

### Rise and Resist Contact Information

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting [click here](#)
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**Notes** - Alexandra **Facilitators** - Paul, Sandy, and Jennifer **ASL Signer** - Elizabeth

The meeting started at 7:05 to give people time to holler and bang pots.

### GOOD NEWS!

- Thanks to the impact of getting rid of the **IDC, State Law 50A was passed**, which grants public access to police disciplinary records.
- **Court case against the MTA. The Appellate Court has stated that the court case against the MTA must go forward**, and that MTA is subject to human rights laws.
- **Andrew Kearsse Act** being pushed by **Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.)**: Police will be held criminally responsible for denying medical care to people in custody

### REPORT BACKS / DISCUSSION on recent protests following the murder of George Floyd

- Many photos shown of recent actions
- Jennifer, Jim and son went to rally at Union Square with banner, and response to the banner was very positive. Another action in Greenport was big.
- Roberta: there is a risk that our phone data can be taken over. Faraday Bags by Black Mission on Amazon are totally shielded, and prevent access to phone info. We can be found by the government using these algorithms.  
<http://www.wired.com/story/how-to-protect-safely-surveillance-digital-privacy>
- Jennie H and Anne S did action with the GET YOUR KNEE OFF HIS NECK banner on 96 and B'Way. Present: grannies for peace, Jews Say No, Rise and Resist and various other groups: much support from taxis, busses, passersby. This is the first time many people have gone out, and were starved for action. Today on the day of Floyd's funeral: 72<sup>nd</sup> Street – smaller group.
- Elka: Maybe we should be making Faraday Bags. Actions in general: We took banner from small actions to big actions. How are people feeling about the risk? How do we plan social distancing?
- Jackie G: Trying to take no risk, giving money. Watching movies about people filming the cops, describes people who are taking the greatest risk, like Ramsey Orta who filmed Eric Garner, and has been released from jail early. He has a gofundme page.

- Ann R. For people who do not want to be on streets, VOCAL is running a #DefundthePolice text bank tomorrow. Please contact her for a link: aerubin13@gmail.com.
- Jackie R: going out almost every day, feeling swept away. There is a call; grateful for the banner that gets so much attention; great feeling to it. Fox News picked us up the first day. J gradually moved up to the front, and took pix; people making sure that everyone wore masks. One can lose sight of safety; J will go get tested tomorrow.
- Jamie: 6 demos this week during the daytime; some felt safer than others. Certainly felt safer than at night. At times police were thumping batons. Demonstration culture felt very safe; we need to be mindful of each other and be non-judgmental about the level of risk people are willing/able to take.
- Mary: various vigils. One at Stonewall was very moving; this rally ran into two other marches along the way. "Protest moms" carrying extra supplies for marchers. One march at East River Park to the UN but instead it went to One Police Plaza, where activists asked police to resign. We had no preparation; led by a young group. Police trailed us. One of our photographers was yelled at by another demonstrator xxxx, who got the crowd to yell at George. Not OK to scare off journalists How to handle this? Back channel her: me@maryhawkins.com
- Robert C: Jackie G staying in Jackie R: you get swept up. Peter Staley: quote:
  - "Some are posting on social media, some are protesting in the streets, some are donating silently, some are educating themselves, some are having tough conversations with friends and family. A revolution has many lanes - be kind to yourself and to others who are traveling in the same direction. Just keep your foot on the gas."
- Susan L.: compliance is going way up with masks. The RaR t shirt draws a lot of attention. Another demo: 29 blue shirt police and 1 white shirt: I started screaming at them; Police were not in riot gear and did not react. This is the Village. (And Sue is white) Many are not wearing masks. Cops say that they have had the virus.
- Stu: Doesn't believe that all cops have had COVID. One cop was not wearing a mask, and pushed right into Stu when Stu had asked him to step back. All these demos are so moving. I am entering the fight as an ally. Leaderless demos; wonderful moment. Ta Nehisi Coates says he feels hopeful.
- Vivian: first meeting at RaR; working with RPC. Has worked with immigrants and refugees for 5 years. New to direct action. March from Brooklyn met another from Chinatown. Poorly organized, so risky with cars "seriously terrifying." Police did nothing.
- Wolff: numbers of COVID are way down even though he is in a risk group. Risk of violence is much higher at 9 or 10 pm.
- Merle: Old time activist; her daughter is freaked out about the risk she is taking. This has altered her behavior, but she went out today at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Donna: 3 different demos: first time going out since COVID. Did it with trepidation and mixed feelings, worrisome with banner, people not keeping their distance and not wearing masks. So used to viewing people as a threat from COVID, even though the risk is lower. At a press conference I felt less threatened.
- Judy K: 2 actions in Queens, one led by John Liu, both led by people we got to replace the IDC. Cops walked alongside with Liu, brought patrol cars; acting to protect marchers, even if it is not like that elsewhere.
- Lynn: Stuck in PA, not able to leave. March with 2000 in a small town in PA 2 Sundays ago. Second march was about 750 people; gave people some hints about pacing. Watching TV, seeing all those actions across the country.
- Elka: Re marches and agendas shifting direction unexpectedly; One solution is to have anchors who can report the changes as we did with Angie Kearsse march.
- Some have to be very careful because of at risk partners.

**Post Office Actions:** <https://www.riseandresist.org/savethepostoffice>

Robert: sent out 1000 to the Senate. We need some volunteers to do postcards to the House. Website with toolkit on how to get involved. Fact sheet being put together. **Coordination with Postal Workers has been postponed to 6/23.** Website has a toolkit, and postcards can be sent by pushcart

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Robert's email: rcroon@gmail.com

### **Climate Committee**

Sandy: we saw that it would be hard for the climate message to get through during COVID. We are finding a way to link climate to COVID.

Stu: so many tie-ins for climate and the virus: We have made a video and want to raise awareness and use it as recruitment; it is "a sneak preview" of what is and will happen. Video was shown in the meeting. The same people who did not believe in COVID are the same people who do not believe in climate change.

### **Elections**

Sandy: Saw Obama talk about voting vs protesting with young people. This is not either or. Stacy Abrams is also talking about voting and protest.

Reclaim Our Vote update: 25 RaR members, as well as many others are writing postcards.

**Sandy and Claire U are in the process of creating ROV college internships.**

Paul : Internship info:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1g3bq8\\_an7ZD9V4knVIARDyoGCN13ERkwiNt-vYyyxk8/edit#slide=id.p4](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1g3bq8_an7ZD9V4knVIARDyoGCN13ERkwiNt-vYyyxk8/edit#slide=id.p4)

4 types of team leaders:

- Filmmaker
- Communications
- Fundraising,
- Team Leader (community organizing, postcarding, phone banking.)

Internship scheduled for July and August. We don't want to have to turn students away for lack of supervision.

- Sandy invited RaR members to consider supervising students: Responsibilities
  - weekly one-on-one check in ½ hour.
  - Being available by email.
  - A couple of meetings in July and August, letters of reference.
- Send in resume.
- Reclaim our Vote is getting liability insurance
- Internship money is available and Sandy and Claire are connecting with Prep for Prep and other programs which have funding, but can't provide internships due to COVID.
- Sandy: A series of lectures planned on the history of voting rights will be part of the internship program as part of Reclaim Our Vote.
- Discussion of her finding that African American people are becoming more open to voting by mail after a long history of suspicion based on voter suppression. People are anticipating much intimidation.

### **Absentee ballots for June 23 Primary:**

Livvie: There has been a lot of confusion. Three options:

- In person on election day,
- Vote early at selected locations

- Vote by mail.

Livvie discussed steps, and what can get your ballot disqualified.

- Throw out the outside envelope.
- There are two inside envelopes, one of which has to have info on it filled out.
- On most internal envelopes, you have to sign and date in a place that is small and hard to see.
- Don't overvote: that will disqualify you.
- Extraneous marks will disqualify you.
- He explained the options for voting for delegates and how to decide.
- **Questions?** Livvie's email: [elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com)

**West Point Commencement:** June 13 Trump is addressing the West Point Grads  
Zoom meeting: Thursday at 5 pm. West Point Zoom meeting ID 232 647 1812

### **Finance**

Dann: \$12,800 decrease of \$100 from last week. Gift of \$10,000 is winding its way to us via Broadway Cares.

### **Non-Rise and Resist announcements**

Donna: Request for funds from Tom Cat Bakery which fired immigrant workers without any severance pay. New org formed; they are in dire straits.

To follow up contact Sebastian B [sboneknight@gmail.com](mailto:sboneknight@gmail.com)

### **BLMNY guest: Nupol Kiazolu: Blueprint for Social Justice**

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/organizers-of-historic-nyc-protest-unveil-blueprint-for-social-justice-301071683.html>

Black Opportunities in partnership with Nick Cannon who has been with us from the beginning. Goal: black sovereignty where we have control over our communities: Wall Street. Disband police unions, repeal 50 A, Civilian Review Board.

**READ THIS:** <https://www.blackopportunities.com/>

This provides the overview of our policies.

- Merle: Raised concerns about abolishing any union, since unions are generally under attack.
- Nupal: postal workers do not kill black people. These are the unions that rally behind brutality, and hide perpetrators, and are not held accountable.
- Mark: Strong supporter of workers' rights to organize and collectively bargain. Slippery slope to allow the Government to give them the right to get rid of all unions. Attacking trade unionism is very dangerous.
- That said, these unions are extremely problematic: shakedown and protection racket.
- Kellen: Police unions are a protection racket, they are not about providing health insurance.
- Jamie: Black Opportunities.com offers a fabulous platform. We as members need to LISTEN TO our guests rather than argue with them immediately. Very strong platform, which we need to support.
- Sandy: A series of lectures planned on the history of voting rights will be part of the internship program as part of Reclaim Our Vote.
- Angie Kearse has collaborated with Nupal for three years.

At the end of the meeting there was discussion of how RaR members need to respond more effectively to guests, particularly to guests who are black, young and who are generously giving their time while exhausted.

- Members should read the whole platform before commenting, and certainly before disagreeing.
- If a member raises a question, they need to LISTEN, rather than interrupt.
- How can RaR address guests respectfully and openly?

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