

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 11.24.2020

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GOOD NEWS!

GSA has finally started the transition and Biden is being given access to transition funds and resources. Trump is not conceding but is letting things happen.

- Most of **Biden's picks for senior positions are considered at least decent**; refreshing change from what we had.

NYS Senate got a super-majority. We need to see what they do with this power but it is promising for New York. This is something to be very proud of. The State Senate had 23 Democrats in 2017 when we started. We worked hard and in 2 years we went from 23 to 42. This is the power of the grassroots in action.

Possible news—The City is moving toward banning solitary confinement. Not a done deal yet but things are pointing in the right direction. Things were taking so long that Advocates went to the City Council and the Council introduced legislation but what has been introduced is not as strong as what was wanted.

PA and NV just certified Biden as the winner.

REPORT BACKS

Demo at Guiliana's Home: Thursday, November 19 at noon

Went up to Guiliana's apt at 66th and Madison. He was still going out at this point. We got a surprisingly positive response from the UES. Only 1 or 2 annoying hecklers. We did a little educating since some didn't know he lived there. A lot of horn honking and positive reactions. It happened to be at the exact time he gave his hair dye drip presentation.

Emily Murphy action: Saturday, November 21 at 2 pm at AIDS Memorial

Robert C: This action was planned by Martin and I with help from Jackie and others, demo at the AIDS Memorial and Lennox emergency care asking EM to do her job. Good turnout. The site was really good; good visuals at the AIDS memorial and at the hospital. Couple of typos on some of the signs; they were caught so not in the pictures. Great visuals. Friends saw us on NBC. Justin Hendricks posted a tweet on it. 80,000 people had seen it by the time EM signed her release. Someone said this was the most responsible protesting of 2020—masked, social distancing. Thank you from the healthcare workers. Wonderful posters by Elka so she was participating from afar. Some comments about the Trump balloon as an example of fat shaming. Martin: Happy about the exposure on NBC because it raised awareness of who Emily Murphy is. The timing of this action was perfect.

Project LGBT asylum seekers: Saturday, November 21 at Stonewall

Vivian: It was endorsed but wasn't an RaR action. Great rally at the beginning; excellent speakers at the beginning. People from Q-death and the Black LGBTQ migrant project and the LGBTQ refugee shelter. Marched from Stonewall to Wash Sq Park. Incident there when a scooter cop ran over a demonstrator.

Coalition meeting to discuss 11/14 March against NYPD Rioting and Violence

Jamie: Jay organized this march. It was a coalition action. The only groups represented RaR, Radical Women, United against Racism and Facism, etc. A lot of overlap with Jay at the center. Many other groups were not present on the planning call. Some issues about mask adherence raised on the call. Discussion about civility and how we talk to one another. None of the key people were there. A great discussion but all from the same POV. Did agree that we would continue working on—eliminate the strategic response group; group organizing to get clemency for people arrested at various demos like one about the curfew. Some interest in supporting existing court cases and interest in getting all cases dropped as opposed to cases here and there. Nothing likely to happen in December. Will wait until the new year. But, interest in doing coalition work in the new year. Jay, Alexis or Jamie will continue the conversation. Alexandra: Different take—people not present were largely POC. Several people on the call were going to reach out to them. To get them to sit at the same table was going to take more work. It was a thoughtful discussion.

Protect the Results Meeting

Jamie and Alexandra were on call: Call was celebratory right after GSA approved transition and MI certified the vote. Split between those still nervous and those who feel confident the transition will happen. Watching closely for red flags indicating Trump is seriously challenging the results, we will meet to discuss steps. If it's just doubts and talk about conspiracy theories, won't give these things more attention than necessary. People are focusing on Georgia. Not worrying about Trump talking fraud. This leaves RaR an opening to do whatever we want. Coalition is going to stay in touch but not meet on a regular basis unless necessary.

REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT

Freedom Agenda Action coming up: Saturday, December 12 at Noon; 92nd and Second Ave. Darren Mack: co-director of Freedom Agenda—organizing people and communities directly impacted by incarceration. Working on the human rights crisis at Rikers Island. Work focuses on decarceration and divestment in prisons. Action planning is on Sat. Dec. 12. March to Mayor's house highlighting human rights crisis in NYC jailed, especially Rikers. Main demand is releasing people immediately due to Covid emergencies. Demand City do all they can to protect the human rights of incarcerated people—ending solitary, adequate PPE in prison, city addresses ongoing abuses of the Dept of corrections—3 deaths in the past month due to negligence and abuse of the Department of Corrections. Shift funding to things to support people when they leave jail. Urge Mayor now to close Rikers, close the women's Rikers immediately. Partners around the renewable Rikers plan; transform the island to green infrastructure. Starting location is outside of Metropolitan Hospital in UES-East Harlem—92nd and 2nd Ave. March to Gracie Mansion. Starts at noon; to Gracie Mansion at 2 pm.

Do we take to the street or take the sidewalk? Need marshals? How many? Goal is 200 people. Jamie: Scouted Central Park to Gracie Mansion. The police allow us to take the street like we couldn't before. RaR can provide foot marshals. On Sat. 2nd Ave in the 90's has light traffic.

They will be promoting masks and social distancing.

RaR can help print a banner. Some discussion about wheelchairs but not resolved. Robert felt wheelchairs might be a stretch for the weekend.

This action is ENDORSED.

NEW AND UPCOMING ACTIONS

NO Thanks Given to GOP Collaborateurs: Thursday, November 26 at noon; 81st and CPW

Jamie: FB page—Reason most of us are not doing anything to celebrate Thanksgiving is because of how COVID has been mis-handled; hence this action. Hashed out 16 placards, themes, route and what we'll do. Meet at American Museum of Natural History; a place that totally misrepresents the Native American experience and history. March down CPW to the Trump Hotel. Highlight 8 Republicans who are particularly horrible. Mitch M, Lindsey G., Emily M., Rudy G., Kevin McCarthy, etc. Signage will include: Protect the Vote, It's over/Trump Lost, The people have spoken, Concede. This is an alternative parade down CPW. Starts at noon. More festive atmosphere would be good.

- Katrina suggestion if it rains: Use clear umbrellas and write Concede.
- Stu: The parade is on 34th St so we'll have the whole route to ourselves. While many are folding, the point still needs to be made about the damage to our democracy that has been done by their stalling the legitimacy of this election.

Action has already been approved by the ERT. Need to vote to post-approve of this action.

This action is APPROVED.

Young Republicans Dinner Protest: Thursday December 3 at 6 pm -547 West 26th St.

This looks like a super spreader event in the making. Sarah Palin speaking. We want a noisy presence there. Mark wants to take action to try to shut it down. Likely won't be able to stay within the limit of 50 people. Theme is not about Sarah Palin, but about the Republican Party spreading lies and having a super spreader event during the pandemic. One of the lies is about the fraud, the GA signatures, whatever the lies dejour are at that time. This is a very wealthy, high powered group and really conservative. Start time needs to be confirmed.

This action is APPROVED.

Climate Action at Bank of America: Date TBD; location is BofA at 42nd St. and Sixth Ave.

Trump is pushing for leases to drill in the Arctic. Every major funding group including JP Morgan Chase, Wells F, Morgan Stanley.....not going to fund Arctic Drilling. One bank is a holdout—Bank of America. Planning an action. BofA has a BofA tower in NYC—5th largest—42nd and 6th Ave. Quick action soon; no date yet. Outside BofA, walk through, assemble outside on 42nd St side and protest/demo against BofA calling on them to do what every other bank has agreed to do. Puts them on notice that we are watching and we expect what everyone else is doing.

This action is APPROVED.

Third Beds Not Body Bags: Friday, November 27 from 1 to 2 pm at 103rd St and Roosevelt Ave.

Mark Hannay: Third of the Qns actions to call attention to the disparity across the city of where the hospital beds are. Qns has the lowest rate across the city. Did one in mid-August outside Elmhurst hospital which bore the brunt of the wave in the spring. The second one was in Jackson Hts. Both well-received with good media coverage. This one will be in the Corona section of Qns.

Leon: Lowest per capita hospital beds. Corona is at 103rd and Roosevelt. Dominican and Mexican neighborhood; very Latin neighborhood. Our materials are in both English and Spanish. Also has lagged behind in recovering. JAMA reports that hospital beds are linked to mortality rates; People in Qns are dying due to fewer hospital beds. Medicaid pays little; hospitals can't support themselves. Also happening in other poor neighborhoods in the City but to a lesser degree. Fri Nov. 27 from 1 to 2pm. Trying to catch the Farmer's market which closes at 3 pm. Takes 10 or more people.

Mary's postcard action—Postcards to Georgia Party—every Monday at 8 pm on Zoom.

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Climate Committee-request to provide panelist for program Todd Fernandez came to our meeting last Tues. Two asks: Todd is pulling together a Climate Convergence Symposium—Dec. 9-10. Noon to 8 pm—Todd has invited us to contribute a speaker on Dec. 10 to talk about activism. Second ask is to co-host the Climate Convergence. This just means to endorse. There will be six different sessions/panels.

Approved to list RaR as a co-host.

Finance - Net worth \$18.,813, decrease of \$200.

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tee Shirts - We have a bunch of old tee shirts from older events. We have them as physical on-hand merchandise. WE want to give them away. Take them to a protest and say have a free tee shirt. Robert (not Croonquist) gardening242@yahoo.com has a list of inventory. Contact Robert if you want to give away SWAG. They are not on the website.

Movement for a green new deal—Tax the Rich to fund the Green New Deal in NYS—in front of Bezos mansion, Thurs Dec. 3 at 4:30 pm to 6 pm. 212 Fifth Ave and 26th St.

Mary Ellen in DC—in 57 days an event, Mary Ellen will be there in DC Jan 18-21. A few hands went up.

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