

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 10.5.2021

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Good News!

The FBI raided the office of the Sergeants Benevolent Association head, Mullins at his home.

Report backs:

9.30—Immigration Action—Staten Island Ferry Terminal

Had extra signs—Halt all deportations to Haiti; new pictures of Afghan refugees; ordered some pics of Haitian refugees. End Title 42 Exclusion; A Pathway to citizenship for all. Border patrol is out of control. Welcome Afghan Refugees Really good vigil; good turnout. Lots of people coming and going. Some good engagements.

10/1—Halt Solitary—City hall; very powerful demo; excellent speakers; good sized crowd; more RAR participation than previously. Traffic block was done at the end of the rally. Organized by Halt Solitary. Took over Broadway, blocked traffic for a good half an hour. Cops stood around; but very peaceful. At the end someone who had been incarcerated led everyone off the street so no one else would experience being incarcerated.

10/1—Say Their Names—Went smoothly; uneventfully; on tv there was a piece talking about how to say their names and the killing of Black people was off the agenda; this illustrates the importance of continuing to hold Say Their Names actions.

10/2—Protect our oceans from Hiroshima waste—6 from RaR showed up; to bring attention to the fact that Japan is about to dump millions of tons of radioactive waste into the ocean from Hiroshima. Letters sent to the Biden admin to urge the Japanese gov't to not follow through with this.

10/2–Women’s March—Nice RaR contingent; two things consecutively; gathering in Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn; marched to Foley Square to join the Manhattan contingent. Over 2 hours of speeches. Sapped some energy; we did eventually get to march. Ton of people did selfies with us. The Fuck Texas sign was very popular. Really fast march to Wash Sq Park.

10/4–Lee Zeldin—Voted against certifying the election. Lee Zeldin: unfit to serve. People invited for the opening of his office in west-midtown. We were pre-toxifying his candidacy. 5 or 6 people were very effective. Completely rattled his staff. Passersby stopped and said, who is this guy? Thanks for letting us know.

Correspondent from the Gothamist came by, said hello, and came back. Correspondent asked questions that Zeldin wouldn’t answer. Zeldin could pardon Trump. Correspondent filed that away for the next time he asks questions. 3 fronts: Passersby, campaign was rattled, and the press was there. Very effective action.

10/5–Fox Truth Tuesdays—Good showing; great day. Sara Schulman posted something about Truth Tuesdays. It’s starting to get traction.

Next week’s Fox Truth Tuesday October 12—Jen Senko’s book, The Brainwashing of My Dad—will be the focus. Same title as 2016 documentary. Book reading and signing in front of Fox News about right wing media, propaganda, and brainwashing. She’ll have 60 books to give away. Read a passage to the crowd or hold up a sign and have a photograph taken and you will get a signed copy free. We’ll go until the books are gone and may walk over to MSNBC which is a block away. At MSNBC we will want to raise awareness and have them focus on us.

Upcoming Actions:

10/6–Zeldin speaks at 11:30 am at the Union League Club—speaking tomorrow in support of Thomas Kenniff running for Manhattan District Attorney. Another opportunity to bird dog him. Would be good to have 6 to 10 people; put 2 at each door.

10/7–Protest All U.S. Wars—Demonstrating against U.S. continuous war. Solemn walk to 42nd St. Times Square. Meet at NYPL. At noon

11/1–Mike Pompey at the Union League Club

Pitch for new people to help with facilitation tasks—great to have a few more people on the team. Jamie has doodle links to sign up for note taking, screen share, facilitating.

10/17–Schmear The Filibuster Brunch at Chuck Schumer’s—9 Prospect Park West--Noon to 3pm—We’re sick of Schumer dragging his feet on doing his job. We’ll have a little brunch in front of his apartment building; table and a couple of chairs. Will have cardboard Chuck; will invite Brooklyn press. Will stay for quite a while. 10/17 is the last day of the fall recess. Want to send him back to Washington ready to move forward.

10/29–Anniversary of Sandy Climate Action—Remember Sandy. Defund Climate Chaos. The plan is on the anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, and in remembering the devastating event; also on climate conference in Glasgow; push people in the climate accords and commemorate Sandy. Linked up with other actions happening all over the U.S. Want 500 people; want it to be

big, meaningful, impactful. Start base of Boleyn Bridge near Smith houses that were damaged a lot by Sandy. Big images of Sandy flooding there. Someone from the community to do a quick mike check speech.

The Fed is being called upon in 12 locations including NYC. One or two politicians will speak at the Fed who are for regulating Wall St. Will march from there to Citibank (388 Greenwich St.). Total march is about 1 mile—1-1/2 hour action. Citibank is the second biggest fossil fuel founder after Chase. Need to push Citibank to act. Might be a CD. Jamie offered to do a marshal training for them.

Sponsorship? YES, for turnout, social media, publicity, maybe marshals RaR agreed to create some visuals.

11/13—Endorsement of NYRENEWS Climate Action march to Gov. Hochul's office. Action around noon We Demand Action for Climate Justice Now. From Times Square to Kathy Hochul's office. Take more action on climate. Pass the CCIA, implement the CCLPA.

Endorsement? YES

10/6--Rikers Action—continues to be unbearable; bail continues at rates people can't pay. People held for days that are disgusting. No medical attention; can't go outside. Important to keep on demonstrating about Rikers.

Weds Oct. 6 at 10 am, Off Franklin between Center and Baxter Stop requiring bail

Endorsement—YES

10/12—Rikers Must Close Demo-- from 10 to 11 at City Hall Park (East side of the park) By Freedom Agenda.

Endorsement—YES

Climate Letter

Keeping the pressure on Schumer to keep the climate measures in the Build Back Better. Want climate provisions in the legislation.

10/23--Upcoming Healthcare action group—next Beds not Body bags. In Flushing; awareness information action.

10/16--Light it up for Andrew

March & Candlelight Vigil—In Schenectady One of the I can't breathe cases. This was after a traffic violation. If someone asks for medical attention, it must be honored in a timely manner. 17,000 people who had been killed by the police had not been reported. Per Stu.

WANTS RAR ENDORSEMENT—Endorsed

Non-RaR Announcements

Shout out to those who went to DC and got arrested. Monday, Oct. 4