

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 12.5.2023

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Facilitators: Alex and Jennifer **Note Taker:** Sandy

Facilitation Issues - step up and step back, organize your presentation and your thoughts, do not monopolize conversation, stay on topic etc.

For non RAR announcements or to put additional items on the agenda:
Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

GOOD NEWS!

George Santos was expelled from the House.

NY Appeals Court reinstates Trump's Civil Court gag rule.

Judge Chutkan rejects Trump's immunity claims.

Appeals Court rules Trump can be sued for inciting Jan 6. Schadenfreude news - Henry Kissinger finally dies.

Major news media including the Atlantic Monthly have begun to focus on the important issue of democracy vs. fascism instead of on the horse race.

<https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2023/12/05/media/second-trump-term-threat-atlantic-editor/index.html>

Long interview with the Atlantic editor conducted this morning on WNYC:

<https://www.wnyc.org/story/how-second-trump-presidency-might-be-more-dangerous-first>

Stop The Coup/Project 2025 - Presentation by Anne-Christine Dadesky

The media are talking about Project 2025 (P25) and Trump without making a distinction but there is a difference. P25 is essentially the second of a large vision document for today's Conservative Party. About 2/3 of the original Conservative Party agenda was achieved. This is the 2nd doc in 50 years. The trigger was Jan. 6, which showed the people behind this that it was

time to bring together a unified body of people and try to carry it forward. Brings 80 conservative groups together, many Christian and Christian Evangelical, led by the Heritage Fdn. Koch family money is backing it. Leonard Leo is also key who is instrumental in the Federalist Society, and they are key in terms of whether P25 succeeds. It calls for advancing an autocracy, giving a new President unprecedented, supreme power. Have done an analysis of 30 depts of gov't and have put together a blueprint of how to disassemble the admin state. An agenda of legal impunity and the use of law enforcement. P25 lays out how they are going to do it.

AC organized a couple of potlucks to talk about what they are going to do about P25. We are no longer going to try to stop Trump from succeeding but we are going to have to prepare to live under it. It targets LGBTQ issues in a very specific way, targets labor, climate etc. It uses gender and transgender issues as very successful wedge issues to unify conservative voters. This document calls for an erasure of LGBTQ concepts and mentions. Goes after reproductive rights and goes after immigrants. It militarizes the U.S. system in a different way. It puts the military component into domestic law enforcement. Calls anyone not in alignment with the President's agenda would domestic terrorists.

December 17 Townhall with great speakers

3 goals

1. To sound the alarm
2. Need to find out from our allies what they are doing.
3. Consolidate strategy and strategic responses; targeting what might be appropriate targets—Heritage Fdn, many other groups behind this.

This is an unprecedented situation. We need to think about a campaign of action. We need to make this issue visible.

The job of RaR is to disrupt and make people aware of this issue. The first phase is public education and building up the coalition. The hope is that these issues will override all the objections to Biden.

Working on a 10-page distillation of the p25 document. This will help tailor messages to different target audiences. We can think about a one-pager targeted to each target audience.

One idea (though there may not be enough time) is a Jan 2024 action in front of the Heritage Fdn.

Two key websites:

<https://www.project2025.org/>

<https://www.stopthecoup2025.org/>

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Wednesday, Dec 6, 8:30AM Eric Trump Civil Court - meet at 40 Centre St.-**CANCELLED**
BECAUSE ERIC ISN'T COMING. DECIDED HE WAS MORE OF A LIABILITY.

Thursday, December 7, 4:45 pm—CEASEFIRE-Meet up at the Museum of Art and Design (Columbus Circle)

We will be bringing out orange light signs to spell our CEASEFIRE at a Chanukah demo called by If Not Now, JFREJ, JVP, and Rabbis 4 Ceasefire.

Saturday December 9 - NYYRC GALA - Cipriani Wall St. 5:00 PM

Trump is now coming so it's going to be a much more powerful protest opportunity. There will be a lot of press. Doors open at 6 pm. We should go around 5 pm. Messaging will be different since Trump is going to be there.

Sunday, December 10, 1 to 2 pm—Trump Tower—TRUMP IS GUILTY

We believe Trump will be in town on Sunday, and we will troll him at Trump Tower. Fifth Avenue will be closed to pedestrians, but we are not sure what the security precautions will be. We will set up as close as we can. If the Tower is completely blocked, look for us between 56th and 55th St.

Monday, December 11, 8:30 am—Meet at 40 Centre St.-Foley Square—Protest Trump

Testifying at Civil Court Case

Trump will be the last "witness" to testify in the case. We will be out with the TRUMP IS GUILTY banner and lots of signs including Morally Bankrupt and Crime Family. Meet us in front of 40 Centre St. (Our goal is to have a good photo event before Trump arrives, and then talk to the press once he is inside).

Tuesday, December 12, Noon to 1 pm—47th St. and 6th Ave.—Truth Tuesday at FOX

We continue to hold **Truth Tuesdays at FOX "news"** every Tuesday between 12noon and 1PM at 47th St. & 6th Ave. Look for us under the FOX Christmas Tree, which as you would expect, is FAKE.

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 to 6:30 pm—32 East 21st St. (Hardings Bar)—Federalist Society Lawyers NYC Xmas Party

Nothing says Happy Holidays like lawyers determined to take away your rights (to safe abortions, to marry who you want, to read books, to teach history, to bodily autonomy, etc.). We will have some Project 2025 related signs to confront them with.

Thursday, December 14, 5 to 6 pm-Times Square Subway Station—Immigration Vigil

Join us with our "Seeking Asylum Is Not A Crime" banner and our Housing Is A Human Right signs to demand that Mayor Adams allow asylum seekers to stay in shelters. No one should have to sleep in the street.

Sunday, December 17, 11:30 am—Meet up at the Pulitzer Fountain (NW Corner 58th St./5th Ave.)- TRUMP GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE

We will assemble our props and then walk over to Trump Tower to hold a going out of business sale, complete with sidewalk barkers, gold toilet seats, and boxes of classified documents. This is a fun demo with a point; Trump lies about everything and is a crime boss and a fraudster. We need lots of people to hold props, so please mark this on your calendar and hope it doesn't rain again.

Elections Update

Santos got booted and a special election has been scheduled for Feb. 13. Both parties will appoint a chosen candidate without a primary. Jay Jacobs is a huge player but he's also the head of the Nassau Dem Club. Thomas Suozzi is running again. He's a well-quantity, friend of JJ even though Jay is mad at him for running against Hochel. That district swings red but Suozzi has a shot. He's pretty centrist which makes him a stronger Dem candidate in that district.

There will be a lot of activity between now and Feb. 13.

Finance Report

\$15,537.52

Year end appeal for funds going out on Dec. 12.

REPORTS BACK

Wednesday, 11/29 8:45-9:15AM Elevator Actions group at the MTA 2 Broadway
We had an action last Weds. Very cold morning. Our main pt is that there is an elevator maintenance case that needs to be settled so the elevators can be fixed. The vague action scheduled for tomorrow is focused on this same issue.

Thursday, 11/30 Immigration Vigil - 5PM at Times Square Subway Station
Good action; nice response; more positive than at the SI Ferry Terminal; ton of eyeballs.

Friday, 12/1 Patricia Okoumou court support action
P's upstairs neighbor filed a complaint. Broke down her door and traumatized her and her son. They came back with 2 tickets for obstructing gov't procedure. Had to go to SI criminal court. She asked for folks to come to SI for support. Stu and Jamie could explain to her what was going to happen. It was a success; case was dropped because the paperwork was defective. May not be over because P is upset about this issue in general. It's affecting other people as well. Children's Services can walk in without a warrant. It's very totalitarian. Anonymous reporting is part of the law across the country.

Saturday, 12/2 8AM Clinic Defense with NYFAR meet at Prince and Mott St
Walking picket in front of old St. Pats. Julie took over pointing the Fake Escort sign. Did one on one defense on Bernadette. She did not get any flyers out while Julie was doing this. But they have three other people.

With all the police overtime being paid, the guy we called the fashion police got himself a Balenciaga scarf. They cost about \$250.

Jamie works the walkie talkies to interfere with their communications. A young guy who comes to drag story hours asked Jamie how to do it and they tag teamed on two sets of walkie talkies.

Monday, 12/4-Rikers Vigil in Times Square Subway Station
Wonderful space. We got very few responses this past week. Remarkably interaction-free. But we did pass out all the flyers.

Tuesday, 12/5--Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12noon 47th St.& 6th Ave.
Fox is the place to be in the holiday season. We sang carols that Kim wrote.

Fox: Stop hurting America is a new fabric banner.

Experiences at various anti-war/ceasefire in Gaza demonstrations

•Friday action—Alex—very rainy evening; lot of young people; well marshalled action. Lot of people

Wendy has a great list of upcoming actions (See newsletter link under Non-RaR Announcements)

This Thursday is rabbis against the war—Stu and Susan are going

Susan went to WSP and didn't know anybody. She was 35 years older than the next oldest person. This issue is bringing out a very diverse, young target.

Columbus Circle rally—Weds. –From the river to the sea; genocidal oriented.

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, December 7, 1 pm City Housing Oversight Hearing—City Hall

Wednesday, December 13, at 1PM in Chelsea (26th St. between 8th and 9th Avenue) - there will be a **No Bigots In Chelsea** protest sponsored by LGBTQ+ People at Penn South. The Manor Church is sponsoring an event with the CEO of Bob Jones University. Please join them if you can.

Sunday, December 17, at The Center (208 West 13th St.) there will be a **Town Hall to discuss Project 2025**. The event will run from 2:30PM-4:30PM but you should pre-register at the link below. This is sponsored by Stop the Coup 2025.

<https://www.stopthecoup2025.org/>

Wendy's action newsletter, which has some non-Palestine actions:

<https://mailchi.mp/974afadfc404/take-action-to-save-the-children-of-gaza>

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