

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 2.15.2022

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Facilitators: Jamie and Cherie **Notes:** Alex

Good News!

Judge throws out Sarah Palin case against NYT

- She was not injured by their report, though the NYT had to report on it.

NY Times may publish documents about Project Veritas

- American far-right activist group founded by James O'Keefe in 2010. The group produces deceptively edited videos of its undercover operations, which use secret recordings to discredit mainstream media organizations and progressive groups.

McConnell rebukes RNC calls Jan 6 “Violent Insurrection”

- Rebuked Trump; it is good to see infighting, and refutation of the assertion that Jan 6 violent insurrection was legitimate discourse.

Trump’s accounting firm, Mazar’s, has dropped his accounts

- Mazar’s is essentially saying that they will not certify that his information is reliable.
- They will cooperate with the District Attorney.
- It will be very difficult for Trump to borrow any money or to hire new accountants

A settlement has been agreed upon between Remington Rifle and some of the parents from the Sandy Hook School in Newtown, CT.

Upcoming/New Actions

Next Immigration Vigil Thursday, Feb 24th, at 5PM location TBD

- Date will be set in Actions Committee

Next INDICT demo on Wed March 2, 1PM 40 Foley Sq.

We may also do more pop-ups with INDICT banner

- These are different from the monthly planned pop-ups

New Action - Protest Blake Mason at fundraiser on Monday March 7

Keep this brief

- Peter Thiel is backing several senatorial candidates, including Blake Masters who works for him, and is running against Mark Kelly on a pro white, anti “CRT” platform. He has ads showing him carrying an automatic weapon;
- existential threat.
- Kelly barely won his last election against a weak candidate.
- There will be an action on March 7
- Big piece on Thiel and people he’s supporting including a lot of 1/6 insurrectionists in Sunday NYT (2/13/22)

RaR voted to endorse this action unanimously

Climate lobbying day in Albany Tuesday, March 8

Stu: NY Renews is a huge organization which helped set state climate goals for which there is virtually no funding.

- \$15B is needed and \$500m has been allocated.
- Busses going up, and some RaR members going by train
- Let legislators know we are not accepting this.
- We have a super majority and need to use it.
- Direct action is being planned.
- NY Renews wants to make this as big as possible.
 - o Last action was really loud; the door to Cuomo’s office was blocked for hours.
 - o CLCPA passed because of that.

Lobby Day RSVP

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/ny-renews-capstone-albany-mobilization-for-15-billion-for-climate-jobs-and-justice>

Social media link <https://twitter.com/NYRenews/status/1491864674220052482>

Proposal for new banner “STOP EXPLOITING FEAR” for use at Decarceration and other demos

Jamie: Banner was Stu’s idea.

- Last week we discussed backlash against BLM, bail reform, gun control, police reform.
- We want to use this banner to support and work with other groups.
- We feel this is an important message to communicate. We can also have signs to make it more specific
- Bill: This month’s Sun Magazine by Paul Chappelle: Interaction of trauma, fear and rage.

RaR voted unanimously to approve this banner (\$250-300)

Healthcare Committee

- No More 24 will attend Healthcare's February 28 meeting at 6 pm.
 - No More 24 focuses on ending 24 hour shifts for homecare workers
- Caring Majority will be invited later.
 - One of the entities boycotted by No More 24 is part of Caring Majority, and RaR supports Caring Majority.
- We want to know how to position ourselves correctly
- RaR members are invited to attend.
 - If interested in attending contact alexawoods1@gmail.com or mhannay@igc.org

Donna reported on a letter **on non police responses to gun violence** to Gov Hochul and Andrea Stewart Cousins which is here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5r0kjc0jg3wg77/for%20%2015%20meeting%20%22Sign-On%20Letter%20on%20Non-Police%20Response%20to%20Gun%20Violence%20.pdf?dl=0>

- Donna has the privilege to sign these letters on behalf of RaR

Report Backs

2/10 Immigration Vigil at Oculus

- Very successful action.
- We were able to use our banners and signs. People were very moved, and many approached us
- Police saw the banners, they asked how long we were going to be there, and wanted to know how we announced. Could we inform them? They want to "protect" us. We said no.
 - One of the police said, that is fine, we agree with you.

2/11 Say Their Names - every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th and Broadway

Jenny: The weather cooperated; there were about 20 people there. We held the 9 minutes 29 seconds

- Amir Lock was killed this week by police in a no-knock raid.
- There are approximately 600 names.
- Feels particularly important action in the face of current backlash.

2/12 Pop-up INDICT at Columbus Circle and Trump Hotel

Rick: good turnout.

- At Trump Hotel, security got upset, did some pushing and shoving of Jamie and Rick.
- Jamie told them they had to call the police, who came once action was over (and Jenny was petting a dog!)
- Another action being considered this coming Saturday, to be discussed at Actions.

- Some people did not hear the action, so they were asked to put their name on the Actions Committee list.

3 Climate demonstrations at Zaffino's home (AIG) and at Hochul's office

Cherie:

- 1) 2/10/22 Food and Water Watch organized this action to stop bitcoin mining using fracked gas in the Finger Lakes. Successful. Several people who entered the building said they would talk to Hochul.
- Debate about fracked gas.
 - o Electricity is generic
 - o Bitcoin mining uses a huge amount of electricity.
 - o Fracked gas factory being opened for Bitcoin
- 2) 2/14 Small action in front of Peter Zaffino's apartment building. Huge Valentines to Peter Zaffino. Valentines were delivered and doormen accepted them.
 - o We can send messages to Peter Zaffino via linked in.
 - o Geo targeting means that these valentines will go to his neighbors and employees.
- 3) 2/14/22 Outside Hochul's Office:
 - o previous night Illuminator on Union Square.
 - o Idea to keep the pressure on Hochul. Very cold, and a small action.
- We will continue with the pressure on Hochul for the next weeks before the budget.

Truth Tuesday at Fox - every Tuesday at 12 noon at 48th and 6th

Wendy: great signs and banners. "Stop exploiting fear."

- o Further discussion with Gutfeld. Is bear spray part of political discourse? Gutfeld: "I tried bear spray and it was not that bad".
- o The actions get a good amount of twitter traction, people with followers.
- o <https://twitter.com/TruthOverFox/status/1493673238974578688>
- o <https://twitter.com/TruthOverFox/status/1493722382959321089>

Media group report

Andy: Anyone interested in assisting with RaR social media?

- o Task: get the photos from Jackie and George and putting them onto twitter or Instagram, Live streaming on phone media@riseandresist.org
- o Stu: For specific actions, we need a list of groups to tweet to.
- o Andy: put that list together once, and then it can be used over and over.
 - o It could be put together in a spreadsheet to magnify actions and increase coalition building.
- o We can mention it in different committees
- o Cherie: send this request to the wider list.
- o Requests should not specify any specific age group.

Non Rise and Resist Actions

2/17 Food and Water Watch demo at NYS Democratic meeting at noon.

Cherie: no fracked gas for bitcoin mining.

- o State legs are meeting 2/17 at 811 7th Ave.
- o Ask to get rid of fracked gas in NYS
- o They will be there all day flyering.

2/28 NYC Committee on General Welfare expiration of eviction moratorium. Will be remote.

- o Katrina provided a spreadsheet of many oversight committee meetings
 - o Including oversight on covid 19 and immigration detention centers
 - o <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx>

4/26 advocacy day in person advocating for three bills on sentencing.

- o Discussed by Donna

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