

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 4.30.2024

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Paul and Jennifer **Note Taker:** Alex

For non RAR announcements or to add other items to the agenda:
Email rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

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Good news:

- “The Supreme Court shot down a request from former Trump adviser Peter Navarro to avoid further prison time over his contempt of Congress conviction.”
- Trump is held in contempt of court and is fined \$9000 (\$1000 per incident is max permitted.)

Upcoming Actions

Wednesday, May 1 – Noon - No More 24 - City Hall End 24-hour shifts for health caregivers

- City Hall (Broadway & Murray St, across from 250 Broadway)
- https://www.villagedemocrats.org/may_day_rally_no_more_24

Trump courthouse action Friday May 3, 12:30 Meet at 60 Centre Street at the corner of Centre and Worth

- We will have signs and possibly the NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW banner.
- Contact Rick if you have questions. 917 731-0556

Sat. May 4 - 8:30 am to 10- Clinic Defense at Mott & Prince at Old St. Pat's, or you can come later

- Start with a moving picket.
- If you come later, Planned Parenthood Clinic is on 26 Bleeker Street

Monday, May 6, 5pm - Rikers Vigil – Times Square subway station

- Concourse between 1,2,3 and Shuttle
- Leon has signage, and banner will be there

Tuesday, May 7 – Truth Tuesday at FOX @noon 47th & 6th

Elevator Action Group

Tuesday, May 7, 10:30am – EAG Taxis for All – 500 Pearl St. Courtroom 11A

Elevator Maintenance Case - Wed. May 8 @ 10am to 11:30 - 500 Pearl St. Room 11A -

Judge Daniels' courtroom.

- regarding MTA's refusal to maintain elevators.
- Judge Daniels has not been affirmative of our cause. Very important to have bodies there to testify.

Elections:

- Mark & Alex are stepping up as co-chairs of this committee, which meets on **Wednesdays at 5 pm.**
- Look for ZOOM link from Alex: alexawoods1@gmail.com
- Updates on opportunities to volunteer for Bowman campaign are here:
<https://www.mobilize.us/jamaalbowman/>
- Postcards are coming soon! We have committed to 1300.

Discussion of student protests across the country

- Laurie A. was there; Jenny, Ann, Ahmad, Alex were all at Columbia at different points.
- Peaceful protests
- There were counter protesters who tried to undermine the protesters.

Photo of police presence now (4/30 7:45 pm) of police mobilization:

https://www.instagram.com/p/C6Z4VZCsZD/?igsh=MWUyNDE0Z2ZxNWM3bA%3D%3D&img_index=1

- News now: Whole Columbia neighborhood is in lockdown including Broadway and Amsterdam. 100's of police.
- Police cleared out the space at NYU. We went down to NYU. Students very upset about the disturbance caused by the police.
- Whole thing is very upsetting, and internally conflictual. Is all of this helping?
- Press is creating false equivalencies of smashing windows to break into Hamilton Hall.

This will be used over and over to compare to January 6.

- How sad all the students are; impossible situation. Brown University has announced it will divest and is working to dismantle encampments.
<https://www.brown.edu/news/2024-04-30/encampment-agreement>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/30/us/brown-divestment-deal.html>
- Possibility of major mobilization at CCNY on 5/1 at 5 am. There are encampments at various CUNY campuses including Hunter.
- **Students and Workers for Palestine May Day action at Foley Square at 4 pm.**

Reaching out to old/lapsed members about the importance of this election year. Ideas, thoughts, suggestions.

- Groups at general meetings and Actions have shrunk; people are less engaged. How do we bring people back?
- We need to rebuild our ranks a little bit. We can reach out to our trusted friends.
- Organize a picnic as a way of doing something that is not "on a corner."
- Recruit people you are in jail with!
- Anyone interested in joining a party committee should contact Robert C.
- **Sat. June 15 for possible RAR picnic/party!**

Report Backs

Thursday, April 18, Immigration Vigil in Times Square Subway Station 5PM

- Good showing, active interest, many fliers handed out

Monday, April 22, 8:30 AM - Trump Bond Hearing (The Emperor Has No Dough)

- Zack scouted along a routed next to Family Court. We stood against Family Court and police couldn't get rid of us. Jamie bluffed and stalled.
- Then 11:30 Action: We were interviewed at that event.
- Jamie's ability to pivot is remarkable. R and R is in another stage. Very proud.

Thursday, April 25 8:30AM - No Immunity For Trump action at Trump Trial

- Excellent action. We cheered AG Bragg at Think Café. He was very pleased.
- Held Lafayette for 10 minutes.
- We have built trust as a group over time.
- Lots of press.
- Discussion of blocking the street.

Seder in the Streets April 22. Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn

- We met at the library 10-12 RAR members.
- Seemed like there were 2000 people.
- 300 arrested.
- Speakers were wonderful.
- Anger and care in that circle.
- The circle was absolutely beautiful, made by activists.
- Arrests: Cops commandeered city busses. We later learned that the bus drivers refused to drive the busses. Cops were asking arrestees to drive. Cops took over busses, but had no idea how to drive them. Some people were held, ziptied, for five hours.
<https://hellgatenyc.com/video-nypd-officer-learns-how-to-drive-mta-bus-protesters>

Monday, Apr. 29 - 8:45AM - EAG Rally prior to committee mtg.

- Monthly rally from MTA group yesterday.
- Today, 4/30, was the Board Meeting: 7 years since the case was submitted. We carried whole lot of "7's". Our other signs were confiscated, but Jennifer said the 7's were for a child's party.
- Photos of all the activists waving 7's around.
- Even more people need to show up; they can do that by ZOOM.

Tuesday, April 30 - 9AM – MTA Board meeting – 2 Broadway, 20th flr

Truth Tuesdays at FOX every Tuesday at 12noon 47th St. & 6th Ave.

- Last week, we had a great crowd.
- We are in our third year.
- Focusing on Fox as trump TV
- Fighting right wing propoganda is not a side show.

Non-RaR announcements

Here is Wendy's Indivisible Newsletter. It does not list actions at schools and colleges all over the city.

<https://mailchi.mp/2fb7d1ff4341/send-a-million-messages-to-biden-on-monday>

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