

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 1.19.2021

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GOOD NEWS!

Last RaR meeting under Trump. Biden will put out a slew of executive orders which will be next week's good news—immigration, climate etc. Keystone Pipeline RIP—this is an executive order which will hopefully be signed next week to stop the Keystone Pipeline.

REPORT BACKS

Vaccine Access for People in Congregate Settings: Thursday, January 14, 1 pm, 90 Church St.

Stu: Vaccines not being rushed to prisons where death rate is higher. It's a product of scarcity. Action was in front of the State Dept of Health at 90 Church. ~25 people were there. Total prison pop is 54,000 people. If all took it, it would be a one-day supply.

Say Their Names: Friday, January 15, 4:30 pm, 96th St. and Broadway

Jenny: This Friday it took place at the same time as the Trump Tower rat action so we were thinking we would be small. But we had 25 to 30 people who showed up. Three new people who stayed (POC) who read from the list. It was wonderful that people walking by stay. This coming Friday, Jan 22, we'll be meeting at 4:30 pm, same location.

Trump Rat at Trump Tower: Friday, January 15 at TBD, Met at Plaza Hotel

Wrolf: A group of 15 Rise and Resisters took the rat right down Fifth Ave from the Plaza to Trump Tower. Cops turned up quite soon and a sergeant appeared and said you have 10 minutes and then need to pack up. Lot of positive feedback in Central Park when setting up. A few busses honked. No negative reactions to speak of.

Stop Funding Climate Disaster: Sunday, January 17 at noon, Corner of 39th St and 7th Ave

Cherie: 39th St and 7th Ave—3 banks: Chase, B of A, Wells Fargo; all funding a tar sands pipeline, like Keystone, runs through Alberta, CAN; ND, MN, WI. Took photos and videos. Action was made for social media. We are hoping this PL 3 will be rescinded as well. This PL violates treaty rights. Most notable part was Jon did a phenomenal job at the action. We had a crazy person giving us a hard time (seemed could be dangerous). Jon walked him away from us. He succeeded in luring the guy into the subway and then he came back to us. This neighborhood has a lot of crazy people. Stu followed behind and Jon was thankful. Stu: This was supposed to be a quick photo action. A guy came up to us from WVA. He lost his job connected to coal. We talked to him since he wanted to know what we had to say about people being displaced. It's tough to see what's happening to those who are displaced.

400,000 Dead—Lights at Trump Tower: Sunday, January 17 at 5 pm

Lovely action. Lights showed up well. Not many people there but well-received. Cops laid back but they probably didn't know what it meant. People asked what this meant. Shocking that people didn't understand what the 400,000 meant. And many just stared blankly when they were told what it meant. We will need to keep reminding people about what's happening with Covid because deaths will continue to increase.

Close the Book on Trump—Tuesday, Jan. 19 noon—42nd St at NYPL Rick: Did call and response with the typical crimes; read some things written about what's transpired. No cops; no counter protesters. Great action. Cathartic. The full articles of impeachment were read and we ended on that. We had one heckler while Jamie was reading their piece. There was a reference to white supremacy in their speech with perfect timing. Many pedestrians walking by were mesmerized and took pictures. Buses went by and they really paid attention to as well. A lot of credit goes to Rick for all that he wrote for the action. Gorgeous and triumphant action!

NYCAN Nuclear Ban Action: Saturday, January 16, 6:30 pm; E. 41st St. East of 1st Ave @ FDR & Sunday, January 17, 4:30 pm at the UN Illuminators, filmmakers, photographers and crew members met at E. 41st St. @ the FDR Drive on Saturday January 16 at 6:30 pm where they illuminated the north side of the UN with the words #NUCLEARBAN in several different languages. The Mexican ambassador observed it from their apartment slightly downtown and pictures went out to 186 diplomats from around the world. Many emails went out after indicating how moving, inspiring, and joyful this event was.

On Sunday, January 17 a group of about 15 Rise and Resisters and members of ICAN met at 43rd St. across from the UN for a photo shoot holding letters with lights which said #NUCLEARBAN. Pictures were taken across the street in front of the UN and also up the street in front of the Secretariat. Volunteers were treated to hot apple cider afterwards (some of it spiked beautifully with tequila). It was a joyous affair.

NYCAN has created a tool kit for New Yorkers. Did a polar plunge. On Thursday, January 28, they will be giving roses, letters to 50 nations ratifying the treaty.

ICAN also convinced the World Trade Center, 4 Times Square and the Bank of American Building at 1 Bryant Park to light up in UN blue to mark the Nuclear Ban Treaty entering into force.

UPCOMING ACTIONS & NEW ACTIONS

Thanking Georgia Organizers—Saturday, January 23 at 1 pm; Central Park Mall near the Women's rights Pioneer Monument

We are throwing a party to celebrate the achievements of 8 beautiful Black women who were instrumental in turning Georgia Blue. There will be posters of the 8 women, cupcakes, music and maybe even dancing.

New Proposed Action

TAX THE RICH: Thursday, January 28 at 4 pm; New York Stock Exchange

With the state of New York facing huge budget deficits, it is important to send the message to Albany and Cuomo that budget cuts are not acceptable during a pandemic. Instead, we need to seek new sources of revenue by taxing the billionaires and other rich people. In the coming weeks, there will be several actions to pressure Albany to raise revenues through taxes on those who can afford to pay more. The first one will be on Thursday, January 28 at the New York Stock Exchange. After that, pop up events with banners, signs etc. are being planned.

Request to approve the demonstration on Thurs. Jan. 28 at 4 pm at the Stock Exchange—need one banner—wanted up to \$300.

Action and \$300 approved.

Addendum to Tax the Rich—A zoom teach in is taking place on Thursday night. Link to this event is:

https://actionnetwork.org/events/tax-the-rich-campaign-102/?link_id=9&can_id=838264d893037679fba974f9df5d1874&source=email-we-need-you-on-the-phones&email_referrer=email_1047851_subject_1422474&email_subject=tax-the-rich-build-the-movement-in-new-york

From Livvie Mann to Everyone : investinourny.org

Recent DSA event per Mike Delia:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=225985575537517&ref=search>

DISCUSSION

Looking ahead to Impeachment Trial and Federal, State, and Local prosecutions of Trump, Trump Org., and Trump family members. Focus and messaging.

None of us anticipated the outcome of the election, the electoral college process, second impeachment, second senate trial. This changes how we might want to approach our follow through on Trump. Implications for messaging.

NY people to call out—Audrey Strauss, Leticia James, Cy Vance. Focus on the Senate trial or not? Can't really get rid of Trump.

Jay: Fortunate to be in NY. Would love for us to publicly call on Cy Vance, Letitia James to announce their charges. My hope is that at 3 pm Weds or 9 am Thurs, all of these people come out and formally issue their charges. If we get into the Biden admin and nothing has been announced in a few days, we publicly push for charges.

Peter: Bringing all the charges at once would be devastating to Trump.

Jonathan—waiting a day or two is not enough time. We could chase the Trumps for the rest of our lives. We really need to pursue social Justice. We give chasing Trump a week or two and then move on.

Maryellen—transform from individual Trump to group Trump thinking. Believe Trump will eventually be arrested but his legacy will remain. Move to Trumpism.

Cherie—I don't see us going after L. James and Cy Vance at all. These two are on board with pursuing Trump. Us pushing them won't make it happen sooner. We should support them. Want to turn to other issues—more on climate; healthcare; immigration; racial justice. No longer need to be distracted by this crazy person.

Virginia—Into working on other things—NYPD, 4 NY lawmakers who voted to overturn the election.

Mike—Trump—banks have left, many have abandoned him. We need to defeat Trumpism. Climate, healthcare, the pandemic. We can't be distracted by Trump. We can't have much impact on the Senate trial.

Mark—I'm not sanguine about Trump and Trumpism. This white supremacy thing is real and is not going away. We need to be ready to respond. One of the NY members of Congress is from SI and one is from Brooklyn. Support their constituents to take them out. Speculation that Ivanka will run against Rubio for Senate. (Get names of 4 congress people in NY who voted the wrong way)

Livvie—Schumer often doesn't have a spine and Cuomo is often the enemy

Ken—Many issues we need to keep fighting for; plenty of bad people who want to be the new heir apparent to Trump—Cruz, Hawley. Hawley is already trying to obstruct Biden appointments. Need to put a check on Schumer.

Jay—want to clarify—not calling for Leticia James or Cy Vance to be a focus after a couple of days. Trumpism is a huge problem in this country. It will affect every election in the next 4 to 8 years.

Jenny—whatever we do, white supremacy is terrorism needs to be there every step of the way. Should be part of every message.

Stu—Once worried about what would happen to this group when and if Trump left. Good that we work so well together and can fight for all of these issues.

Jennifer—having disabled people on SSI or SSDI; sent an article around last week (Link is below). Income being lost. Offices are closed so people can't apply for SSI. It's a broken system. It can take 2 or 3 years to get on SSI and what they pay out is way below the poverty level and then you can't work because you'll lose your benefits.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/14/opinion/supplemental-security-income-ssa-disability.html>

FINANCE

Susan is stepping back until mid-April due to increased workload during tax season.

NON-RISE AND RESIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE ON PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN FOR PAROLE JUSTICE IN NYS

An opportunity exists now that the legislature is back in session to get bills related to parole justice voted on. So many people are suffering from the current parole system. The People's Campaign for Parole Justice is hosting a virtual advocacy day beginning at 9:30 am on Wednesday, January 27. Click on the link below to register. Contact Donna Gould if you have questions.

<http://bit.ly/jan27-virtual-advocacy-day>

Here's a link to the event's flyer:

<http://rappcampaign.com/wp-content/uploads/Advocacy-Flyer-1-27-21.pdf>

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