

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.16.2021

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

Good News!

Bannon has turned himself in and will face trial.

Good article about Alex Jones in the Huffington Post. He loses the Sandy Hook lawsuit.
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/alex-jones-loses-fourth-lawsuit-over-sandy-hook-hoax-conspiracy_n_6192930ee4b0499c18bce841

Bad news regarding the Arbery and Rittenhouse trials. We will follow what other groups are doing and will connect with them.

Upcoming Actions:

11.23—NYCAN Action—Noon at City Hall (Broadway between Warren and Murray)

Robert C. will talk personally with Corey Johnson about two pieces of disarmament legislation. One is to advise the city on divestment education. Second is resolution to support a treaty and reaffirm NYC as a nuclear free zone. This would be the most progressive legislation in the world of any city. Outlook for this legislation is optimistic. We must keep the momentum going. Tues. Nov. 23 is a City Council meeting. Halt solitary will come up for a vote on Nov. 23 as well. Want a presence at the Tues. Nov. 23 on Broadway between Warren and Murray. We want about 15-20 people total. From Noon to 1 pm. Two banners, posters, and fliers.

11.18--Communities Not Cages—Noon at Foley Sq.

Launch to enact reform of sentencing laws. Center for Community Alternatives

11.18--Fair Elections Action—Noon at City Hall Park.

Freedom to Vote Act/John Lewis Voting Rights Act—still pushing to get the FTVA passed this year and the JLVRA. Really need these to pass this year and then we can undo the redistricting in heavily gerrymandered states.

Being presented as a press conference at City Hall. Tish James, Biaggi, and Brad Perlman to speak to get the press.

12.01—Strike for Choice—Noon—Whole Foods

Have people show up at Whole Foods with signs to bring attention to the fact that Whole Foods is a TX operation and have not made any statement about TX laws. Strike for Choice. Will be taken to the Actions Cttee.

New Actions:

11.20—Action to Urge Passage of NY Health Act—2 pm—Malcolm X Blvd between 125th and 124th

Huge campaign for NY health week of action. RaR is a member organization. This action's goal is to urge passage of the NY Health Act in the coming year

Wear scrubs if you have them or wear red. 2 pm music; 2:30 pm rally and speakers 2 to 4 pm. Will be a statewide Twitter storm which is virtual.

Links to Campaign for New York Health Week of Action this week:

Overall: <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/november2021action>

Digital media Day of Action on Thurs.: <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/111821digitalaction>

Need an endorsement—**Action Endorsed.**

Discussion about RaR Role in the 2022 Midterms

RaR is a direct-action organization but without the right electoral backing what should we do to help or not help in the midterm elections? What kind of involvement?

We need to pay attention to messaging. Inflation is a major threat and could hurt the Democrats.

We need to work on the Senate and the House.

Join Students for Justice to work on Senate races in NC, GA, and FLA.

We have to focus on getting the Voting Rights Bill passed in the short term.

Losing the House is an existential threat.

Inflation is bad but we can counter it by passing Build Back Better. If we could pass lower drug prices, universal pre-K and other things could be huge to winning elections.

We're about resistance. Lee Zeldin pushback is a start. We will be electing a Governor and a new Attorney General. Republicans may put a hard on crime candidate up and that could be tricky. We have NY elections to keep our eye on.

Voting rights matters most right now. Focus on White Supremacy because it is the underpinning of everything.

What can we do around the filibuster? Do the round the clock filibuster action again—way more public place. Do it somewhere that would get a lot of publicity and pull in some media.

Not any blue will do. NY is a good example. Need to get some better progressive candidates. We have to focus on climate in what we do about things.

Report Backs:

11.10--Cop26 Gathering for Global Solidarity

XR asked for different groups to host different nights of vigils. We hosted Weds. night. We had our banners and signs, made some special signs for the occasion—Actions not Words. We stood for about 2 hours. We made our presence known.

11.11--Immigration Vigil at the Oculus

We hadn't been at the Oculus since before the pandemic. Arriving at 4:45 pm, the deputy inspector saw us and immediately started to say we couldn't protest there. He said we had to go upstairs to the plaza. They were going to give us 3 warnings before arresting us. Jamie discussed what the issues were. Agreement was we wouldn't put out our banners and we would stand far enough apart so we didn't interrupt the pedestrian flow. About 15 people showed up and they agreed to stay through the second warning and hold our ground until then. None of us wanted to get arrested without support and lawyers.

We had about 10 signs and leaflets—5 facing one direction; 5 facing the other direction. We held the space for an hour. Will have to figure out what to do next time we go to the Oculus. The issue is that it's a mall and they don't want protests there.

These protests are important because they help people know that they are not alone.

11.12--Say Their Names

We continue. We wonder what's going to happen with the two trials going on. Institutional and structural racism is blatant white supremacy.

11.13--Think Global Act Local March

Sponsored by the NY Renews Coalition march of which RaR is a member. March was from Times Sq to Hochel's office to push her to act on climate. Pass the CCIA this year. An Estimated 500 people were there. Sat down, speakers, lots of banners, lots of energy. Large and diverse march.

At the end, there was a news conference. Jumaane Williams was there. Surprised that the crowd skewed older.

11.16--Fox Truth Tuesday

Healthcare led this one. Interesting collaboration between healthcare and Truth Tuesday collaborators. Had the idea of gravestones as if there was a little cemetery with simple messages "I listen to Fox". Fox lies lead to the death of Americans. Up to 762,000 dead which is a huge undercount. It's great that we have established this space. Security has taken a hands-off position. Dr. Milo Vassallo joined us on a few planning sessions, and Milo and Holley Atkinson of Persist Brooklyn took part in the action. Having been on the pandemic's front lines, Milo suggested we create graphically bloody signs, which Julie took to heart.

Weather folks couldn't do their broadcast outside because we were there chanting Fox Lies People Die.

Shout out to George and Julie for working with healthcare. This was a real collaboration on an action. Would be good to have more.

Quick pitch for social media for the Fox actions. More tweeting.

Should consider having healthcare at Fox once a month. Get some healthcare workers to be present—doctors, nurses etc.

Non-RaR Announcements

11.18--Farm Workers Justice Demo—4 pm at 280 Park Ave. between 48th-49th St.

Still trying to work on the Wendy's boycott. Action will be at Tryon Partners office, Wendy's largest institutional shareholder. Want Wendy's to sign on to the fair food program. That program is a way for signers to agree to support standards developed about Covid 19 safety and heat stress and other benefits. Only come to NY 1 or 2X a year. Their demos are really amazing.

11.21--Canvas or Turn on the Tap—Noon to 3:30 pm

People are asked to come to Washington Square Park to do a canvas to get the people in the park to give a message to Debra Glick—head of higher education committee —she is holding the

TAP bill in her committee and not letting it get passed. This bill will allow incarcerated people to have financing for their college education. This benefit was taken away in 1995. Used to have a lot of programs; now there are only 5. A great film to watch on this subject is “College Behind Bars”. It is transformative.

11.30--Vaccine campaign and Global Day of Action—Something is in the works. Annual ministerial meeting for World Trade Organization—international property rights suspended during covid. Want treatments available so people don’t die. The Waiver issue has percolated up. Activists will be inside the meeting. Solidarity actions will be happening in conjunction with those activists. The Biden admin came out in favor of this process but has done nothing to bring it to fruition. It takes the U. S. to make this happen. Pfizer is threatened by the intellectual property part of this and has lobbied many of the countries. Doing an action and this is just a “save the date”. Probably late pm/early evening. Maybe Times Square. Maybe 30 to 60 minutes. More details next week.

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