

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.11.2022

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Facilitators: Stu and Karin **Notes:** Sandy

Good News!

- Mayor Adams allows a law letting non-citizen residents vote in local elections to go into effect. (Bad news is Republicans are challenging it in court).
- Covid in NYC down 25%
- Biden has changed its approach to how covid tests can be accessed; free at point of purchase.

For basic info on new Biden administration rules on free COVID-19 tests (PCR & antigen):

https://www.cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free?fbclid=IwAR07X_Z1OW8hvKFuR9iZG7Wwn7ZwCN74Bom26L7VSa4Zd_5l-as88muH_Dw

Related

news-<https://gothamist.com/news/scores-nyc-high-schoolers-walk-out-classes-demanding-remote-learning-during-covid-surge>

- More lawsuits launched against Trump using the KKK act.
- Coal miners' union supporting BBB and putting Manchin in bad spot
- NC working to disqualify candidate under 14th amendment
- Striking graduate students at Columbia University won their strike and contract fight

Upcoming/New Actions

Say Their Names to resume Friday, Jan. 14th at 4:30 pm at 96th & Broadway

We'll be implementing the 2 Marshall's at each action with armbands, so they are clearly noticeable. Maybe a truncated action due to the cold weather.

Just Look Up climate action at Hochul's office (633 Third Avenue) Monday, Jan. 24th at 1 pm. Taking after the recent popular film, Don't Look Up, widely accepted as an allegory to the climate crisis. We wanted to use the momentum behind this film to push forward our goals while it's hot. Large social media component we are saying "Just Look Up" with signage appropriate to whichever location we are at that day—climate deniers, climate exploiters, etc. Banner would be Just Look Up. There's where these people reside or work. Starting with Gov. Hochul because she is underfunding climate issues.

Will try to get the attention of Leonardo DiCaprio. We can interview a couple of people and put it up on social media.

Requesting endorsement of action: **ENDORSED**

Requesting \$400 for props: **APPROVED**

Climate Can't Wait coalition action at Hochul's office (633 Third Avenue) on Tuesday, Jan. 25th at time TBD, trying for 1 pm so it doesn't conflict with our Fox action at noon. Originally massive action in Albany was planned. This is instead because of Omicron. Three local actions plus a virtual action being planned instead. A press conference will happen in Albany on Jan. 25. Demonstrations will occur in Cousins', Heastie's and Kathy Hochul's office. We will work on the one in front of Kathy Hochul's office in Manhattan. We are going to demand her to become more aggressive on climate. Pushing 12 bills in the action. Demanding more budget for climate issues. Part of a statewide action.

Climate Can't Wait ideas being worked on but still in the planning stages.

Endorsement Vote: **ENDORSED**

DSA Climate action—Jan. 13th at 11 am at the NYPL.

Demanding public renewables.

Build or Burn is the name of the action.

Supporting the passage of an action to demand public authority.

Endorsement Vote: **ENDORSED**

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/build-or-burn>

Upcoming Immigration Actions—Thinking about Grand Central or the Oculus but some are having second thoughts on indoor venues right now due to Omicron. Will spend Jan. 12 action Committee talking about messaging and figure out a good time and place given the weather and given Covid.

Health Care Action—Fair Pay for Homecare-- All the FP4HC and the C4NYH actions this week are virtual.

We are signed on to the Fair Pay for Homecare campaign which advocates for a living wage for home healthcare workers. This week there's a massive push to get Hochul to put it in the budget for this coming year. If not, we will apply a lot of pressure to revise it and get it in there. Jan. 13 at 5:30 pm, the Advocacy Institute is collaborating to do a training on the Albany budget process—who are the players etc. Part of IONY. [see chat]
Sign up for training is in chat. All day 9 to 5, call the governor on Thursday.

Here is the link to the Hochul call-in day on home care that is happening all day on this Thurs.: https://actionnetwork.org/events/call-hochul?clear_id=true

Here is the Social Media toolkit for the health care virtual day of action tomorrow, Wed. Jan. 12 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J9-Pj2BYO4ibT4qeEjkZi8Y8d_eADullLdehhiN_hsU/edit

Campaign for New York Health—In coalition health care actions. Umbrella campaign pushing universal healthcare in NYS. Day of action tomorrow around mid-day to get some buzz on social media in support of the NY Health Act.

Here's the FB event for the virtual day of action on health care issues in NY: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1079990029522912>

Other issues: Insurance for low-income undocumented immigrants; medical debt crisis which is becoming larger.

Here's the link to the New York State Budget 101: https://actionnetwork.org/events/the-ins-and-outs-of-the-nys-budget-ft-advocacy-institute?clear_id=true&link_id=4&can_id=838264d893037679fba974f9df5d1874&source=email-act-now-hochul-we-need-fair-pay&email_referrer=email_1404660&email_subject=act-now-hochul-we-need-fair-pay

Incarceration online sessions--Weds. Jan. 19th from 10 am to 4 pm—Decarceration groups are active again. The CCA will lead sessions in Albany for new bills to reform existing sentencing laws. To RSVP, use this link: Join me + the fight for #CommunitiesNotCages on January 19th - virtually! We'll have a rally, press conference + meetings with lawmakers to stand against racist + extreme sentencing. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/CNC-Albany>

The Granny Peace Brigade Action--Saturday, Jan. 15th from 1 to 2:30 pm; The High Line--Tenth Ave. at 30th St.

Some of you may have seen the Drone replica hovering over the north end of the High Line on Tenth Avenue. The Granny Peace Brigade invites you to join us there on January 15th together with Peace Action NYS and Vets for Peace, to rally for a global ban on aerial weaponized drones.

We will have flyers and postcards urging UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to organize an international treaty banning military and police drones. Special Guest Brian Terrell will join us after a speaking tour in Germany, as well as Nick Mottern, co-chair of the BanKillerDrones campaign.

The Pentagon uses the euphemism "collateral damage" to dismiss or minimize civilian deaths and casualties caused by weaponized Drones. For more information on the New York Times' recent articles of the innocent victims killed by these weapons, and a letter to the German Parliament, please go to www.bankillerdrones.org

Voting Rights Letter

We have been committed to getting voting rights passed at state and National level. This is a letter to our larger group for matching donations for campaign financing.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RbE6jw_KZkueKOXNpGPSC_h_SgZkdUnA7gEJO6DrBjRQ/edit

Finance Report

Please send in every invoice for 2021.

We can pay using paypal and will get your reimbursement faster.

Tote bags-the 2 left went to Alexandra for donations.

Susan request—have everyone in a group send out a request to submit your invoices as soon as possible.

Here's the link to donate to RaR <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/riseandresistny>

Reimbursement Issue related to Voting Rights Action outside the UN—expense over \$200 We arranged for one of our RaR members to videotape the event, edited down to several short videos for social media. Some of his equipment got stolen at the site. Total cost of equipment was \$500 with a \$384 deductible. **APPROVED**

In the future, we agreed we would have one person watching any expensive equipment, so this doesn't happen again.

Report Backs

Jan 6—Banner Actions in the morning

6 of us including Diane and Eric. Indict Trump banner in front of Trump Tower and walked down to Grand Central. Took a few photos at different places. Was a small but spirited action.

Main Action on steps of NYPL

Sandy Bachom video of action: <https://twitter.com/sandibachom/status/1479909502342377480>

Jackie Rudin photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10226168857423816&set=pcb.10226168838623346>

Livvie video: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1479888920104087557>

Alvin video: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1479888105800978433>

Donna Aceto got it on Gay City News

Black and white signs with people arrayed on the NYPL steps. Reuters put out photos that got picked up by international press outlets. No hecklers. One right wing video taper who did their thing and left. Really good turnout.

- We have all the props and can take them out as needed.
- Might have put the big signs with lots of names out front because of the smaller font. We didn't think about accessibility ahead of time.
- Social media—twitter handles collected from the last meeting. Want to do more of that. Need more twitter handles.
- For accessibility, we need to do better scouting and we need to put whether it's accessible or not.

Jan 6th Banner and Trump Rat at Fox—disruption discussion

We had a bit of a debacle at Fox. A woman was unhinged and had not been appropriately cared for and became violent. We took our action down as fast as we could. No more rat on Truth Tuesdays. If something happens, the rat can't be unraveled quickly. All the photographers came from the NYPL. Some photos came out.

Jan 11th Truth Tuesday at Fox Plaza

There were a handful of heroes, but Cherie was injured and was taken to Mt. Sinai urgent care. It was very cold, so we stayed for only about 15 minutes.

Bill Hartman—did a small Fox action in Philly. Spoke on the radio and one of the radio hosts wanted to join us.

Information on CUNY Tuition and the NYS budget

New Deal for CUNY Campaign seeking \$1.5 billion NY State budget to make CUNY tuition free again. <https://www.psc-cuny.org/clarion/december-2021/united-new-deal-cuny>

<https://gothamist.com/news/advocates-demand-state-legislature-return-cuny-tuition-free-roots>

Information on the NY Governor candidates' debate:

<https://www.mobilize.us/ourrevolution/event/434072/?fbclid=IwAR2wwKvJgFWmSyE-rB7BQIQ2Z26NIVszMoHITZHbNCtNNY6Gb9KOPyniEG4>