

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 12.19.2023

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**NOTE:** No general meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

### GOOD NEWS

Ruby Freeman and Shaye Moss get \$148 million in damages from Giuliani in a defamation suit, and then sue again.

Mark Meadows loses appeal to move Georgia elections case to federal court.

Trump barred from appearing on the 2024 ballot in Colorado for being an insurrectionist according to the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment.

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

**Tuesday, December 26**—Fox Truth Tuesday at Fox at noon (47<sup>th</sup> St. and Sixth Ave.)

**Saturday, January 6**—Clinic Defense—8 am to 10 am

**Saturday, January 6** from 1 to 2 pm--Insurrection anniversary  
What do we want to say? Probably going back to the NYPL but need different messaging than last January 6. We may need new props for possible new messaging. Indivisible Brooklyn will be joining us. National Indivisible will be doing something, too.

Messaging Ideas

Make it an invoke the 14<sup>th</sup> action.

Make a big deal about Colorado.

Talk about him being a dictator on Day 1.  
Signage that hits other issues including the most recent fascist comments.

Indivisible national has a big toolkit: [CLICK HERE FOR TOOLKIT](#)

**Monday, January 8, Rikers Vigil**

Moved from first Monday which is January 1. In the Times Square Subway station between the shuttle and the 1,2,3 trains at 5 pm.

**Thursday, January 11** at 8:30 am at 60 Centre St. (closing arguments in Trump Civil Case)  
Nothing happening at 60 Centre St right now. All testimony is finished. Resuming on January 11 for closing arguments. After the closing arguments, the judge will write up his decision to be delivered online. This is the last day to demonstrate about the Trump civil case. Last opportunity to make our case in front of a bunch of cameras because there will be a lot of press.

**Tuesday, January 16** (start of part 2 of E. Jean Carroll defamation case).

Our plan will be to go at 8:30 am, probably at the Pearl St. Courthouse—the Moynihan Federal Courthouse on Pearl St. To be confirmed.

Same signage as with prior E. Jean Carroll case.

**Tuesday, January 23**, RAPP is going to Albany to talk to legislators. Busses will be provided. We are invited to join.

**TBD**--date for next Immigration Vigil

**Discussion about Project 2025 Town Hall, and how we want to integrate Project 2025 into our work during the 2024 election cycle.**

Meeting on Sunday was a good start but needed to connect better with the 2024 election.

Need to make people aware of what Project 2025 is and we are going to do all we can do to try to save democracy.

The meeting didn't explain what Project 2025 was.

We maybe need to put together a group to talk about what we want to do related to Project 2025. We need to know more.

We know enough to use what's in it to weave it into our messaging.

We need to send people to the website about Project 2025 and Stop the Coup

The experience on zoom was very frustrating. They weren't prepared to do a traditional zoom town hall.

Just saying Project 2025 is coming is not sufficient. This is going to be fought by Ivy League lawyers. They have a plan that's legal since they know how to use the system. We have checks and balances but they were not set up for this kind of abuse and they have the Supreme Court to back them up. We need to get that message out to people. Main thing is we need to make sure Trump does not get elected.

Many people do not want to vote for Biden.

Need to educate people about voting strategically and pragmatically.

Need to pick winning arguments to get people out to vote.

Does working on Project 2025 dilute our message? Concern is that Project 2025 is pretty complicated, and Trump is pretty simple. Key question is how to integrate it into our work.

Better message is to show up and vote against Trump. Use Project 2025 to talk about the things Trump will do if he gets elected. Use Project 2025 as ammunition to defeat Trump.

### **Heritage Foundation Action as Response to Project 2025**

Want to do an action at the Heritage Foundation. Doing a demo there on January 20, one year before they want to start their purge of the government. Bus trips from NY to DC. CPD is already a part of the effort. We would like RaR to be a co-sponsor of the action on Jan. 20. RaR has worked with many other progressive organizations, and we could form a large coalition and get the word out.

Also, on Jan. 20 the anti-abortion people have a big event in DC. Try to divert some of the media that will be present there to cover an action at the Heritage Foundation.

Jay is asking for a vote to co-sponsor the Heritage Fdn action. In addition to social media support and planning, they want some financial support—on the outside, we need \$5,000 per bus but would like RaR to contribute something to this effort.

Move to co-sponsor, work with the group planning, develop a budget and come back with a budget proposal. 12 in favor; none against; several abstaining. RaR is a co-sponsor.

## **REPORTS BACK**

### **Experiences at Gaza/Ceasefire demonstrations**

Thurs night, last night of Chanukah. Pretty effective. Good sized crowd. Good speakers. Rabbi for Peace. Lighting of the menorah. Effective like other If Not Now actions. The focus was to push Nadler to support a ceasefire resolution.

Wendy reminded that she has the light up CEASE FIRE letters. She has them available for other events. This Thursday at NYPL that will have DSA, Unions, and other groups, we could bring the letters and participate.

Tonight there were two actions—one about the Freedom Theater which has been destroyed; the other was about journalists who have been killed.

**Wednesday, December 13, 5:30PM-6:30PM, Federalist Society of NYC Xmas Party**  
Warm night; weird action. At the Harding's Bar on 21<sup>st</sup> St. A lot of neighborhood people were in and out because the Society didn't take the entire bar. Had an altercation with a hostess working with the restaurant. Made pathetic arguments for why we shouldn't be protesting there. They were surprised to see us there and they didn't know how to react. Some neighborhood people who walked by were shocked to think the Federalist Society was there in their neighborhood bar.

**Wednesday, December 13**--Church of Bigots (on 28<sup>th</sup> St) hosted a conference of bigoted ministers. Right wing Christians tricked the former leadership of this church into letting them take over the church. Big crowd of people showed up--~40 of us. Great signage, including our Drag Story Hour signs. Some press was there.

**Thursday, December 14**, Immigration Vigil 5PM Times Square Subway.

This was a change from the Staten Island Ferry Terminal. This was indoors where we do the Riker's action. A very loud singer was performing near us. Very lively people rushing through and taking pictures and flyers. People seemed to appreciate that we were there. Saw many Hispanic women videoing us. A more positive crowd in Times Square vs. SI. Seemed like a real cross-section of New York.

**Sunday, December 17 11:30 am.** Trump Going Out Of Business

Mixed feelings about this action. Many MAGAs had chosen that day to hold a Xmas celebration at Trump Tower for Trump. We moved in front of them and disturbed them and some of us were disturbed by them.

Great props. Lots of tourists took pictures. Felt it went well. We outnumbered the MAGAs at least 2 to 1. We decided to play along with them as opposed to fighting them which was a magnificent pivot.

One disappointing thing was what happened with the truck. The police kept blocking the truck from using 56<sup>th</sup> or 57<sup>th</sup> St. We were never able to get the truck close to where we were so we could make the truck a part of our action. If we do it again in January, we may want to do something with the truck again.

For next time, need to do a better job of thinking about marshalling and doing the job. We need to coordinate this before or at the time.

A video is coming from Owen with a lot of footage.

**Tuesday, December 19**--Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12noon 47th St.& 6th Ave. Fun holiday action. Spirited, many folks taking pics of the three, a family joined us and had pics taken.

**Sunday, December 17** at 1:30 pm-- Xr action in Herald Square—No shopping on a dead planet—Stu, Livvie, Virginia

**Non-RaR announcements**

**Thursday, December 14, Beth Israel rally**—lots of media coverage. Will be focusing on people who have used the hospital recently. Fill out a survey coming up online in the next day or two.

**Dana in the Ukraine**

Dana is in the Ukraine as an ActUp ambassador. Wants an RaR endorsement. Several stated we're glad Dana is in Ukraine, but we don't see a connection to what Rise and Resist's mission is and what we do. Some pushback to support Dana since he's been targeted by the Office of Homeland Security as a narcoterrorism. Suggestion was to make a statement at a minimum, maybe not an endorsement, but supporting his efforts and objecting to the abuse he has been subjected to.

Commend Dana about making a drug available that can treat traumatic brain injury, Parkinsons etc. and supporting him by objecting to his being targeted by the Office of Homeland Security.

A call to draft something that we could vote on as a group. Perhaps we vote on in at our next meeting.

This week's action newsletter -

<https://mailchi.mp/85b27c7195dd/cant-hit-the-streets-use-resistbot>

In between newsletters, this Google doc will be updated with Palestine related actions

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1\\_pttt1\\_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1_pttt1_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit?usp=sharing)

Thursday Palestine-related actions in NYC 3:30 PM, 633 3rd Ave. Join an NYC student rally for Palestine in front of Kathy Hochul's NYC office. They're calling for her resignation and holding her accountable for complicity in genocide and facilitating repression in schools. See the flier on Instagram.

5 PM, New York Public Library, 41st and 5th. Join union workers and activist groups to demand an end to the genocide in Gaza. Get more information here.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1\\_pttt1\\_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SN1_pttt1_5aA3rbGeli8fRmY8zz58moTeTfqXcohl4/edit?usp=sharing)

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