

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 12.14.2021

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Facilitators: Jamie and Cherie **Notes:** Sandy

Good News!

City Council passes NYCAN Anti-Nuclear legislation

Legislation passed, over 40 votes for. RaR was a big part of the public manifestations of what happened. Robert gave the history along with beautiful pictures chronicling the activist work that went into this effort. The link below is a good summary of what happened. Robert gave a big thank you to RaR. As Robert said "RaR was the wind in the sails". NYC now has the most aggressive legislation of this sort in the nation.

https://www.icanw.org/new_york_city_joins_ican_cities_appeal

Other Good News

City Council grants non-citizens right to vote in local elections

Sacklers out of the Met.

Federal appeals court ruled against Trump to get his documents to the Jan. 6 committee.

Mark Meadows cited for contempt; good discussion among members of Jan. 6

Cuomo has been ordered to pay back \$5MM paid on his book

Upcoming/New Actions:

12/15 Wed 9AM 2 Broadway - Elevator Actions

<https://www.facebook.com/events/912520302968243>

Rally tomorrow/Dec. 15 for accessibility; meeting outside MTA headquarters, 2 Broadway with coalition partners. Rally and then board meeting.

Update on Meeting with Hochul Staff

On Dec. 1, met with Lopez, Deputy Transportation Secretary to Hochul. Very receptive to communicating and responding. There was a real dialogue. We felt listened to and felt optimistic about communication. Advocating for Jessica Murray on the board of the MTA. She is someone who understands on the inside what it means to live with a disability.

12/16 Thurs - NO MORE 24 - action at 11AM 500 Grand St.

Last Tuesday, Bill Ferns had a teach in about this issue—home care workers who work 24-hour shifts and are paid for 13 hours.

Action at 11 am on Thursday. This action was approved a few weeks ago. We heard testimony from workers who talked about how these 24-hour shifts affected their bodies and their families and it was quite moving.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNiHO_7OFVopU5HeyyWKmHqiw8a8C1nOtB1VFTypA3ot2VVSQ/viewform

<https://www.facebook.com/events/433165618369924/?ref=newsfeed>

12/19 Sunday 2PM Immigration Vigil - 50th St./5th Ave.

Going back to Rockefeller Center/across from St. Patrick's. Immigration vigil; signs; nativity scene; Mary and Joseph were refugees seeking asylum.

12/20 Monday 6:30 PM Jason Miller at NYYRC location to be confirmed

Follow up to the NY Young Rep Club Annual Gala. Having a slumming party at a lower east side bar. Jason Miller is guest of honor. He is somewhat obscure. Created a social media platform called Getter—MAGA alternative to twitter. <https://www.gettr.com/trending>

He is one of those who tried to overturn the election. Claims non-involvement but was sited in and out of the hotel where all the planning took place. RaR will be talking about messaging on Monday. We want to hold the coup plotters accountable. Has been called to report to the Jan. 6 committee and he has agreed to meet with them. Will have provocative signage; don't take the bait. Will be at the Sour Mouse on Delaney St. (But needs to be confirmed)

Endorsement vote: ENDORSED

1/6 Thursday - Insurrection Anniversary proposal/discussion

Other big national groups may do a march in the evening but we will do something of our own during the day. Idea is to have lots of signs on the steps of the NYPL. Banners saying Indict trump; indict the coup leaders. Mostly photo op right now. Maybe walk to Trump Tower. This is in the idea stage.

Discussion and Ideas

Go to the Justice Dept in Wash DC; it's a schlepp; can get people from DC; should be focused on the DOJ to prosecute. Should be focused on the national element of it.

If in NY, do it where we can get maximum visibility; maybe Times Square; Rockefeller Center.

Really good to have members of the Congress and Senate on the signs. I like the library in terms of optics. Fifth Ave is well-trafficked.

Great action; great idea; like it at the NYPL; visually so powerful. Get a few photographers who will get it out to Getty images—Eric MacGregor. Should have 20 X 30 signage; need to be big. Get it out with a toolkit so others can do demos. Maybe do it on the 5th so images are available on the 6th.

Go from the Library to the red steps of Times Square.

We will need a lot of people to carry a lot of props; hard to get attention in Times Square; Red steps get closed if they see us coming. More important to get the word out to the press.

5 pm vigil with speakers in Union Square. But signage needs to be in daylight.

Blank canvas of the NYPL is good. Busyness of places can be distracting. The NYPL is great. Don't want to be in DC on Jan. 6.

Agree that the target is the DOJ but can't go to DC and it is tough. We can get more people in NYC. We will get this picture out there.

This should be a call to arms to get united for 2022 for our democracy.

Should be a national call to get people to do it all over the country

Endorsement vote: ENDORSED

Update from Students for Justice

Claire and Sandy took the opportunity to thank RaR for all their support, both financial and moral, that greatly helped them start and grow Students for Justice (SFJ). SFJ is a paid college internship program that empowers our youth to strengthen our democracy. Through presentations and instruction, students learn about politics and the electoral process and get directly involved through postcarding, phone banking, text banking and social media, in getting out the vote. They focus their outreach in rural communities of color in the South in states with a history of voter suppression.

In 2022, SFJ will be focused on the 2022 midterms with a summer session that will emphasize voter registration and a fall session which will emphasize get out the vote efforts in NC, GA, and Florida, three states with Senate seats up for election/re-election.

Learn more at <https://www.studentsforjusticevote.org/>

Report Backs:

12/7 AIG Climate Action

Lot of moving parts; complicated action. Multiple groups involved in this coalition action. Bicycle with platform from Brooklyn, songs, costumes, petitioning, flyers, and candy. A coal drop; signs; banners. All those props were in Monica Hunken's possession, and she showed up an hour late. At the last minute, decided to rent a truck, traffic etc. First problem was the action was late; lot of people were waiting in the cold, some for almost two hours since many participated in the FOX News action from noon to 1 pm. Everyone had to pivot as things changed due to heightened security at AIG; Jay as the Grinch and the videographer looked to find another entrance. One entrance was picked but that didn't work out so we picked another entrance. The alternative entrances turned out to be better.

Not a very clear banner; hard to read the messaging. Some issues with lack of clarity about what the action was all about. It was intended as a small, strike action. Meant to be filmed on video for social media. Goal was to get the CEO's name, Peter Zaffino, out there as a coal lover and climate criminal/grinch. Putting the video together. If the video is good, it will have been worth it. RaR is good with marshaling and logistics. RaR should take a more active role in logistics which should help future actions go more smoothly when we work in coalition.

12/8 Surprise visits to Chase Headquarters will begin this week! Date and time TBD

RaR has been going up against Chase branches and headquarters for several years. Recently we did some actions in coalition with XR that were real CD actions. Wanted to do a smaller action and see what a less controversial action would do. Seven of us got together on Weds. at 4:30 pm. Chase security immediately asked Zak what he was doing. Zak spoke on RaR's behalf. We were quiet with posters. We can make our posters more impactful in the future. Got quite a bit of notice. This was a good time to do it. Lot of people leaving. Chase is a bit jumpy because of past actions; want to slowly up the heat; have more people.

Email Alexandra if you want to be on the invite list for these actions. Her email address is: alexawoods1@gmail.com.

12/9 Thursday 10AM Voting Rights action at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

Started in Dag H Plaza and moved down 1st Ave. National Day of Action for Voting Rights bill stalled in the Senate. Waiting for Senator Manchin to agree to filibuster reform. Actions in about 9 or 10 cities. Ongoing series of actions in DC outside the Whitehouse. Black Voters Matter, cPD, and Workers' Circle coordinated them. Funeral for our democracy. Marched down 1st ave to US Mission to the UN; held a quiet funeral march with a coffin, flags, 4 issues with signs. Held a press conference. Crossed the street in front of the UN with an affinity group that attempted a CD action; technically that sidewalk is not city property; UN property; protestors are trespassers. Guards gave a warning. The NYPD arrived and most left and crossed the street. A small group continued to commit CD. Group shot in front of the UN got into the Guardian. The action ended at 11:30 when the first set of NYPD came and warned us. Most left then except for the press and 4 people who kept trying to get arrested until 2 pm. This was problematic for the support people. All 4 affinity group people were paid staffers.

It was a strong action up to 11:30 and then it dissipated when the group decided to try to get arrested.

These actions were coordinated to work with Biden's trip to promote democracy. Our democracy is under attack at home. We need presidential leadership to get our own house in order.

3 or 4 dozen people at the action in total.

<https://apimages.photoshelter.com/galleries/C0000hZpG231XYA/G0000oe3wjvUnLtA/I000010qlhGRInzA/Voting-Rights-Civil-Rights-Activists-To-Host-Actions-Across-The-U-S-To-Highlight-Democracy-Emergency-As-Pres-Biden-Hosts-A-Global-Democracy-Summit>

12/10 Say Their Names (every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th and Broadway) plus update on de-escalating.

Remains a good opportunity to engage with passersby in the neighborhood. Can get confrontational sometimes. It's a vulnerable place because there are more and more aggressive white men and others who threaten security. There is a meeting planned for next week to discuss this issue further.

Some possible causes: Pandemic fatigue, Trump, insurrectionists are making people angry. Organization mentioned by Kat called Shut It Down might be helpful.

12/12 Immigration Vigil at Rockefeller Center across the street from St. Patrick's Cathedral

Met at Atlas statue. NYPD gave us a traffic lane to step back into it. Decent turnout; enough people for a nice tableau. People saw us and then looked away. They didn't want to look at us. Some people gave us a thumbs up, but many didn't want to engage. People are so happy to get rid of Trump and don't want to think about the fact that many bad things are still happening.

Lot of tourists who may not want to be reminded of these negative things. Grand Central is a very different population and immigration is more relevant and positive to them.

12/9 Fox Christmas Tree "Lighting"

This was a photo op as a counter demonstration with the Xmas tree lighting being done to replace the tree lost to a fire a few days earlier. Small group of us and several hundred MAGA people turned up. Things got a little out of hand. The others were quite confrontational. It could have gotten dangerous. When the performance started, we should have gone. It was provocative and unsafe. We made a presence, and it was good that we were there. Good we stayed for the entire ceremony.

12/14 Truth Tuesday at Fox "News" at 12:30PM

Had a good turnout today. Today went well. Passersby enjoyed the demo. We held the square. Lots of responses on twitter. An organizer in Atlanta will get an action started, Seattle next week. Started these NYC actions on August 24 and are now getting traction.

Non-Rise and Resist announcements

Jan 1, 2022, Civilian Review Board demo - Eric Adam's Inauguration time and location to be determined. Heather has been working to get a Civilian Rev Board. Action on Jan. 6 when Eric Adam's is getting inaugurated. This announcement is a heads up.

12/15 Halt Solitary Heads Up—City at noon

Tomorrow is the last day of this session of the City Council. Demonstration at noon tomorrow to demand that Corey Johnson give the solitary confinement bill a vote.

City Hall at noon.

Katrina on Supportive Housing

Surprise news-- Both supportive housing things were rushed by Corey. City Council members are supporting them. Need DeBlasio to sign it. Good news!!

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