

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 8.9.2022

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**Facilitators:** Livvie and Karin **Notes:** Sandy 23 people attending

### GOOD NEWS!

- **Kansas** voters reject abortion amendment,
- **Alex Jones** fined \$50 Million,
- Gregory and Travis McMichael sentenced to life for murdering **Ahmaud Arbery**
- **The Inflation Reduction Act** passed the Senate finally.
- **Rudy Giuliani** has been ordered to appear in front of GJ in Jury in GA by Aug. 17-can't fly, take a bus.
- **FBI** executed a court ordered search warrant in **Mar-a-Lago**.
- **Scott Perry's cell phone** was seized by the FBI.
- **Trump tax returns**-DC appeals court ruled he has to turn over the returns now
- **Trumps' real estate firm** turned over 30,000 pages to the AG.

### UPCOMING/NEW ACTIONS

**8/11 Thursday, 5PM, Grand Central.** Immigration Vigil. Discussion about Gov Abbot (TX) & Ducey's (AZ) exploitation of migrants by busing to NYC/DC. How to raise this issue in our vigil.

The plan was to go back to Grand Central and do the same vigil as two weeks ago. Use "US Immigration Policy is a Crime" but we may want to do something slightly different. Want to have a discussion to address immigrants being bused into the City. Our Mayor

speaks out of both sides of their mouth. Asylum seekers are being used as political pawns. We want them welcomed to NY and given assistance.

Brian Lehrer segment from yesterday is very good.

Here is a link: <https://www.wnyc.org/story/nycs-commissioner-immigrant-affairs/>  
Don't really have good posters to address this.

### **Messaging Ideas**

Some messaging ideas raised were:

- Seeking asylum is not a crime [already have a banner for this]
- Keep families together
- Immigrants are welcome here
- Gov. Abbott is guilty of human trafficking [many thought this did not apply here]

One idea was to meet the buses at Port Authority, but many felt that arriving there with messages alone and no services would not be appropriate. These people need help. We need to engage on a level that is appropriate. Jonathan suggested we reach out to Maria Gambale who can connect us with how we can actually help.

### **8/11 Thursday ARREST TRUMP overpass pop-up after the immigration vigil-6:30 pm**

Do a series over 10 days/2 weeks of over pass actions. First in the series will be at the Intrepid overpass. Meet on the east side of the West Side Highway at 46th and 10th Ave. Orange letters from Julie that say ARREST TRUMP. Maybe half an hour starting at 6:30 pm.

Jackie Rudin can come to photograph.

Brooklyn overpass pop-up in Carol Gardens over the BQE

Discussed doing this after the Monday Malliotakis but decided to table it for another time.

### **8/12 Friday 8:30AM at 60 Centre St. Weisselberg appearance in Criminal Court to set trial date. Trial set to start October 24.**

Alan Weisselberg, CFO of the Trump organization, is the sole person who has criminal charges brought by Bragg. Trial date will be set for the fall and will be somewhat newsworthy. Court time is 9 am in Foley Square. Decided against a banner because the banners are too Trumpy. Have hand-held signs. Weisselberg don't be a chump, flip on Trump; no one is above the law; etc. assortment of hand-held signs. Those attending were asked to check out Weisselberg's picture so they'd be sure to recognize him on Friday.

### **8/15 Monday at 4:30 pm--Malliotakis Monday**

Meeting at 4:30 pm at 86th St. And 4th Ave in BayRidge. Will go as late as 6 pm. New, updated flyers to take into account voting against insulin etc. We will march a bit more than last time. Facebook event and sign-up form have been shared.

Here is the Facebook event for the next Malliotakis Monday event next Monday Aug. 15:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/5467598583322358>

Here is the sign-up form for the next Malliotakis Monday:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefU4ToyXAiQ\\_-Jc7cukLaDcPQ7sWOeaDx\\_7qQPgOa5zh409w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefU4ToyXAiQ_-Jc7cukLaDcPQ7sWOeaDx_7qQPgOa5zh409w/viewform)

**Schumer action**—Mark Milano—Chuck Schumer is the one made the IRA bill happen. There is a need to go to his place and thank him. Combo thank you/what's next action. Indivisible Brooklyn is already planning something. Mark was directed to connect with Wendy Brandes who is very involved with Brooklyn Indivisible.

For anyone who didn't get Wendy's weekly action newsletter, below is a link to the most recent one. Includes Rise & Resist as always. You can hit the subscribe button to get it delivered next week!

<https://mailchi.mp/a87018c854a7/on-monday-call-your-senators-to-thank-or-condemn-them>

**Healthcare Action**--Maybe think about something next week after the House votes and Biden signs. Maybe a bigger, more public the week of August 15. Maybe at his Manhattan office at 780 Third Ave. at 48<sup>th</sup> St.

### **INFLATION REDUCTION ACT DISCUSSION**

The good, the bad, and the ugly in healthcare and climate change sections of the bill.

Link to a summary of the IRA bill from the Congressional Progressive Caucus:

[https://www.progressivecaucuscenter.org/inflation-reduction-act-details?fbclid=IwAR1QC96atN2EKXZtY2evtRSGNb7\\_vWDSrR91c9xQ5puveHMbFBjZGBmYfmU](https://www.progressivecaucuscenter.org/inflation-reduction-act-details?fbclid=IwAR1QC96atN2EKXZtY2evtRSGNb7_vWDSrR91c9xQ5puveHMbFBjZGBmYfmU)

The above CPC summary is from late July and the final Senate bill is a bit different on tax reforms. The "carried interest" provision on private equity investors was dropped (at the insistence of Sen. Sinema), and was replaced by the new 1% excise tax on corporate stock buybacks.

Here's a good article for the everyday/non-expert/non-policy-wonk reader about the new Medicare Rx drug pricing reforms:

<https://www.statnews.com/2022/08/09/democrats-drug-pricing-bill-will-help-medicare-patients/>

### **Discussion:**

Healthcare introduction by Mark Hannay:

Slimmed down version of House bill; mainly things for people on Medicare; sets up a structure to begin to negotiate drug prices with the Pharma industry. Industry is really pissed off. Will phase and ramp up over time. It will limit how much drug companies can raise prices every year tied to inflation. If drug companies don't abide by this, people will get rebates. Caps insulin to \$35 per month per prescription for those on Medicare.

Medicare expenses will cap at \$2,000 per year. Continues the expanded health insurance premium subsidies; graduated by income.

Taxes: More money to IRS to go after tax cheats. Use the money to improve customer service. Imposes a 1% excise tax for stock buybacks. Imposes a mandatory 15% corporate income tax on corporations over \$1B a year on booked profits.

Climate introduction by Stu:

Most of the money will go toward a tax credit to buy electric vehicles. This is going to be something that will keep going. Big investment in renewables. Tied into every investment in renewables, need to open up oil leases all over the country. Total \$ being spent is \$380B. The Princeton zero carbon project estimated it would take \$9 trillion to be net zero by 2050. Overall messaging is too positive based on what this bill will do. Too big a victory lap.

### **Reactions/Comments:**

Need to declare Climate emergency, push on the local level

IRA is a small step forward, must keep fighting, according to Bill McKibben this Bill reflects the current balance of power between fossil fuels and climate

Bill Gates is working on nuclear energy to go online by 2028. Nuclear power plants are weapons of war and terrorism.

Schumer's perspective is that we have cracked the door, and this is important.

Ironic that AARP was doing a campaign to negotiate drug prices that AARP got in bed with the Republicans 20 years ago and prevented it from going through. Prohibited Medicare from negotiating before but their muscle got it through this time.

We'll have to keep our eye on how the healthcare and fossil fuel issues get implemented.

As activists we need to push our side. We have midterms coming and we want the Democrats to look good this November.

## **REPORT BACKS**

### **8/3 INDICT at Trump Tower**

It was hot; got some good exposure on social media. Good reactions. Glenn Kirschner tweet was good. Just another day at Trump Tower. Thank you to Justice warriors.

**8/5 Commemoration** of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the Japanese Consulate  
Small number of people there. People from Japan who had experienced the attack were present. A Japanese woman sang. Various groups spoke. Got us thinking about what the U.S. had done. Really meaningful to hear from actual survivors. Treaty passed in 2017 is really having an effect on discussions worldwide about nuclear weapons. Positive steps are being taken due to international pressure.

NYCAN's PSA on what would REALLY happen if NYC was hit with a nuclear weapon. Please spread widely <https://vimeo.com/730868123>

Here's action you can take in response to the NYC Office of Emergency Management's irresponsible PSA on nuclear preparedness <https://vimeo.com/730869715>

### **8/5 Say Their Names**

Good weather. About 20 people. Some good news this week with justice served in the Ahmaud Arbery case. The system works sometimes. The numbers of people killed by the police makes it hard to grasp so we Say Their Names.

**8/9 Truth Tuesdays at FOX** every Tuesday at 10AM 47th & 6th Ave.,

**On Saturday, August 6** a couple of RaRers tabled at the Park Slope Greenmarket. It was too hot for conversation. Farmer's market folks came, shopped and went home. They didn't want to engage.

**On Tuesday, August 9**, many walked over from the early morning Trump Tower action. It turned out to be a bunch of people despite the heat.

**On Tuesday, August 9**, another small FOX action took place—some have a view of the plaza at Fox and Jamie wanted to photo bomb them. Robert and Jamie picked time, place, props etc. At noon on 8/9, Jamie dressed in black and stood in the bright sun and waited for Robert to say “show the sign”, Fox Lies. It was a good effort but didn't quite work but FOX noticed they were there. After that they shut down the plaza. They were aware of us. Will work to perfect this in the future.

Julie was interviewed by a Fox reporter. “You're the Tuesday group!”

### **8/9–Trump Tower action**

Call out to Karin for having the idea last night.  
We set up early so we got the best spot right under the Trump Tower clock.

Lots of press out. Good chalking, lots of interviews. Lots of photos picked up by major news outlets.

A MAGA group came with the Trump 2024 sign. We respected their first amendment right to be there and did not take their bait which could have sparked an altercation.

### **NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday, August 10** at 11 am—City Hall--Rikers' is as bad as ever and it's really really hot there. Demo about Rikers by Halt Solitary.

**Saturday, August 13**--Early voting starts this Saturday; use it or lose it.

**Sat. Aug 13 at 11 am**—Rally for Reproductive Justice at Washington Sq Park

**Sun. Aug. 14 at noon**--ActUp and MonkeyPox action coalition at Schumer's office at 780 Third Avenue at 48<sup>th</sup> St.

**Robert Jackson's campaign** needs help. His opponent is a former IDCer. Community is being deceived.

<https://www.cityandstateny.com/politics/2022/08/charter-school-super-pac-targets-state-sens-robert-jackson-gustavo-rivera/375263/>

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