

## Rise and Resist General Meeting 10.22.2019

---

### Rise and Resist Contact Information

- Website: [www.riseandresist.org](http://www.riseandresist.org)
  - Email list signup <http://eepurl.com/cCzq1X>
  - Twitter: [www.twitter.com/RiseandResistNY](http://www.twitter.com/RiseandResistNY)
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RiseandResistNYC/](http://www.facebook.com/RiseandResistNYC/)
  - Instagram: [www.instagram.com/risenresistnyc/](http://www.instagram.com/risenresistnyc/)
  - General email: [info@riseandresist.org](mailto:info@riseandresist.org)
  - Press email: [media@riseandresist.org](mailto:media@riseandresist.org)
  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018
- 

**Notes** - Livvie **Facilitators** - Mike and Jodie

### Welcome

Meeting began at 7:01 pm.

Mike asked if any NYPD, working journalists present. Mike asked people to stay off their cell phones; ie, be present. He encouraged people to speak via raising of hands and being recognized and stating name and pronouns. We went around the room stating names. Jody offered Metrocards.

### Report Backs

**Al Smith Dinner.** Thursday, 10/17 at Hilton Hotel, 54th St/6th Ave at 6:30 pm.

Jody reported. Annual dinner honoring first Catholic governor of New York State. Attendance did not appear to be politically based. Our issue: Catholic churches in NYC, led by Cardinal Dolan, are not open as sanctuaries for immigrants. RAR had sent Cardinal Dolan a letter, which was passed out to those entering. Others held signs and banners. Many people entering seemed not to know about Dolan's stance and appeared interested to learn. We were there for 2 1/2 hours, until 7:30.

**Metropolitan Republican Club.** Sunday 10/20 2:45 pm. 122 East 83 & Lex.

Jamie reported. Newt Gingrich was to be their speaker.

This event had not been posted on Facebook as right wing follows our planning for actions on Facebook. It was pouring rain, but still, perhaps 15 hardy members of RAR were there with appropriate, if wet, signage. As Metropolitan Republican Club has just one door, all those entering had to walk right past us. A policewoman pulled up, checked with Jamie that we knew the rules, and, satisfied that we did, returned to her car, rolled up her window, and remained

there. One Trump supporter did arrive with a banner, but rolled it up shortly and went inside. The presumption was that our number, however small, was still intimidating. The entertainment site TMZ came, rather inexplicably. Had Proud Boys row the previous year indicated some possibility of entertainment news? No matter, there wasn't much to see this year. Newt arrived fairly late. Walked slowly from car to the front door. We taunted him, did our best to embarrass him, but neither side took any bait, so he entered quietly.

## **Upcoming RAR Actions**

**10/23, at 9:30 am, Wednesday. US 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals 40 Foley Square.** Oral arguments will be presented at appellate level of Trump vs Vance case. The suit argues that State's subpoena of Trump's business & personal tax records is unconstitutional as President (and relevant associates) while in office are above the law and thus immune from prosecution or investigation; only solutions are post-presidency. It was rejected on the SDNY (first) level and is being fast tracked for immediate Supreme Court review. The constitution is unclear. Courts have been depending upon precedent, which affected Mueller conclusion in addition to cases such as this one. We will stand outside court with signs. Several will enter; they will roll open signage during a break. Perhaps 12-15 people raised hands that they will attend.

## **No Raids/Close the Caps/Abolish ICE Thursday, 10/24 5:30 - 6:30 Trump Hotel. Columbus Circle.**

Meet on west side/Broadway Side. Vigil. Signs: No Raids/Close the Caps/Abolish ICE. We will walk around the hotel towards the end.

Alexandra reported the following events upcoming at Peoples' Forum.

People's Forum Upcoming Events

**Friday, October 25th @ 6:30-9:00 PM.** Film screening

Akiro Kurosawa: "The Bad Sleep Well"

The chilling effects of corruption in boardrooms of postwar Japan

**Friday, November 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

["Right To Water: A Convening"](#)

Our dispensable right to water is under attack. Frontline community members and experts from Michigan, South Carolina, New Jersey, and Washington DC will be speaking.

**Wednesday, October 23, Thursday, October 24. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM,**

Film: "The Strange Careers of the Jim Crow North"

**Saturday, October 26 @ 1:00 - 4:30 PM.**

[Introduction To Disability Justice](#)

This workshop, hosted by Survived and Punished, will explore the past and present nexus between racism, classism, ableism, and structural inequity, focusing in particular on multiply-marginalized people.

## **Discussion: No new jails/Close Riders**

Last week City Council passed the agreement to close the jail facility at Rikers Island by 12/2/21/2026. This is accompanied by a plan to build 4 new jails, nearer to the borough courts and to the families of those incarcerated. Causes concern. Is the City council plan linked with the plan to build the new jails? 9 billion has been put aside for programs for preventing criminal behavior in the first place. New capacity will be 3300. Now we have room for 12,000. Crime has consistently gone down so fewer beds needed. Also discussion of new uses for Rikers necessary. One idea is training in green jobs; there are others. Many questions. Are all jails new? For example, right now, the Bronx uses a barge: they will be among those getting a new jail. Brooklyn jail's cells are too small. Will they?

There will always be people who aren't offered bail, other reasons. What will the new jails size be? They have been determined. The new detention centers will be built to house around 3,300 total detainees and will hold 3,795 beds, down from the current jail population of around 7,200 and 14,000 beds across the system. Cost is another concern given the city's history of over-budget & over-time. John suggested this is bringing up many issues around incarceration. Perhaps we should form a group to follow incarceration.

Donna brought up how we vote. If more vote no or abstain but yes wins. What does it mean when there are a lot of abstentions? Claire - sometimes we vote when we have heard a presentation. Do we know all there is to know when we vote?

Donna pointed out there are differences in the sorts of issues we vote on. Jamie checked our by-laws. We need more than 50% abstentions; other than that, yay or nays win. Further discussion concerned our asking, "Are we ready to take a vote?", tabling the vote, and inviting another speaker with different, possibly even opposing viewpoints to come? This would permit us to look at issue before deciding to get on board. Although this has yet to happen with RAR, situations have existed in which people with agendas have come to meetings JUST because a vote is taking place.

## **New Actions**

**10/23/2019. Noon. Protest at NBC.** 49th at Rockefeller Center. Purpose: They knew about Matt Laurer and other sexist behaviors that took place there and covered it up. Woolf presented.

**10/25/2019. Friday. 7:30 - 10:00 AM. Bryant Park** Jews Against White Nationalism. . Hosted by Jews for Racial and Economic Justice [JFREJ]. Woolf presented.

**10/ 29 8:15 - 9:15 am Climate Crisis: Shut Down Blackrock!**

Protest outside of headquarters of BlackRock.

55 East 52nd Street. 51st between Park and Madison. Non-violent Vague Action.  
Not ours. New York Communities for change. Sheree announced. Passed. Endorsed.

**Stu: Movement for a Green New Deal.** 3 Actions planned for NY. in NY. [NY](#) is the 11th largest economy in the world. Demands - all energy is renewable.  
1st action Thursday. 6 - 7:30. Broadway

**Ray - cosponsor or endorse 1100 megawatt gas plant action** For pipeline. For NY Sat. 11/16 at site of fracked gas plant. Learn: Sunday 10/27 10-4 . Fossil fuel infrastructure built to last large # of years at same time we have committed to fossil free before that. Sane Energy. **Voted unanimously to endorse.**

**Rick- presented an action in which we open umbrellas** with a message on it in Trump Tower. Others wear t-shirts. Rain on His Parade. Voted to sponsor.

**11/2 - 11/11. Washington DC Tick Tock Times Up** - Alexis presented. This will be a conversion. 11/2. Rally at White House. 11/7 Noise outside Republican Strategy Session in front of Trump DC Hotel. 11/7 Veterans Day activity. 11/8 March for removal. Asking RAR to come and Marshall. Anniversary of 2016 election. From Capitol to White House. Alexis encouraged all to come. Requested Endorsement, For March, Jamie suggested we seriously look for a bus so we can marshall. Jody suggested smaller bus. Many could go if way there and back can be determined.

Jamie- we can do Nov 7 Election Day action in NYC.

**Endorse convergence:** 11/2 - 11/11. Mike offered to research a bus or small bus for us. Also to speak with Jay.

Megabus on 34th and 11th goes all the time goes to Union Station. DC

Finance - we saved by doing our own taxes.

### RISE AND RESIST ###