.

Monday, June 5, 5 pm Rikers Vigil - Times Square Subway Station (concourse between the Shuttle and the #1, #2, and #3 trains).

Rikers is much in the news including a recent article in the Gothamist and the subject of Brian Lehrer's show this past week.

Action Committee report back on discussion about messaging for Republican presidential candidates (for when they come to NYC).

2020 Trump election, we could focus on Trump. But, in 2024, there's a host of other Republicans trying to outflank Trump. Trump may be one of the leftmost running for the nomination. Many will be in NY to fundraise and talk to people. NY Republican clubs will host various events.

Focus on their election denialism and people who were involved in Jan. 6.

Our goal is to provide a heads up via social media and the press that this election is about putting people in power who fundamentally don't believe in democracy.

There was an agreement that we need an umbrella message that would be consistent across candidates. Heather Cox Richardson's newsletter today has some material that could provide some messaging ideas, particularly as it relates to communicating the dangers of fascism. https://heathercoxrichardson.substack.com/p/may-29-2023?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Excerpt from Heather's newsletter: Fascism, the U.S. government document explained, "is government by the few and for the few. The objective is seizure and control of the economic, political, social, and cultural life of the state." "The people run democratic governments, but fascist governments run the people."

REPORT BACKS

Wednesday, May 24--Climate Action at Blackrock Headquarters

Action was scheduled to coincide with Blackrock's annual shareholder meeting. While most shareholders were connecting to the meeting virtually, there was an in-person presence. Several members of the climate movement joined the meeting early to present a climate resolution attempting to hold Blackrock accountable for climate damage. The resolution failed but our presence was felt. The rest of the action happened outside Blackrock's entrance on 10th Avenue. It was boisterous with flyers and signs and went on for about an hour. The entrance was blocked by barriers, leaving only a narrow path for employees and visitors to enter. We were able to get flyers into many of their hands as they walked into the building.

Wednesday, May 24--Care Not Criminalization March from Foley Square to City Hall.

Sponsored by Freedom Agenda and Make the Road, NYCC, and other organizations. Pushback against the Mayor's budget while funding jails and cutting libraries and other essential services. Great signs and chants. Substantial crowd.

When we left the square, a large police presence was lined up next to the march. Altercation between the police and the marchers which we did not see. A number of marshals were arrested because they were blocking traffic while marchers passed the intersection. Good speakers including Jumane Williams. Very diverse march led by people of color. The action raised the issue of defunding the police and may have led to more aggressive police action, especially against people of color.

Things have ratcheted up since the Neely death. Have heard that the police are going to clamp down on speaking devices that amplify.

Contact your City Council people to stand up to the Mayor regarding the budget.

<https://www.changethenypd.org/releases/nypd-arrests-and-runs-scooters-protesters-calling-care-not-criminalization>

Wednesday, May 24--City Council Hearings on the Mayor's Budget

Same day, finance committee hearings were held. Hearings went on for over 12 hours. NYCLU were there to speak about the SRG. All the orgs, unions etc went first. A lot of people were asking for COL adjustments. Police started at about 8 pm. Wendy stayed the entire time and was the last person in the room. There was some extraordinary testimony. Council people were in and out. Contact your city council member about SRG. Wendy called the way the hearings were orchestrated "weaponized incompetence".

Link to Wendy's testimony on IG: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/Csv4AkgOiDG/>

Link to Hennessy Garcia's fantastic testimony: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsrK7hBs29W/>

Thursday, May 25--Bannon at 100 Centre St.

We were out there with our signs. Stood outside, a few photographers, police harassed us; twice as many cops as usual. Car showed up and tried to video it but found it was really tough to get. There were three reporter/photographers there and some people across the street. There were reporters inside but Bannon is not the flavor of the month. The press has cooled on Bannon so it was good we were out there. Prevents him from having a press conference there. He couldn't stand outside and talk. We stopped a grand entrance. Reminded cops protecting him that he was an architect of Jan. 6 which led to police getting assaulted.

Friday, May 26, Say Their Names - (every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Bway)

No disturbances. A man at the beginning who was not well left before we started. We have a long list and it could take 3 hours if we did the whole list.

Tuesday, May 30, Truth Tuesdays at FOX "News" - (every Tuesday at 12 noon at 47th & 6th Ave.)

Beautiful weather, good turnout, messaging is on auto-pilot right now
Prime time viewership is down 20%.

Decoding Fox is a great synopsis of what's going on.

<https://substack.com/@decodingfoxnews>

Tuesday, May 30, Pipeline action at Schumer's apartment

In response to the Mountain Valley Pipeline getting the greenlight as part of the debt deal, climate activists hit the streets in Brooklyn, starting out in front of Schumer's apartment building at 9 Prospect Park West. Click the link below for background on this pipeline. On very short notice, this action attracted about 75 people who took over a stretch of Prospect Park West and had speakers whose voices were amplified by a battery-powered megaphone. Police were present but did not attempt any arrests. The action has received a good deal of press attention including articles in the NY Times (link below), the Guardian and others.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/30/climate/mountain-valley-pipe.html>

Call Schumer's office and demand that he kill the Dirty Pipeline Deal. Call him at 866-961-4293

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