

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 3.16.2021

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Facilitators: Paul and Sandy **Notes:** Livvie **Participants:** 28

Good news:

- Covid relief bill signed, checks are in the cloud.
- Confirmation of Deb Haaland, Sec of Int.
- Confirmation of Merrick Garland as A.G.
- HALT Solitary bill likely to pass on Thursday
- Crip Camp got nominated for an Oscar

Report Backs

3.11. Free the Vaccine. At Pfizer. One of 60 actions around the world focused on making the vaccine available to everyone. Take patents away, mass produce the vax, no one is safe until everyone is safe. Putting pressure on Biden/USA to break from WTO norms to supply the rest of the world. Media attention elsewhere in the world.

3.11. Immigration vigil at South Ferry. 20 people. Targeted Malliotakis as well as ICE, Stop Deportations, Path to Citizenship with banners. Two people who'd been detained stopped to talk, one from Venezuela with a surveillance ankle brace, one from Ukraine. Tomorrow's Actions meeting will revisit the intersection of immigration detention and incarceration in general.

3.12. Say their Names. Jenny: "The 8 minutes and 46 seconds never gets any shorter." Might want to do it at South Ferry too. Will happen 3.19 weather permitting.

3.13. Close the Camps. At Schumer's house/Grand Army Plaza. 100 people, some media coverage, 2 hours of speakers.

Liberty Club. Never happened.

Brianna Taylor Anniversary. 150-250 people in Times Square. Powerful event.

Upcoming Actions

3.19. Protect Queer & Trans Asylum Seekers Foley Square at 5:00 pm, March to Christopher Street, organized by QDEP, RaR will march, contact Jamie.

3.20. #chuckthefilibuster is at 1:00 at Grand Army Plaza, BK, on the farmers market side of the arch. Speakers (maybe Gentilson, maybe Zephyr), walk to across from Schumer's house.

3.24. Filibuster Webinar. Educational, on the dark history of the filibuster

3.31. #chuckthefilibuster 6:00 at Grand Army Plaza & Schumer's house. Intensifying the pressure.

Ongoing:

3.23. Tax the Rich Action in Albany. Taxis will pick people up at 7:00 a.m., drive to Albany, March to Washington Park, then home. Sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XV0CQrhgrf3GOCuvb5-U-QP33Un8sgsbreKQ8cpafRE/viewform?gxids=7628&edit_requested=true

Now til April 1. Fast for Excluded Workers. It's already started, will continue at Judson Church. Support is needed! Donate here:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/indivisibleempire585352463>.

Fast for the Forgotten. Virtual fast with Empire State Indivisible. Sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOYctemcCJVg_owVc1dtB38jq0-CK1SkE7-E_y8HJ_1bVESA/viewform or email kellie@empirestateindivisible.org

Social Media campaign. Going well! Remember that everyone must tweet, not just make memes! Go here for everything you need to know to get involved:

<https://www.riseandresist.org/tax-the-rich>

New Actions

3.17. NYCAN. Action honoring Bayard Rustin on his birthday to pressure Corey Johnson to bring NYCAN legislation up for a vote. Bagpiper at Rustin's plaque, green carnations, his partner will speak. Walk to Corey's office to drop off a letter about NYCAN. Meet up at 28th and 8th at 9:30, walk to memorial plaque which is on 28th between 8th and 9th.

Proposed Action. Cuomo resignation. At his office to focus on all Cuomo issues, last week in March. Or maybe later, after the budget deadline. Is it better to try to get rid of him or to continue to weaken him so he can't run again? Kicked the can down the road.

Students for Justice postcarding. Focusing on Rural Electricity Cooperatives, which are southern, majority Black, but run by whites. Writing postcards to members of the cooperatives to invite them to virtual meetings. Deadline April 15. Contact Sandy

Decarceration

Campaign to free Mumia Abu-Jamal, War Resisters League activist, writer, in prison 40 years, convicted dubiously of murdering a policeman. Now w/Covid, heart condition. War Resisters League is linking his release to the release of elderly and ill prisoners. The Ask: make four phone calls in support.

<https://www.warresisters.org/action-alert-free-mumia-bring-him-home-heal>

Non Rise and Resist Actions

Protest Iraq War, 3/19, 5pm, Manhattan Bridge, organized by War Resisters NYC

Antiwar Rally, 3/21, Noon-4, 42nd and B'way, organized by various Muslim organizations, contact me for more informations

3.17. Pipeline Action. 8:30, 828 7th Avenue, with Extinction Rebellion and Rainforest Action Network.

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