

## Rise and Resist General Meeting: 9.3.2019

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018
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**Notes** - Livvie, **Facilitators** - Jody and Alex

Welcome - NYPD or Law enforcement - Please identify yourselves, Journalists - please identify yourselves if you are reporting on this meeting. To general membership: Just because people have not self-identified as NYPD or Journalists doesn't mean that there aren't police or journalists present. We welcome journalists and their media entities, but we ask that they identify themselves in the event that people do not want to be recorded.

Please put your phones away; let's remain present.

Folks who are in spaces like this normally speak a lot. We ask that you step back, and give space to people who may not be as comfortable speaking in a group to step up. We ask new folks to feel empowered to ask questions, to speak up, and to participate.

### Report Backs

**Grand Central Immigration Vigil** - est. 300 people attended. Partial police pen. 6 trolls. People were good about not interacting. Discussion of how to deal with trolls as they become more aggressive: troll patrol. Some press. Successful event.

### Reed Vreeland Housing Works

Welcome back Congress in Washington DC. HW will be there with demands and people. Two buses going on September 11 for Wednesday healthcare issues (HIV, overdose, etc.)

**VOTE: to endorse Welcome Back Congress action in Washington, DC. Approved unanimously.**

## Upcoming Actions

### **United in Outrage update.** Martin, Diane.

Sept. 23, 5:30pm Bryant Park to Washington Square Park. 800 attendees on FB so far. Diane recruited people to reach out for important endorsements for the event. Good response! Jody asked people to sign up to flyer at several events: Anarchist Bookfair, Sea Change, Elizabeth Warren in WSP. There is no flyer as yet. Climate group is contacting Climate organizations for 9.25 Climate Emergency and at the same time asking for endorsements for 9.23 United in Outrage.

### **Climate Emergency update.** Claire, Judy

Sept. 25, 8:00 a.m. Requested sign-ups for CD and CD support, reminder to attend the CD training on Sept. 14. Request for people to sticker Climate Emergency more aggressively.

## Housekeeping

September chore sign-ups complete!

Request for new facilitators.

Finance Collected \$208 tonight, room rent down to \$50.

## Upcoming Trainings

### **Civil disobedience**

September 14, 11-4, Tompkins Square Park Library. Recommended for non-RaR people because it's on a Tuesday.

Civil disobedience training includes support training so that everyone is informed and responsible from arrest to release from jail to court.

### **Marshaling**

September 17, 6-8, Jefferson Market Library. FB event is up.

September 19, 6-8, Northwell Health. FB event going up tonight.

## Court Dates

People arrested on the 15th should check their court date!

People arrested in February when Trump declared a state of emergency may go to trial on Friday, but we will know only at the last minute.

**VOTE: to support the Trump 7 at court. Approved unanimously.**

## Member Survey update:

154 completed surveys, majority from “used to attend but don’t any more.” It will be open for 10 more days and then it will be done.

## New RaR Actions

### **Immigration Coalition action.** Ray, Jody

First meeting last week. Consensus was that RaR should keep doing the vigils we’re already doing. But there’s also a new target: Catholic church, which should be taking a strong stand to protect the flock but isn’t. Escalating campaign. First step: letter being prepared to Archdiocese of NY. (Edited to take Jesus out of letter.) Second step: the letter becomes an open letter. Suggestion that many other faiths be asked to sign on.

**VOTE: to approve the letter with edits. Approved unanimously.**

### **Defend Democracy in Brazil. ?**

We’ve supported a number of their actions in the past. Want us to sign on to an open letter to the Sec General of U.N. condemning Bolsonaro, specifically mentioning Amazon environmental catastrophe and human rights violations.

**VOTE: to sign the letter. Approved unanimously.**

Act Now for Amazon. Thursday September 5 6:00, 747 Third Ave. Brazilian Mission

### **Close the Camps Action.** Martin

September 14, Cosecha, DSA, Fight back Bay Ridge, etc., endorsing. Asking for RaR to endorse.

**VOTE: to endorse. Approved unanimously.**

### **CNN Presidential “debate” action.** Livvie

At 30 Hudson Yards, September 4, 3:00-5:30. Protest to insist that climate crisis be a part of the debate.

**VOTE: to endorse. Approved unanimously.**

### **RAPP.** David Jaws, Jose ?, Laura

**Release Aged People from Prison.** 10,000 grandmothers and grandfathers in jail in NYC costing \$1 billion a year. Life sentence means “death by incarceration” when they could have been safely released into the community and use the money in the community. Letter to ASC and Heastie to immediately pass Elder Parole Bill in January (55+ y.o., 15+ years served: get a chance at parole. Passed senate and assembly corrections committees but Cuomo stifled it.) Asking for RaR sign on.

**VOTE: to sign. Approved unanimously.**

### **Non RAR Actions**

Jess Lurie, **We The People March**, Bus to DC, December 21. 917-902-4812. Call her to get on bus

**NYInsulin4all**, September 5, 5:30, Eli Lilly Action on Insulin price gouging. 450 East 29th. Vigil for those who died from overpriced insulin.

**VOCAL-NY Close Rikers Press Conference** September 4, 10:30, City Hall.

### **Immigration Vigil**

in Washington Square Park

March against ICE on September 4 in Newark NJ. Many religious groups.

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