

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 7.28.2020

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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** - Jay, Livvie and Jennifer **ASL Signer** - Elizabeth

### REPORT BACKS

**Photos of banner actions** (Saturday - Columbus Circle, Cadman Plaza, 59th St. Bridge, Sheridan Sq.).

**Peace Group: Columbus Circle to Trump Tower**, with photos on the BLM mural

**Cadman Plaza:** Huge action, which then crossed the bridge to Manhattan

**Sheridan Square:** about 200 people gathered at Sheridan Square, then the group turned in a direction that police did not expect. This group met with the Cadman Plaza bikers and other activists. Huge convergence of people. Very powerful, and right below the Roosevelt Tram

**Queensboro Bridge, Manhattan side.** 6 of us held the KNEE banner and the ABOLISH ICE banner. Drew a lot of attention and support from rush hour commuters heading back to Queens.

Leon talked about Action in Queens; African American women led action. "Queens Liberation." Beautifully marshalled. They were glad to use our banner, which they placed at the front of their march. "We need to work with these people." <https://twitter.com/QNSLiberationPr>

**96th St. Say Their Names** report back. Friday July 24 at 5PM.

**Next action is planned for 7/31/20 at 5 pm.** Jenny says she and Anne S have found a list of 5000 names and are reviewing them. Discussed ideas to do a full reading of all these names.

**Be An Arts Hero - postcard action:** Jonathan W and Jennifer V

A postcard action came together calling for support of the Arts. 1000 Postcards sent to members of the US Congress. On behalf of the Actors Fund.

**Be An Arts Hero** - please sign this letter: website and link below. Please spread the word:

<https://beanartshero.com/?fbclid=IwAR3CO-1jIOUV58NPoHsGJ0vv-HR3LNhfY1Nzjt3wfv6vqTnUFox0dn1lyZaY>

Jennifer v: Actors Fund is a way to make a donation. It's an incredible organization that is a backbone for the performing arts: <https://actorsfund.org/support-our-work>

**Portland/DHS action at Trump Tower. 7/26 at 6 pm. Needs vote for ERT.**

Jamie: Police were not happy that we were on the steps of the plaza, this was a public plaza. They did not stop us.

Maybe bigger signs needed, stronger stock. Good messaging.

Police have put up barriers in response to this action.

**RaR voted to affirm the ERT decision to support this action.**

Connections made via zoom with other activist groups, many from faith leaders.

## **UPCOMING ACTIONS / Meetings**

### **ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 6 via Zoom**

Jo M: **Resistance to Unsafe School Opening. Monday August 3 at 5pm;** Will start at 52 Broadway UFT Building. Head to DOE building on Chambers Street. Called by MORE;

Demands:

- No return to in-person school until it's safe: We need no new cases for 14 days, all health and safety measures implemented including consistent rapid testing, contact tracing, safe public transit and community input!
- Substantial and continuous financial relief from the city, state and federal government for working parents, guardians and all workers --- inclusive of undocumented immigrants.
- That our public schools are adequately funded according to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity formula and given additional COVID aid so that every school has the staff and resources it needs to support students during learning in and outside of school buildings.
- Nothing about us without us: That parents, students and school staff are fully empowered and included in planning for eventual school reopening and equitable remote learning that includes opportunities for outdoor education, in-person instruction and therapeutic service delivery for prioritized student populations.

Jo requested as many marshals as possible. You can contact her: [revoltinglesbians@gmail.com](mailto:revoltinglesbians@gmail.com)

**Link to sign up for marshals:** [bit.ly/A3marshals](https://bit.ly/A3marshals)

**RaR voted to endorse this action.**

**March for the Dead and for the Living Friday August 21** before the Republican Convention  
Jay: 150,000 deaths, US has done the worst in handling the COVID pandemic of any industrialized nation.

Goal to make this national, and get national coverage: Jason Rosenberg Act UP, Justin Hendricks Move On, Jennifer Flynn Walker CPD. Proposed route: Start at Barclays Center, march over Brooklyn Bridge, then the Tombs, Foley Square ICE, maybe to 40 Wall. Ken K ideas: wear white at dusk to contrast with the darkness this administration has brought.

Andy R: If you want to get involved, please email [CoronavirusMarchNYC@gmail.com](mailto:CoronavirusMarchNYC@gmail.com). We have a spreadsheet tracking outreach. **Next planning meeting is Thursday at 5pm**

**RaR voted to endorse this action.**

**Beds Not Body Bags:** Action in Queens in front of Elmhurst Hospital. **Friday August 14 at 6:30 pm.** Silent vigil. (Date changed from an earlier time.)

Mark: Manhattan has 6.5 beds per 1k people, Queens 1.5 beds per 1k people. Queens earliest and hardest hit. Public Hospitals did the front-line work. We will do further actions in the Bronx.

**RaR voted to re endorse this action.**

**Covid/Immigration action July 30 at 5:30 pm** - - Bowery and Canal St.

Meet at Manhattan Bridge,

Donna: We will use COVID = Death banner. This will be one of a series of immigration vigils.

**Immigrants are at extreme risk.**

### **City Hall Elevator-update**

Jennifer B: Disability Rights wing of RaR; VOCAL, then encampment started. Encampment was removed last weekend and elevator was opened. The police have the area surrounded, inaccessible to people with disabilities.

Dustin Jones reported; he was only allowed to travel on the street. Activists have worked hard to make the city accessible, and now this has been undone.

### **Disabled In Action Letter**

Jennifer V showed it to the group

Martyna Starosta's new short film "Elevator Pitch" depicts the subway as an absurd obstacle course—and reveals a system that shuts many out of cities in motion.

Watch on Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/441817097>

Watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2JAtpxFZXg&feature=youtu.be>

Watch on Field of Vision <https://fieldofvision.org/elevator-pitch>

Sasha Goldensohn's opinion piece in Daily News:

<https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-my-ada-20200725-uwelgyw6djhy7jiiuwnktbxsmi-story.html>

## **DISCUSSION**

**Portland and the continued use of DHS armed forces to intimidate/disperse protesters.**

Jay: Moms have been showing photos of multiple head wounds from “nonlethal bullets”; Unmarked police car abducted a woman today on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. They had a warrant on this woman reportedly due to prior property damage, and acts of vandalism. Police came in to block the protesters.

Here is the video of the abduction:

<https://nypost.com/2020/07/28/manhattan-protester-busted-by-nypd-loaded-into-unmarked-mini-van/>

Jamie: Police have changed policing tactics frequently in NY. In Feb they pushed back; then at the onset of COVID no protests allowed. Then whole range of police responses to George Floyd murder protests, including violence to hands off. Police go full-on when property is attacked. NYPD may be trying to preempt Federal troops by showing they are tough. Their tactics can change rapidly.

Republican messaging: to portray protesters as anarcho-Fascists.

Lynn: Is the message about violence against unarmed black men getting lost?

Lynn: WE STAND AGAINST STATE VIOLENCE

Alexis: We stand in solidarity with black people. I am not responsible for others' behavior. I am not afraid. This is what we have been preparing for. We stand together with each other.

<https://truthout.org/audio/we-surrender-nothing-and-no-one-a-playbook-for-solidarity-amid-fascist-terror/?fbclid=IwAR1Gc2WQygybydtYNjl2EOnUSVqYSjEduRS4vQFxnYanZ1ZZcJzbvblnxAKA>

**Save the date: Sunday Aug 2 @ 5PM BYO PICNIC location:** Central Park, "The Pool" algae-covered pond. **Enter at 100<sup>th</sup> Street.** There are bathrooms up a hill not far away.

- Here is the map of the location for the picnic: <https://goo.gl/maps/JM1k5otTW7nZU19k8>

**Finance:** Susan RaR has \$22,300 in the bank.

## **NON RISE AND RESIST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ann R. **Make Billionaires Pay Action on July 30<sup>th</sup>** in East Hampton.

- Ann needs people to tell her if they are planning to go. Please email her at [aerubin13@gmail.com](mailto:aerubin13@gmail.com)
- Here's the link to that #MakeBillionairesPayaction: <https://facebook.com/events/s/hampsons-car-caravan-protest/735056480655253/?ti=icl>
- Rally for BLM space in EH. Then caravan to various billionaires' houses.

Robert C: **August 6 event commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Foley Square.** Limited to 20 people.

Peter has **indexed the Mueller Report.** It is free to the public. Please check this out and spread the word.

[www.muellerreportindex.net](http://www.muellerreportindex.net)

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