

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.23.2021

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting [click here](#)
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**Facilitators:** Livvie and Karin    **Notes:** Sandy

### Good News!

- Roger Stone and Alec Jones subpoenaed
- Proud Boys and Oath Keepers subpoenaed
- White Nationalists have been fined for \$26MM from Charlottesville
- 5th Year anniversary of RaR
- House passed the Build Back Better act

[Here's the link to the Build Back Better bill summary from the Congressional Progressive Caucus](#)

### Upcoming/New Actions:

**11.27 Saturday at 9 am INBK at Schumer's House**—9 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn  
Keeping pressure on Schumer to pass the Voting Rights act  
Bang pots and pans in front of Schumer's building  
Will get social media for our sites

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblenationbk/event/428479/>

Need endorsement: **Endorsed**

**11.30—FOX Tuesday at 9 am –News Corp Headquarters at 48<sup>th</sup> St. and Sixth Ave.**

FOX Tuesdays 12.07, 12.14, 12.21—New times for Xmas shoppers and Rockettes  
Dec. 7 at noon.  
Dec. 14 at 12:30 to 1:30 pm

**11.30 Tuesday at 5:15 pm Vaccine Access** — Red Steps in Times Square

Part of the campaign that RaR has been a part of with other groups nationally and globally. Need to make vaccines available globally as fast as possible. Rich countries are hogging the vaccine at the expense of poorer countries. The pharma industry is trying to protect their profits. It's a Global Day of Action to coincide with the opening of the annual ministerial meeting of the WTO. Vaccine access is one of top items on their agenda. They are pushing to suspend the international patent control to enable vaccines to be generically produced all over the world. The Biden admin has voiced support but has done nothing to make it happen. In the U.S. asking the WTO to stand up to the European Union and to call on the Biden admin to push for this. Candlelight vigil and solidarity action. Meeting at South End of Duffy Square. RaR is a co-sponsor of this event. Need bells for this event. Bring them.

Here's the link: <https://facebook.com/events/s/global-day-of-action-for-vaccci/995202804391521/>  
<https://rethinktrade.org/toolkit/wto-ministerial-global-call-to-action/>

Here's the link to the Action Network event for Times Square Vaccine Justice Vigil:  
[https://actionnetwork.org/events/global-day-of-action-for-vaccine-justice-nyc-solidarity-vigil?clear\\_id=true](https://actionnetwork.org/events/global-day-of-action-for-vaccine-justice-nyc-solidarity-vigil?clear_id=true)

Here's a social media toolkit for the Global Day of Action for Vaccine Justice:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19db12x01m2TMIQCEE1WgFlvMC3X2KFTv6G74Ef8CB-4/edit#heading=h.appo0icv3uk8>

Earlier today, NGOs in the US held a terrific online press conference with major US media outlets about the upcoming WTO Ministerial meeting. Here's the video:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/582259503065433/>

19:28:22 From Mark Hannay to Everyone:

Here's an in-depth written brief about the upcoming WTO meeting and the pandemic:  
[https://www.twn.my/title2/briefing\\_papers/MC12/briefings/WTO%20reform%20&%20WTO%20pandemic%20response%20TWNBP%20MC12.pdf](https://www.twn.my/title2/briefing_papers/MC12/briefings/WTO%20reform%20&%20WTO%20pandemic%20response%20TWNBP%20MC12.pdf)

**12.01 Wednesday-Folks going to DC for SCOTUS arguments on Mississippi abortion case**

Going to the Supreme Court. A is 4—Karin is on the board, aligning with Shout Your Abortion. Hearing is at 10 am. 1 pm will Hold the Line—will circle the Supreme Court to symbolically hold them.

**12.01 Wednesday at 3 PM Immigration Vigil at NYSE Tree Lighting—Federal Hall Steps**

Special vigil in honor of tree lighting at the stock exchange. Have done this for the past three

years. Various themes—corporate complicity, love thy neighbor, Jesus and Mary were refugees. Lots of people walk through and are not expecting to see something like this. A small silent protest provides some cognitive dissonance. There will be a Facebook event.

#### **12.04 Saturday at 6 PM. NYYRC Club Gala—location TBD**

Young Republicans Club Gala Event

No announcement of location.

One of Trump's lawyers will be keynote speaker. They are committed to the Big Lie, the audit, the insurrection. Important for us to show up with our 14th amendment banner and a few signs. Their clubhouse is 53 W. 28th St. #5.

#### **12.07 Tuesday at 1 PM AIG Climate Action—AIG Headquarters-Former Time Life**

**Building-1271 Sixth Avenue** Timed to follow the FOX News action from noon to 1 pm.

New action being proposed. Will need a vote. A coalition of groups including XR, NY CC, Public Citizen have been planning this action. AIG-major insurer of fossil fuels, mainly coal. New headquarters is right across the street from Radio City, very near FOX News headquarters. Action will have a Xmas theme, targeting the CEO. He thinks he's a good guy; will be portraying him as a bad guy. Jay Walker will wear the Peter Zaffino mask. 4 bikes and a platform in between; the Peter Zaffino Grinch will be on a float with giant piles of coal. A petition will be delivered by some elves. We will have actual coal that we can dump and then clean up later. The grinch will be distributing coal candy. Informational flyers. If you don't insure it, you can't build it. Banners and other elements will be there to show people what we're doing. Aim is to increase awareness and get AIG to stop insuring coal projects, divest from current projects, be a good actor.

Need endorsement: **Action Endorsed**

#### **12.16 Tuesday—No More 24—Action in support of home health care workers**

Rally on behalf and led by healthcare workers that work 24 hours a day and are paid for 13 hours a day often by NGOs and other philanthropic organizations. Tues. Dec. 7, colleague will come and talk about it. Was approved last week. Time to be announced.

#### **Two letters signed onto for Fair Elections and Campaign Finance**

Reinvent Albany M of O to prevent undermining of NYC Campaign Finance Board

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mB1i-gsl1abE3ftRUgZgIoFrQgYOC2BLXe129dcjiwA/edit>

Brennan center Letter to Hochul re: voting rights

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YEzC8eH3PbGjZVPqcl-WKk257OzJGiXA/edit>

One is re: a bill coming up on City Council will undermine the NYC Campaign Finance Board.

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**Discussion: The issues raised by the “right to self-defense” in support of Kyle Rittenhouse’s acquittal, and how that affects us.**

Discussion was kicked off by reading a quote from the Young Republicans.

*"Mr. Rittenhouse acted within the law in self-defense at a time when Democrats had decided to allow American cities to burn. When government does not take action, people will step up on their own and the consequences can be devastating"*

We think about Rittenhouse because he’s gotten a lot of airtime. What’s scary are the ramifications. A statement by the Young Republicans of NY stated they were happy to find that he was non-guilty.

Feel we have been lucky in NY to have strict gun laws that would prohibit something like this. Last summer, someone would have died in NY if we had gun laws like that.

Should demand interstate riot laws to prosecute this.

During some of the demonstrations last summer, cars entered the demos and that was scary. They claimed they did so because they were afraid their car would get trashed by the demonstrators. And, in some of the situations we took the bait and things escalated. Makes me more committed to not take the bait and to be very conscious of what we’re doing and saying. We don’t want to allow things to escalate if we can. This acquittal gave people permission to be empowered to be physically more aggressive and potentially violent.

At the Fox rally, we were focusing on the lies that Fox has been telling about Rittenhouse. I am worried about the killings in Waukesha killed by a black man. NO evidence that it was terrorism or anything about Rittenhouse. Worried this will be exploited by the right.

A Supreme Court case will be argued that will possibly gut NY’s strong gun laws. We should be on the alert when that case is being argued. NY subways could become very dangerous.

Gays against Guns would be a good ally in working on this. We should join them in working on this if they are.

Trying to prepare self for a bad outcome in the Arbury trial.

Left me fearful if this stands and spreads, what does it mean for those of us who do direct action in the street? It reinforces that it’s critical that we remain committed to non-violent direct-action principles. Need to avoid hostility and aggression in our actions. Doesn’t mean we don’t assert our points of view with regard to civil disobedience, but we need to be intentional about all of that.

Talked about Uncivil Disobedience regarding climate. We sometimes do things that will upset people even though they are non-violent. Very scary situation.

How do we think about things differently now that we are on the road to fascism? I know it's not a revolution. I believe in non-violence. Nothing in me makes me feel prepared.

### **Report Backs:**

**11.17 Wednesday—Communities not Cages**—picked up two endorsements for our bill

**11.18 Thursday—Fair Elections at City Hall**—organized by the Fair Elections coalition. This time it was focused on elected officials to speak strongly about passing the Freedom to Vote act. Two gubernatorial candidates spoke—James and Williams plus State Senators Biaggi and Myrie.

**11.19 Friday—Say Their Names—every Friday at 4:30 pm.**

Our White Supremacy banner made its debut at Fox today. It was attacked at the STN last Friday. It was an agitated, likely mentally ill person. The banner withstood the onslaught. The group was reminded that these are just banners that can be replaced. Given the Rittenhouse verdict, it was important for us to be there.

Saugerties has a weekly action to support this issue. Usually, 5-6 people show up. For every 50 honks, 2 assholes.

**11.23 Tuesday at 9 am--Truth Tues at FOX**—Kyle Rittenhouse was the focus

A lot of the signage. Focused on Tucker and the Rittenhouse themes of vigilantism and racism. The three banners are great, great turnout given the very chilly weather. This won't be a one off since racism is core to their message. We will continue this message on Dec. 7 and maybe on the 30th. An AP photographer was there—Michael Broxstein. The flyer focused on Rittenhouse. The consistency of this Fox action feels like its leading to something bigger. We are coming closest to trying to stop Fox's lies.

Expenses for the healthcare committee for the Nov. 16 healthcare FOX action went over the budget. The cost for prop supplies need to be reimbursed. \$290.33 is the amount. Ask for \$300.

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**11.23 Tuesday at noon-NYCAN Action at City Hall**

Good turnout. People did a double and triple header after Truth Tuesday in the am. The legislation will be coming up for a vote on Dec. 9th. Students from Pace University were there. 10 City Council members said they were voting for it. Corey's SUV passed the students posters and our posters. Our crowd looked bigger than it was. We need to keep up the momentum. We made phone calls to co-sponsors. We have 5 or 6 new council members we're trying to get

onboard. NYCAN is thrilled with the RaR collaboration. Calls on comptroller to divest. This legislation has teeth.

Supposed to be a City Council vote for Halt Solitary today.

250 Broadway is where City Council offices are. Google NY City Council Calendar to find out where the stated meetings are. Usually, they are once a month. This month there were 3.

**Non RaR Announcements:**

Homeless situation—City Council is going to congratulate their employees that they are handling the homeless situation. Submit testimony in two weeks. Links in chat. Next Monday is the next meeting of the supportive housing tenants' group. Next week will save the date for trip to Albany. NY Housing Coalition. Vague action in DC on Dec. 7th. Related to homelessness. More info next week.

City Council State of the Homeless upcoming meeting, (chance for testimony); DHS, HRA, shelters will say how great they are and how much they have accomplished, how perfect they are. This is our chance to Fight Back with stories of who are street homeless, shelter homeless, are at risk of becoming homeless, etc. It will be on Zoom. Live testimony is limited to 2 minutes, written testimony can be submitted for up to 72 hours following the day of the hearing.

<https://council.nyc.gov/data/homeless/>

<https://council.nyc.gov/testify/>

<https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=907744&GUID=01C21F2F-037A-4C00-9813-8F9AEADFCA62&Options=info%7C&Search=>

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