

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.30.2024

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Jamie and Paul **Note Taker:** Wendy 20 participants at 7:06 PM

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

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GOOD NEWS!

- A jury awarded \$83.3 million to [E. Jean Carroll](#) in her defamation case against Trump. Trump has to pay. He also owes her \$5 million from an earlier case.
- A big climate win: The Biden administration paused approvals for new liquified natural gas export terminals. [Roishetta Ozane](#), the founder and director of the environmental justice group The Vessel Project of Louisiana, said this “sets the stage for potential rejections and slows down the progress of these projects, making it harder for them to secure financing.”
- [Palestinian restaurant Ayat threw a big, free Shabbat dinner](#) at its Brooklyn location, enabling Jews and Muslims to eat together and find solidarity.
- [The City Council overruled](#) Mayor Adams’ vetoes of a solitary-confinement ban and a police transparency bill.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Wednesday, January 31 - Ceasefire Pop-Up

Where and when: 800 2nd Ave (43rd) at 4:30 PM

A short gathering to take photos of our big orange CEASEFIRE letters.

Date TBD, Possibly This Week - Trump Going Out of Business

Where and when: Trump Tower, 1 PM the day after [Judge Engoron](#)’s ruling in Trump’s civil fraud case. Engoron had previously said he was going to try to rule by Wednesday, January 31, so the action could be Thursday.

Saturday, February 3 - Abortion Clinic Defense

Where and when: Meet at Mott and Prince at 8 AM

We'll be there with our ABORTION IS A HUMAN RIGHTS banner to support the NYC for Abortion Rights counterprotest of anti-abortion fanatics. If you're running late, come anyway. It's easy to join the banner line on Bleeker after 9 AM.

Monday, February 5 - Rikers Vigil

Where and when: Times Square subway station, concourse near the shuttle. 5 PM. We will celebrate the city council's support of the solitary-confinement ban.

DISCUSSION

Thoughts on what we should do when Trump is in town for the criminal case (34 Felony Counts of Falsifying Business Records); calendar date is March 25.

- Preference is for an action later in the day, rather than 8:30 AM
- We can do different locations on different days, between the courthouse and Trump Tower.
- Messaging can vary and include LOSER, Stop 2025, No Dictator in the USA signage.
- Patricia points out that we must look for something that resonates with swayable voters. Suggestions of a checklist of convictions, indictments, etc.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Elections Committee has organized outreach in NY 3 for the February 13 special election to replace George Santos.

- Sandy explained two-pronged postcarding approach. A list of 400 African American voters will receive 400 nonpartisan postcards explaining issues, and a second card that specifies a vote for Tom Suozzi.
- Four people are going to Port Washington to flier. Fliers have the issues on one side and what Suozzi can offer; on the other side, all the info people need for how and where to vote.
- Alexandra will go out on Sunday, February 11. Looking for volunteers.

HOUSEKEEPING

Facilitators, Notetakers, and/or Screen Sharers are needed for meetings!

REPORTS BACK

Wednesday, January 24 - Freedom Agenda rally at Mayor Adam's State of The City

Address

Where: Hostos Community College (500 Grand Concourse - at 149th St./Grand Concourse).

- Stu, Sandy and Donna were there. Video showed lively crowd. Issues included Rikers, the overpolicing of young people, and blaming migrants for the mayor's mistakes.

Thursday, January 25, 5PM - Immigration Vigil

Where and when: 5PM at Times Square Subway Station

- Donna's verdict was the action was "really terrific."
- We had good signage including the very long "Seeking Asylum Is Not a Crime Banner." (We're going to revisit the idea of a shorter banner for immigration-related actions.)
- Donna held a great sign that said, "Mayor Adams, stop blaming immigrants for your incompetence."

Thursday, January 25 - Trump appearance at E Jean Carroll case

- Great pick-up by media, including new and old photos.
- The New York Post used a photo featuring the “CRYBABY RAPIST LOSER” sign.
- The Rise and Resist star was Karin, whose [“Keep talking, loser” chalked message outside Trump’s hotel](#) was picked up media all over the world and got some 3 million hits on Twitter (aka “X”)
- Shows the value of a few people showing up at the right time and place with the right messaging

Saturday, January 27 - Protest at Heritage Foundation in DC

- This is part of the [Stop Project 2025 effort](#).
- Video shared showing chants including “Heritage foundation is toxic to the nation” and “No Project 2025, keep democracy alive”
- About 100 people there, good speakers, good visuals, fun jazz band.
- People wished it was bigger but Jackie declared it a “good out-of-town” opening.
- We discussed leaning on Trump-related aspects of Project 2025, as something that people can understand more than a policy paper.

MTA Board Rally - Elevator Action Group

- No members were at the meeting to report back.

Tuesday, January 30 - Truth Tuesdays at FOX

Where and when: Every Tuesday at noon at 47th St. & 6th Ave.

- First time in 3 weeks that weather allowed for a full hour action.
- Greg Gutfeld walked in and Erik got great shots of Julie holding a Trump LOSER sign over him. Gutfeld said, “Takes one to know one.”

Non-RaR announcements

- Jackie mentions power of a Biden endorsement from Taylor Swift, especially before the Super Bowl, considering boyfriend Travis Kelce is headed there.

Donations:

Dana Beal has been jailed in Idaho. His daughter set up a GoFundMe here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/free-dana-beal-and-abolish-cannabis-prohibition>