

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 3.28.2023

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

Facilitators: Jay and Stuart **Note Taker:** Alex

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!

Trump's criminal indictment in NY is still imminent (ok that was last week but it is still imminent).

- Pence is being forced to testify before the Investigation Committee
- We got coverage from all sorts of press, including the Circus
- Protests on the streets of Israel have forced Netanyahu to pause the judicial reorganization plans.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Elevator Action Group - MTA Board Meeting protest March 29 8:30AM at 2 Broadway, near Museum for American Indian

- We will meet early at 8:15
- Monthly Board Meeting: maintenance of the elevators. 35 are out on a daily basis.
- We have plastic barricades and great signage and EAG shirts.
- Students coming from Earth School, they were very inspired.
- Facebook Event: <http://rb.gy/sh91>
- [Excellent article about the lawsuit in which Sasha Blari-Goldensohn is one of the plaintiffs.](#)

ARREST TRUMP - Wednesday March 29 1PM Downtown in front of Bragg's Office I Hogan Place, corner of Court Building and 100 Center Street

- We anticipated Indictment would have taken place by now, but do we want to change location?
- Laurie Arbeiter's posters and shirts:
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10159344068698004&set=pcb.10159344156508>

Support NYFAR at Old Saint Pats Sat April 1, 8AM (First Saturday of the Month) Mott and Prince Streets

- Option 1: stand by Planned Parenthood
- Option 2: join a larger group which slow walks the monks and nuns heading toward Planned Parenthood

Drag Story Hour 11 am. Heschel Library; meet at 10 am

Bail Reform: Boro Jails: Albany

Rikers Vigil Monday April 3 - 5PM Times Square Subway Station

- Be sure to wear a mask. 3 people got COVID at last action

Monday, April 17: Parole Justice

Weds, April 19: at Hochul's Office 10 am: Halt Solitary Law

- HALT has led to dramatic reduction of Solitary and confinement in their cells.
- The HALT law is being systematically violated.

April 25 Day of Action: Communities not Cages. 10-4

Metropolitan Republican Club gala rescheduled for April 17, honoring Rudy Giuliani 5:45PM location near Union Sq. TBD.

- RaR voted to endorse this action

E Jean Carrol defamation case against Trump starts on April 25 at one of the downtown courthouses

- She has two different cases against Trump: one while he was president, one when he was a private citizen.
- Focus will be on his mysogyny and being a predator.
- Trump has to appear
- To be discussed at Actions Committee
- There will be an anonymous jury.

Saturday, April 8 Don't Nuke the Pacific and the Hudson River 1 pm in front of NY Public Library to the Japanese Consulate

- Tepco Japanese company, and Poltech in USA are involved in trying to unload radioactive materials in hopes of making Westchester land marketable.
- Plan to dump in Hudson in August: there is huge opposition.
- Tritium (one of the toxic chemicals): Extra atom of hydrogen in the molecule; unstable, causes mutations including cancer.
- Must be stored for 280,000 years for it to stop being active.
- Link to action: <https://www.facebook.com/events/876389770095328/>
- RaR voted to endorse this action.

Election Committee - Albany update: Actions/Calls you can make in the next few days

- This is budget week, will not be resolved by April 1
 - Hochul: weakened b/c of LaSalle; some of her staff are quitting.
 - Bloomberg is funding ad campaign supporting her for \$5 million
- **Several key bills we are interested in are tied up.**
 - Holding firmly onto incarceration laws
 - Tax the Rich bills are making slow progress

- o All Electric bill
- **Actions you can take:**
- Call Hochul, Andrea Stewart Cousins, Carl Heastie and your own Senate and Assembly reps.
 - Switchboard to reach your Assembly rep and Carl Heastie 518-455-4100.
 - Switchboard to reach your Senator and Andrea Stewart Cousins 518-455-2800.
 - Gov Hochul 518-474-8390
 - "Please include the following legislation in the final state budget":
 - --Climate and Community Protection Fund (S.5360)
 - --Build Public Renewables Act (A.279/S.4134)
 - --NY Home Energy Affordable Transition Act (S.2016/A.4592)
 - --Climate Change Superfund Act (S.2129/A.3351)
 - --Corporate Tax (S.1980/A.3690)
 - --Progressive Income Tax (S.2059/A.3115)
- **A new public campaign finance system for small donors** is in the budget.
 - o This will blunt the impact of big donations by people like Mike Bloomberg
 - o Will increase candidates' ability to run based on small donations 6:1
 - o **We want to make sure this will stay in the budget.**
 - It increases voter involvement.
 - It has been very successful in NYC
- <https://act.newmode.net/action/citizen-action-ny/fund-public-financing-system>
- Petition against raising cap on charter schools – an attack on public education.
 - o Adams is still supporting raising the cap.
 - o <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VVKPPSoAJAlmAbMiQySVTu2FFA9MdehHNSPWX2zKT0/edit?usp=drivesdk>.
- Support CUNY. Students \$20k in debt.

REPORT BACKS

Close Rikers/Reinvest Corrections Budget in Services - Thursday, March 23 City Hall

- Big action
- Then Community Council Hearing: Commissioner Molina
 - o Very self-congratulatory.

Immigration Vigil at Grand Central - Thursday, March 23

- o Good action and well attended: lots of questions, interest.
- o We will be moving to Staten Island Ferry
- o We are looking to see what happens when Title 42 is rescinded.
- o Biden's Remain in Mexico Plan: 40 people died recently
- o 1987 song by Reba McEntire: "Just Across the Rio Grande." It would NEVER get recorded today by a country singer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13qFv0fyI9U>

Say Their Names - Friday, March 24 - every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Broadway

- o Weather was good. 25 people came, including some new people.
- o Recently in NYC: family called 311 and police arrived and murdered the person with a mental health episode.
- o Recently 11 cops held a man down for 11 minutes until he died.

Trump Action at Braggs Office - Friday, March 24, 9AM

- o Very important to go. We went two days in a row.

- o Very limited attendance and lots of press. We have gotten more coverage in six weeks than in the past years. Reuters, Rolling Stone, Politico,

Arrest Trump at Columbus Circle - Sunday afternoon

- o Really positive, feel-good action. Lots of thumbs up

FOX - Truth Tuesday every Tuesday at 12 noon FOX "News" headquarters 47th St/6 Ave.

- o Focus on Dominion and on guns.
- o Pompeo came out of FOX: Great shots of him. Walked the gauntlet.
- o We are getting stature and recognition that we are the people who protest Fox.
- o Kat Abu - Media Matters has a tik tok which names Truth Tuesdays: FOLLOW HER!
- o Crowd is growing at Fox.
- o Julie has gotten help with the Website Bryan Hansbery Media and Democracy project
- o **4/10 6 pm Free public speaking and coaching; there are still openings: contact Julie: julie.delaurier@gmail.com**

Environmental Action Group letters we signed onto

- o Fossil Free Finance Act Overview
- o <https://www.dropbox.com/s/jty96ovj4xjyiti/Fossil%20Free%20Finance%20Act%20Overview%20%282023%29.pdf?dl=0>
- o SVB Climate Risk Sign-on Letter
- o <https://www.dropbox.com/s/gxs3w69pyu3j1iz/SVB%20Climate%20Risk%20Sign-On%20Letter%20Draft.pdf?dl=0>
- o Climate and Community Protection Fund Sign-On Letter
- o <https://www.dropbox.com/s/l5b9tfh9l5mn314o/Climate%20and%20Community%20Protection%20Fund%20Assembly%20Sign-On%20Letter.html?dl=0>
- o **Stop the Money Pipeline: Fossil Free Finance Act is going through Congress (letter sponsored by Public Citizen.) Markey and Ayanna Presley**
 - o If banks are not going to protect themselves from easily predictable events like recent Signature Bank meltdown we cannot expect them to protect against climate disaster which they could do by refusing to finance.

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o **Wendy's weekly action Newsletter:**
<https://mailchi.mp/db574fbcdb05/protest-fox-news-on-its-ny-or-md-doorstep>
- o **Community mobilization at Riverside Church Sunday April 2** sponsored by Planned Parenthood
 - o Volunteers needed 2-5 pm
- o **Firehouse Cinema: recent film: RABBLE ROUSERS.**
 - o Fran Golden fought Robert Moses, community land trusts are being formed. Programs to sell land to the community at a low price. Under Dinkins \$32m grant for Cooper Square.
 - o Also available if you have a Canopy subscription
- o **Youth for Trans Rights March 31 at 5 pm Union Square**
- o **Saturday New Pride Agenda 3 pm** meet up at Christopher Street Peer rally for Victory going to Washington Square Park.
 - o @queerliberationmarch