

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.24.2023

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For non RAR announcements or to add other items to the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

GOOD NEWS!

- Sidney Powell and Ken Chesebro both plea bargain and agree to testify against other indicted parties in Georgia.
- Jim Jordan loses in his run to be Speaker of The House.
- Judge Engoron fines Trump and warns him.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Saturday, Oct 28 1PM Supreme Court Action at 55 Hanson Place (near Atlantic Ave/Barclays subway stop).

RaR has sponsored this action and is working with INBK. New issue for us. March from Jeffrie's house and walk to Chuck Schumer's home. Title of the action: SCOTUS is scary. Expand the Court. Pre-Halloween parade to add a little fun. Encourage Jeffries and others to get behind a bill to expand the Court from 9 to 13. Only 51 of 100 Senators needed to vote for it. <https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblenationbk/event/586189/>

Please spread the word about SCOTUS IS SCARY; EXPAND THE COURT! Friends, family, colleagues, co-conspirators are all welcome. This handy link makes it very easy to fire out an email.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ThO6m4dCedAGxL3HFFJ4NmG6uq7XhdS6CMdGkjQDXSM/edit>

There is also a rally in DC about Supreme Court Term limits.

Catch a bus to DC for that rally if you want:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezzlesPjBw-9PRonR1tSMLT6EJxb1hOLzsQiAfB6fmgA0aXg/viewform>

Tuesday, October 31, 8:30AM Trick or Treason at Trump's Civil Court Case 60 Center St. followed by Trick or Treat at FOX at noon.

Trick or Treason--Don't think Trump will be there next week. It's easier to demonstrate when he's not there. When he's there, you end up in a pen across the street. When Trump isn't there, we can get behind his lawyers and get into the pictures with them with our messaging.

Thursday, November 2, 12noon Local Law 97 action at City Hall

LL97 sounds complicated but it's a very important law. 70% of emissions in NYC aren't from cars but are from buildings—gas stoves etc. Not easy to do this but passing this law was an amazing feat. This law set dates up to 2035 to completely electrify every building. By 2035 we hope that electricity will be from renewables.

Out of the 70% of emissions, nearly 70% of those are from large buildings, buildings over 25,000 SF. Beginning of the schedule starts with big buildings. New buildings are being built to comply.

Real Estate Brd of NY is against this. Adams is pushing back with allowing a 2-year delay. Giving large scale exceptions like providing carbon offsets.

Testimony was given today. Many people testified in support of LL97. There is going to be a rally on November 2 that includes CD.

Saturday, November 4, 8AM support NYFAR (Abortion rights) at Old St. Pats (Prince and Mott)

Meet at the corner of Mott and Prince. From there we will walk to Planned Parenthood Clinic where we will set up to demonstrate. We have a banner, songs to sing, rainbow umbrellas to cover up the fascists. Goes until 10 or 10:30. Take pictures. Witness the big police presence.

Monday, November 6, 5PM Rikers Vigil at Times Square Station

More important for a call to close Rikers since deaths continue. The mayor continues to sabotage the closure by refusing to decrease the population at Rikers. People with mental illness and drug treatment needs are not being moved to treatment centers which is what they need.

Friday, November 10 at 4:30 pm--SAY THEIR NAMES CHANGE IN SCHEDULE
next is November 10 at 4:30PM at 96th & Broadway (new schedule is the 2nd Friday at 4:30PM)

Going to a new schedule—second Friday of each month at 4:30 pm. 38 names have been added since the last Say Their Names.

Guest Speaker per Julie DeLaurier related to FOX

Julie to reach out to Milo, Executive Director of Media and Democracy Project, to come to speak to RaR. He has tried to stay anonymous, but his organization has filed a lawsuit with the FCC against the Philadelphia affiliate of Fox. It is related to the 2020 elections lies and its to reject their license renewal. It seems to be gathering steam and, if successful, could be a national template for other markets. Bill Crystal has signed it as well as some former Fox executives who helped Rupert Murdoch launch Fox News before Roger Ailes' time.

Here is the link to MAD's individual sign-on letter supporting the petition to deny Fox's license.
<https://www.mediaanddemocracyproject.org/fcc-sign-on>

Sharing of people's experiences at demonstrations opposing the attacks on Israel and Palestine.

Stu—at the one in Bryant Park last Friday. Really large. Ended up being thousands on a very rainy night. In Chicago or LA, had 25,000 marching. Criticism of Israel has been the third rail of Jewish organizations and some progressives. That reluctance to criticize Israel has ended. Main messages are calls for cease fire and an end to the occupation. May lead to a dialogue between the two sides.

Jackie R.—There doesn't seem to be a lot of violence but lots of people are being arrested. May be because they were black and brown organized which got the SRG hopped up.
Susan Lee—Average age of people at these demonstrations was 30 instead of ours which are 70. I didn't know anyone there.

Wendy—Group organizing in Bryant Park is If Not Now. They collaborate with Jewish Voices for Peace. These groups are very cease-fire oriented.
A couple of photos on IG
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CyovWJdOiVW/?igshid=MtC4MmM1Yml2Ng==>

Here's If Not Now: <https://www.ifnotnowmovement.org/>

Here's the If Not Now action in DC tomorrow - please share with any friends there:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/doR1-lq-rUePB2eANmJzHg2>

Bill Hartman—several demonstrations in Philly and Camden, calling for a cease-fire.

REPORT BACKS

Wednesday, Oct 18, Breaking Cycles of Harm and Violence at Harlem State Office Bldg. - 163 West 125th St.

Donna and Grant were there for RaR. Very family feeling. Working on the two parole justice bills. It was a celebration of the people's work. There was a singer accompanied by a pianist, sang beautifully. Feeling like even though they are working on this, they remain totally committed to getting these bills through.

Thursday, Oct 19 - Climate Defiance action against Rahm Emanuel
Several RaR folks participated with Climate Defiance. Rahm Emanuel is throwing his support behind a huge pipeline in Alaska to transport natural gas to Japan. Stu, Livvie, Maryellen, and Laura were there for RaR.

Climate Defiance is youth led, amazing, and is a new group. They are focusing on disrupting events of admin officials who have endorsed things that will hurt the climate. They have been very successful at disrupting events all over the country.

Schumer, Secy of Commerce, and others have been disrupted.

This disruption was at the Japan Society.

<https://x.com/climatedefiance/status/1715448951401218431?s=12&t=4EnwPY92C2whlYRy7fWulw>

Thursday, Oct 19, Immigration Action at Staten Island Ferry Terminal

Small but mighty. We had a good presence. Stood with signs instead of the banner. Very powerful. Not as much opposition as expected. Many thumbs up, thank you's, and lots of explaining. Pro-housing signage really touched a chord and made a connection.

Tuesday, October 24, Trump Civil Case - Michael Cohen testimony

We got there at 8:30 am. Met a block south, scoped it out, and we moved into the street to walk to the pen. We took the first pen available because it had a straight line of sight where Trump was going to be brought in. Saw Trump. Thanked Trish James. Saw Michael Cohen and got a lot of press.

No Pro-Trump people showed up.

Tuesday, October 24, Fox Truth Tuesdays every **Tuesday at 12noon** at 47th & 6th Ave

Nicole Wallace walked by and Julie gave her the elevator pitch for MSNBC to cover the story of our weekly actions. We had a number of conversations today. It was a good day. More appreciation than criticism today.

Report Backs to Happen Next Week

Sunday October 22, 11AM Disability Pride Parade at Madison Square Park

Monday, October 23, MTA Board Meeting/Elevator Action at 25 Broadway

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Nov. 16 at 10 am—City Council hearing on supportive housing oversight with the general welfare cttee. Holding housing providers accountable. This hearing is a big deal. Will talk about the housing shortage and crisis in NYC.

Non-RaR Report Back

Teach in on youth with Jamie, Jay and Jackie—25 kids from East Orange stem academy. The kids made posters on what issues were important to them. One poster: Be Yourself Everyone Else is Taken.

Wendy's Action Newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/94446322ddd6/call-for-gaza-ceasefire-or-catch-a-bus-to-dc>

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