

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 4.18.2023

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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!

Both Justins reinstated in the Tennessee Legislature.

Speaker of the House in TN getting pressure to resign since he doesn't live in the district he represents and he is behind on some tax bills.

More news about Justice Thomas's corruption comes out.

Postponed the dumping of nuclear wastes into the Hudson River

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, April 20 Immigration Vigil--5PM at Staten Island Ferry Terminal

Ongoing vigil doing every other Thursday. Waiting to see what is happening with the revocation of Title 42.

Tuesday, April 25 E Jean Carrol defamation case against Trump starts

Meet at the SE corner of Worth and Centre St. at 8:15 am.

This is the opening day of the E. Jean Carroll vs. Trump civil defamation trial (jury selection) and it is our opportunity to remind the world that Trump is not just an election denier, insurrectionist, and fraudster, but also a liar, predator, and rapist. We will have special signs for this case.

Monday, May 1, Rikers Vigil--5PM in Times Square Subway Station (near the Shuttle)

Join us or call for closing the prisons at Rikers, and to stop sending people awaiting trial to Rikers. We will have our "RIKERS IS A DEATH SENTENCE" banner and lots of signs and flyers.

Tuesday, May 2—FOX Truth Tuesday—every Tuesday at noon outside Fox Headquarters at 47th St. and 6th Avenue.

Climate Events Earth Day to May Day—April 24-May 1

Earth Day to May Day week of climate actions. Involves 350 NYC and Bkln, NYCC, Third Act, Xr. **Link for survey to sign up for events** <https://s.surveypal.com/df4wd5be>

Monday, April 24—Citibank-second largest fossil fuel funder. 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The occasion is the eve of the general shareholders meeting. Washington Market Park (302 Greenwich St) Festive march to Citibank headquarters. Food, music, festive events until 6:30 pm. Some people are staying overnight. For RaR, we'll be there from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 25—Xr at Citibank starting at 8:30 through 11 am

Wednesday, April 26—Banner drop at Hudson Yard at 11:30 am

Friday, April 28—NYCC and others at Black Rock in Hudson Yards starting at 11:30 am

Monday, May 1—Met Gala--Details still being worked out

Discussion of the need for RAR to participate in Reproductive Justice actions, have banners, and organize a rapid response team?

We are looking to create an affinity group to fill the gap in fighting for abortion rights by Rise and Resist. We would like a preprinted banner that would be re-usable: Maybe something like Bans off Our Bodies. National organizations haven't come through.

Email Wendy if interested in being part of an Abortion Affinity group.
wendybrandes@gmail.com.

Discussion of action at Trump's 4/13 deposition with A.G. James including the Trump Motorcade Video and reactions to chanting "New York Hates You".

Trump Motorcade on Lawrence O'Donnell
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-Nd74_YHy8

Reactions to Chant

Rick—leans against it but thought it was great that we got 1 million views.

Sandy—Trump's campaign is about hate. We shouldn't play into that. Also, we need to be careful and not confuse quantity of news coverage with quality of coverage.

Robert—Hate is a very strong word. Robert was against it. We're not a hateful group; we're loving. We're angry but not hateful. If we use this "NY hates you", we're feeding the beast.

Livvie—My response was immediate and negative. I remember the line we projected on the UN, Resist HATE.

Stu—the hate stuff hits me the wrong way. We have to resist it. We hope it won't be used in the future.

Jackie—I agree that we don't want to own hate. I understand why those there went there. Better angels will come up with better chants. Good for you who did it. Let's do better next time.

Julie—Moving forward, let's come up with something else. I liked it but let's come up with something else.

Susan—when I first heard it, I loved it. But, I agree we should retire it. I think it was good but it was enough already.

Michael—I grew up in ND. I have friends who are proud of what we do. I worried we were giving fuel to those who we hate.

Donna—We need to take into account that some people are bothered by things.

Jamie—Was not happy but we talked our way through and decided to go with it. Historically, it's what RaR has chanted when he rode by.

Wendy B.--I agree it's a very funny, very NYC chant - and it's particularly something that is known to bug Trump - and I'm obviously someone who will change a message if it's hurtful. But per Julie, we don't have to do it again.

REPORT BACKS

4/14 Say Their Names (every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Broadway)

We had it last Friday. We'll be there this Friday at 5 pm. There are a number of additions to the list. Limiting it to two additions per week. We continue to do 9 mins. 29 seconds of silence for George Floyd. Need to think about when to cancel due to heat.

4/14 Gun Violence Prevention Action at George Santos's LI Office

40 were there; Robert Zimmerman was there. Hold your Santos accountable. Judy K. and Sandy got pictures in the LI Herald.

4/15 Bike Ride for the New York Health Care Act

Mike Delia met up with Donna who was tabling. Mike biked. Great event. Started at Beth Israel at First Ave. and 17th St. Biked up to Hochul's office. Physicians for a National Health Program and other groups were there. Tee shirts "Patients over Profits".

4/15 Bans Off Our Bodies at NYPL Steps

Very last minute because of the judge's ruling and that nothing was planned in NY. 100 people were there. Signs that said "Bans Off Our Bodies". People stopped for a long time. This action got a lot of public support. It was an enthusiastic, great event.

Oat joined us from NYC for Abortion Rights. Unfortunately, our choice of banner "Fuck Texas" did not communicate what we wanted to communicate. Wendy has drafted an apology (link below) because the message wasn't meant to trash the people of Texas or abortion providers. People have been asked to email Wendy with any comments.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z19TzB0SBNA6ZImP4C0X0oNk8r_UvR9VhEinEgCO8QM/edit?usp=sharing

4/17 Protest at Jim Jordan's hearing in NYC

Jim Jordan disruption video

<https://www.facebook.com/jackie.rudin/videos/211962741531679>

Inside: Lots of signs; lots of noise. Hearing was supposed to be open to the public. They closed us out. Cops said they'll let people in one at a time. So we took out our signs and started to chant. Press surrounded us and took pictures. It took Homeland Security a while to get us out. It was a very confusing situation. Heard initially that 15 people would get in and then they didn't let many in at all. Nadler's remarks are worth listening to. They let in people on Jim Jordan's list but no one from the general public.

Outside: Very large action going on outside. Several different groups represented including GAG and a lot of press. Karin did some great chalking that got picked up in the paper. About 75 of us and very few of them. Other groups piled on with other messages. Jay did the MCing for the outside action. He was brilliant. He spoke about Jordan and the hypocrisy and the murder rate in Ohio. Susan Lerner from Common Cause spoke. Lot of press. Some tried to highjack our message, but they were greatly outnumbered. Very successful overall.

4/17 Giuliani Gala with the Metropolitan Republican Club

Banner: No One is Above the Law

The Trump costume was there. We waited and waited and waited and he didn't show up. Not a lot of people showed up—maybe 50. Giuliani showed up finally at five to 8 pm. NewsMax came out when they knew he was about to come in.

Rudy being birddogged video

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/774894463941758>

4/18 FOX - Truth Tuesdays (every Tuesday at 12noon at 47th St./6th Ave.)

The website for Truth Tuesdays has been upgraded. Today was the first and last day of the Dominion trial. Puppet heads, Fox messaging, gun messaging, race messaging etc. Flyers were flying out of our hands. Maybe moving to earlier summer hours. Good turnout. Important day to be there.

This settlement has hurt FOX. Dominion was never going to save us. Smartmatic has a civil trial. They have filed to get everyone in the Dominion case. Smartmatic is on our turf.

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

WENDY B.'S ACTION NEWSLETTER FOR THIS WEEK - IT WAS SO PACKED I HAD TO DO IT IN PARTS

<HTTPS://MAILCHI.MP/36DA85768CF6/TAKE-ACTION-ON-GUN-VIOLENCE-AND-ABORTION-BANS-TODAY>

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