

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition – 06.29.21

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### Good news:

Garland sues Georgia over their voting laws.

Giuliani's law license suspended.

Supreme court refuses to hear transgender rights issue, upholding lower court's decision to allow a transgender person to use the bathroom of their gender identify.

### Report backs:

#### 6.18. Say Their Names

Happens every Friday, weather permitting, at 96<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway

It took place last Friday at 5 pm; 25 people showed up. Started early June of 2020; going on for a full year.

#### 6.26--Filibuster action at Brooklyn Green Market

Market was busy. The action started by the arch where we stood for close to an hour and then marched to Schumer's apartment building. People were mostly supportive but a few agreed with Sinema. We blocked the sidewalk in front of Schumer's building for a photo shoot.

There was some discussion of how to combat those who are afraid the filibuster will be used against us when the Republicans take over the Senate. We have more questions than answers at this point.

#### 6.26—Voter Suppression Action at Chuck Schumer's Apartment Building

This was another filibuster action led by IndivisibleBK—RaR co-sponsored—participants made a very long line waiting to vote to illustrate voter suppression—They carried signs and wore "I voted" stickers with a big X across it. The voter line moved slowly to a fake voting place. People chanted, distributed water, banner was front and center. Lots of police but they did not do much. At the end of the action, a group phone call was made with the message to PASS S1. IndivisibleBK had a light projector which they took to the arch and projected a couple of GET IT DONE, CHUCK messages.

Short video of action: [https://twitter.com/Liat\\_RO/status/1409663358156959747](https://twitter.com/Liat_RO/status/1409663358156959747)

Indivisible has Filibuster Fridays for those who want to do more. In addition:

Contact Chuck about the filibuster: a) Phone: 212-486-4430

b) Email: <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/emailchuck>

Pressure Senator Sinema: Join Grassroots democrats in partnership with Indivisible national to phone Democrats in Arizona to call Sen. Sinema to end the filibuster.

<https://www.mobilize.us/grassrootsdemocratslahq/event/378891>

Put pressure on Sen. King and Collins from Maine: Write postcards by Common Cause to Democrats in Maine about the bill and urging them to call Senators King and Collins to support the bill and end/reform the filibuster so it can pass. We need their support to end the filibuster.

Join UWS MoveOn/Indivisible for postcard writing party July 7 4-5:30pm at Au Jus (Broadway/99th Street) RSVP here: <https://www.mobilize.us/swingleft/eveent/398885/>

### **6.28—For the People Act—Brooklyn & 96th St**

Modest gathering. Put on by Arlene Geiger, Inwood Indivisible. Focus was to recruit people to make phone calls to Sinema and Manchin's office. Gale Brewer showed up.

### **Drag March/Dyke March/Queer Liberation March reflections**

—Elaine—The Drag March was great. Everyone was so happy.

Mark—went to all three; Drag march was one of the biggest; people were energized and festive; organized by the Radical Fairies. March to Stonewall and sang Over the Rainbow. Dyke march—came into Wash Sq—a lot of people; a lot of women.

Queer Liberation March—thousands of people; at Sheridan sq it dispersed into 2 or 3 directions; converged into Wash Sq.

LGBTQ Health Fair went on at the same time in Wash Sq; free vaccine shots; STD counseling; giving out lit; joints for jabs.

On Sunday—there was supposed to be a virtual event but they pulled together a real march from Mad Sq Garden to Wash Sq. It was very straight-laced.

Queer Lib MARCH—10's of thousands of people; self-marshaling; people jumped in and out. Had to bring the front of the march down to Houston street so we could get the back of the march into Wash Sq park. Great for young people. Hard to be a spectator after being part of the march.

Being at the back of the march, people kept coming. It was endless.

Truck at the back with food and water which created a barrier between the marchers and the police.

### **Upcoming Actions:**

#### **July 1--Screening of The Biggest Obstacle**

Very inspiring film about the work of the Elevator Action Group addressing broader issues of subway accessibility. Sign up for future viewings using the google form link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO5j\\_fht2yW3aIT4mmyxkKzvG-UI8B-ADsSzCijvHn48BYrQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO5j_fht2yW3aIT4mmyxkKzvG-UI8B-ADsSzCijvHn48BYrQ/viewform)

### **July 1--Ellis Island Action**

We have 10 people plus 2 photographers. 2 small banners will be held as well as folding paper signs that Donna and Jamie are working on. Will do our best to get pics of the little Statue of Liberty and get the press to pay attention to us. Want to get some news/publicity. Two banners: "When did yearning to breathe free become a threat?" and "Stop turning away refugees"

### **July 8--Immigration Vigil TBD Location**

Katrina and Jamie scouted to both Herald and Madison Square at 5 pm. Herald Square was not good for finding a spot to set up where people could see us. Lots of people in Herald Square but no good place to stand.

Taking it back to the Action Committee to discuss a place.

Today the Oculus was lovely and Air conditioned.

### **July 10--Beds Not Body Bags in Jamaica Queens**

Former Mary Immaculate Hospital. Noon.

Facebook page going up.

Exact address for next Beds Not Body Bags vigil: 152-11 89th Ave, Queens, NY 11432

It's at the corner of Rufus King Park, in Jamaica, Queens. Take F train to Parsons Ave., exit rear of train up onto 153 St. and walk south 2 blocks

**Reclining Lady Liberty Action**—More to come from Heather Quick.

### **Prison Issues Update**

Solitary confinement—Bill passed by Board of Corrections of City of NY. Bill limits solitary to 15 days and limits the # of hours to 17 hours leaving 7 hours each day out of their cell. Allows for an adjacent cage with chair and tv to meet with their counselor and to meet with at least one other prison. This is outrageous.

Solitary confinement letter

<https://mailchi.mp/b968a81bc889/nycaic-2100620?e=7eb6f16cec>

### **July 2--Climate action at Schumer's office—780 Third Avenue at 2 pm**

Part of a national action; Pollution Independence Day; is on Facebook.

Focuses on a Climate Crisis Policy Bill—Todd Fernandez is involved. The Earth Bill is 100% by 2030 electricity and electric vehicles. Pressure Biden and Schumer to not drop climate from the infrastructure bills.

**Endorsement Requested: Endorsed**

### **July 14--New upcoming Healthcare action near the UN at 10 am**

This is the next iteration of global vaccine equity. It is scheduled for the day before Merkel makes a trip to DC. Bunch of actions at German consulates around the U.S. One in NYC. Working in coalition with national groups bringing people in from around the country. Want around 500 people. Going from Dag Hammarskjold park to the nearby German and UK consulates—the two countries blocking negotiations at the WTO to grant a waiver on international property rights on pharma .

We must vaccinate the rest of the world as fast as we can to protect ourselves. There's an affinity group forming with some possible CD. CPD, and ActUp participating. Will need some marshal help, especially with the number of out of towners.

Justice is Global and People's Action are participating as two anchors of the action. Will be doing a similar action the next day.

### **Asking for co-sponsorship: Passed for RaR to Co-Sponsor**

**Continuing discussion** on Trump , Trumpism, Republicans, voting rights and defending democracy.

We have more questions than answers at this point. Below is a summary of questions and issues raised.

Who are our allies?/Who are we?/Our left thing isn't working./How do we think about who the we are?

We need to keep building a multi-racial coalition. Bernie's and Warren's issues were very popular—health care for all; lessen college debt; basic housing for all. Our biggest enemies are the billionaire class.

Less concerned about DJ Trump as a person; very concerned about Trumpism and voter suppression.

Red Black Green New Deal group—powerful analysis of how anti-environmentalism is fundamentally racist; have a strong black group and they have a white allies group. Where do we go? RaR has stayed out of electoral politics but maybe we should get in more. How do we keep people awake?

The red black green new deal did a FANTASTIC SUMMIT in May 2021. It is really worth watching. Find it on their website. <https://redblackgreennewdeal.org>

Maybe we should spend more time there. It's very scary to pay close attention right now.

They keep coming with new ways to become more fascist.

We should be really, really frightened. My neighborhood is horrifying me. The non-stop calls for more police, more arrests, the empowered white supremacy that is in my bldg; hedge fund building etc. How do we even within our neighborhoods just say this is not okay?

Feels very us vs. them which is different from before. If one group wins; the other group loses. The real problem is not the problem. It's all about getting re-elected; you make the people in the state think you're going to do their bidding. The real problems are in the states.

We are at an inflection point. Fox News is a real source of the problem. Call them out for being the mouthpiece.

Upsetting and frustrating; seeing this Civil War; if UWS NYers are perceived as the problem, then we're in really bad shape.

One obvious target is Congresswoman from Staten Island. Her district could be redrawn to favor democrats. Here is the news story about Malliotakis and her intraparty troubles:

[https://www.cityandstateny.com/articles/politics/campaigns-elections/staten-island-gop-bp-primary-trump-fossella-and-malliotakis?fbclid=IwAR2ZqCpQSzM1f4jipDwaDCRWmuqFmNt2By8\\_Jnt7Z8D1BDfe-7Vfd9BofK8](https://www.cityandstateny.com/articles/politics/campaigns-elections/staten-island-gop-bp-primary-trump-fossella-and-malliotakis?fbclid=IwAR2ZqCpQSzM1f4jipDwaDCRWmuqFmNt2By8_Jnt7Z8D1BDfe-7Vfd9BofK8)

One nightmare scenario is that the Democrats gain a comfortable margin in the Senate in Nov. 2022 but lose the House.

We need to balance optimism with pessimism. Need to support the electoral struggle but we also need direct action.

Request was made to include a list of ideas for review at next week's meeting.

**Finance**

Nothing, but here's a link to donate to Rise and Resist.

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/riseandresistny>

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