

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.8.2022

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Facilitators: Alexandra and Jamie **Notes:** Sandy

GOOD NEWS!

- Ted Cruz booed at Astros parade
- Jay was made a saint by Rev. Billy at The Earth Church! (Stu is also a saint circa 1990).
- Democrat Maxwell Alejandro Frost has defeated his challenger for a Florida US House seat, making him the first member of Generation Z to win a seat in Congress
- Democrat Wes Moore has made history in Maryland as the state's first Black governor, according to a race call by the AP. <https://n.pr/3tfXWYG>

Presentation by Jose Di Lenola from RAPP (Release Aging People in Prison) on RAPP's Clemency Project

The Clemency campaign is relatively new. Jose described the program and their goals of bringing more transparency to the clemency process and pushing for more frequent granting of clemency. Right now, clemencies are granted by the Governor once a year and there is no way of knowing whose applications have been processed or considered. The number of clemencies granted have varied widely by Governor. In the past year, Gov. Hochul has granted clemency to just 9 people.

The goals of the Clemency Project are to bring more transparency to the process and to encourage clemencies to be granted with greater frequency.

What Rise and Resist can do to help RAPP's Clemency project are to attend a November 17th rally (flier and link to sign up are below).

Here is the Nov 17th Clemency Rally Flyer:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WQq4T6GEzaEDnezBdVPUSftW2o7_mPkk/view

You can RSVP for the Nov 17th rally here: bit.ly/nov-17-rally

In addition, if anyone at Rise and Resist is interested in volunteering to help some prisoners apply for clemency, please contact Jose per the information below. The application process is apparently rather arduous, and many people need help.

Here is his contact: Jose DiLenola, RAPP Clemency Campaign Director, (585)-474-1522, josedilenola@gmail.com

UPCOMING ACTIONS

When/If Trump Announces for 2024--What do we want to do?

We have a lot of props but none are relevant to a 2024 run for President. We may want to do something with the 14th amendment. We probably need to do something special for it. The current 14th amendment banner is unreadable.

Some ideas raised in the meeting and in chat, in no particular order, are:

The 14th amendment will go over most people's heads. We need everyday language.

Use an electronic sign to Ban Trump.

Shirts with 14th on the front; on the back—traitors can't run.

One of our first big splashes was getting arrested in Trump Tower. Maybe a repeat? Maybe ride up the escalator?

Maybe we can look into the possibility of lawsuits to stop him from running.

Stop the craziness; we're tired of this. Aren't you bored with him yet? Let's move on.

Stop the circus. People dressed like Trump clowns, Trump masks.

A big eye roll at him.

Trouble with the humor here. We're talking about White supremacy. We're talking about the implementation of fascism and white nationalism. How do we capture the dangerousness of this? The closest are the Fox fascism signs.

Suggestions for signs/banners

Trump is not legitimate

Stop the circus

Enough of crazy; can we please get back to sanity.

Trump has endangered us all

A threat to democracy

The illuminator

Toxic Trump! Radioactive Trump!
Insurrectionists can't run for office
Democracy not demagoguery
Republic-Con: The Grift Goes On
Trump Lies or Trump is a Traitor
Trump is a danger to us all
Democracy is at stake

More Upcoming Actions to Save the Dates for:

--11/14--Bannon honored by Metropolitan Republican Club. Exact time TBD.

--11/16--Monthly Indict tentative 1PM TRUMP TOWER.

--11/17--Next Immigration Vigil at 5 pm at SI Ferry terminal.

--11/21--Rikers Vigil tentative. Exact time TBD.

--Waiting on E. Jean Carroll defamation case against Trump.

--12/10--NYYRC honors Marjorie Taylor Greene.

Trying to find out where this event will be held. NY Young Republicans is hosting. Park ave. And 83rd St at the Park Avenue event space.

Endorsement vote: **ENDORSED**

Elections - What we all did last week to Get Out The Vote.

Philadelphia door to door canvassing two weekends in a row. Had good conversations. Some didn't realize Election Day was today.

Afternoon in Bensonhurst handing out Max Rose flyers. On a corner with folks with Republican flyers. All the Republican flierers were being paid.

Did calls yesterday for the WFT asking them to vote on the WFT line. Most rewarding calls to be able to say the WFT is really working for working people.

Weekend in PA. First day canvassing to GOTV in Bethlehem and then in TBD.

Focus on anti-Malliotakis was a great way to keep our energy focused.

The Bucks County trip being on the ground was wonderful. "One party condones violence." PA people are very split.

REPORT BACKS

Weds. 11/12--Malliotakis Action – 12 noon raucous demo at her Bklyn office

Good turnout, great presentations on issues which made a compelling case to vote for Max Rose.

Thurs 11/3 Support 17 Lives Lost - 17 Hours of Action. RAR participated in a Rikers Vigil at City Hall Park from 3PM-4PM; actually, it was to support 18 lives lost. Very moving props and inspiring speakers. Vigil went on into the evening with film footage and excellent attendance.

Thurs 11/3 Immigration Vigil 5PM-6PM at Staten Island Ferry Terminal Plaza. Another successful gathering at the SI Ferry. An immigration lawyer stopped by to give out her card. She does pro bono immigration work and could be a great resource moving forward.

Fri 11/4 Zeldin at Pier 45

Messaging was about his using this tragedy to further his campaign. This illustrated how horrible he is. Very successful action. Jamie and Stu made it into local news both print and tv.

Fri 11/4 Say Their Names - every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th/Broadway

Some are concerned about this action and how it intersects with people's rising fear about crime. A new banner is coming with the message "White Supremacy is Terrorism". Jenny emphasized how important it is that we continue to come and support this action.

Sat 11/5 Support NYC For Abortion Rights at 8AM at Old St. Pats (Mott and Prince) discussion about continuing to support this action. This action occurs at 8 am on the first Thursday of each month. On Saturday, November 5, three RaRers attended this action. We joined counter-protesters in front of the church to protest against the group called Witness for Life. This group shames women going into an abortion clinic a couple of blocks north of the church. There was some good picketing and chanting but we agreed they could use some better signage and maybe a banner which we could provide. The last two actions have resulted in some chaos and arrests among some of the participants who broke away from the picketing. Overall, we feel it's worth showing up and supporting what they are doing.

Mon 11/7 Canvassing for Max Rose at Brooklyn Subway stops on the R train.

Several groups of 4 to 5 RaRers gathered at subway stops along the R train to hand out election campaign literature for Max Rose and Kathy Hochul. We targeted people who had not yet voted and encouraged them to vote for Rose and Hochul. The overall feeling was that there was a good deal of pro-Max Rose sentiment. Clearly, Brooklyn was friendlier territory for Max Rose than Staten Island which was why we focused our efforts there.

Tues 11/8 Truth Tuesday at FOX "News" every Tuesday at 12 noon

Strong day. Strong action. Some extreme reactions to what we were doing, maybe because of Election Day. Passers by were more resistant to taking flyers today because they thought it related to voting. Many refused a flier and walked by saying "I already voted."

Non-RaR announcements

Wendy's weekly action newsletter is here and it does have some post-Election Day options for ballot curing in Ohio listed

<https://mailchi.mp/3ec1062a3e83/four-fool-proof-talking-points-and-zero-regrets>

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