

## Rise and Resist General Meeting: 5.7.2019

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018

**Elka and Cherie facilitating, Dann slides, Livvie notes**

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### **REPORT BACKS**

#### BETSY DEVOS ACTION AT CIPRIANI

Livvie reported. 100 people, video of Betsy's arrival at back door, refused police pen, police were lenient, part walking picket, part walk of shame, part banner holders. Powerful action.

#### NYC FOR ABORTION RIGHTS COUNTER-PROTEST IN TIMES SQUARE

Diane reported. The ultrasound video was not allowed on jumbo screens. 5 or 6 women's groups came out for the counterprotest.

#### GILEAD/ACT UP

Jamie & Mark reporting. A dozen people, mini die-in RaR co-sponsored it. Rained all day. Gilead makes Truvada (HIV drug, \$2100 a month, given by CDC to Gilead, so taxpayers got screwed) and Black Rock has majority ownership and has prompted price gouging. Walked to Black Rock atrium Park and 53rd. Other financial firms are buying up other health care firms, raising prices. A good consciousness raising action.

#### VARIOUS IMPEACH ACTIONS

Jamie reporting - SOS America 2019 called action at Nadler's office. 7 people, RaR Impeach sign.

Rick reporting - Tom Steyer's Need to Impeach group invited people to deliver 20,000 postcards to Hakeem Jeffrey. Rick went in and talked to Jeffrey's District Director about impeachment.

## UPCOMING ACTIONS

Aaron from By the People announced an action on May 14 nationwide: visit your member of Congress and get them to sign on to Rashida Tlaib impeachment bill (or other issues).

Actions Committee meeting at Jamie's house on May 8 instead of UAW

Ongoing immigration actions (Seeking Asylum Is Not A Crime, US Immigration Policy Is A Crime) at different locations. Next one is Borough Hall, BK, May 10. 5:30-6:30. Working on doing one in Queens.

## UPDATES

YAMA (Yemeni American Merchants Association). We met them at Ilhan Omar action at Fox. Rick and Jody went to their meeting in BK. They're continuing to boycott NY Post, demanding a meeting with editorial board.

**VOTE: Should we support the YAMA action on May 14? Approved.** Details to come.

Non- RaR action. Yemen Vigil every Saturday at 11:00 in Union Square has been going on for 4 years.

Dann - reporting back that Cosecha is writing a letter to ICE opposing keeping a list of activists.

**STRAW POLL: if we like the letter we'll sign.**

## NEW ACTIONS

- George from **Defend Democracy in Brazil. Bolsonaro actions:** George reporting. Chased the dinner in his honor out of NYC all the way to Texas. Now they're doing a Mike Pompeo protest at a dinner outside Marriott Marquis, 46th and Broadway, May 14, 6:00. Bolsonaro attending via TV, getting award in absentia. Bolsonaro's son will be there.

**VOTE: Should we endorse this action? Approved.**

- Ilka and Dann. **A Place for Justice for Andrew Kears**. May 11. 2nd anniversary of his death coming up so want to make it show up on Google Maps. (Planted a tree on first anniversary). And also want to send a RaR statement to pass Andrew Kears bill. And also block party at 11:00. 320 East 156 St.

**VOTE: Should we do the statement? Approved.**

- Claire. Climate Bill is close to passing in NYS. Cuomo is a problem. He's having a dinner party at Penthouse at Park, 118 10th Avenue. We'll do an action outside urging him to do a strong CCPA. Other groups will join us - 350.org, Food and Water Watch, Sunrise as co-hosts. May 16, 5:30 - 6:30.

**VOTE: Should we do this action? Approved.**

- Livvie. Elections. Encouraging people to go to [MakeNYTrueBlue.org/events](https://MakeNYTrueBlue.org/events) to get involved in pushing progressive legislation between now and June 19.

#### **DISCUSSION OF TUESDAY NIGHT GENERAL MEETINGS**

Too late, too little time, move to next week?

**VOTE: Should we discuss next week at 7:30 and devote an hour to it? Approved.**

#### **FINANCE**

Susan. Collected \$120 for rent. Bank has \$13,000-ish. Finance committee will fill the taxes this year instead of paying an accountant.

#### **RECLAIM PRIDE**

Jackie is involved with planning the alternate Gay Pride parade. June 30. 11:00 am. Sheridan Square to Sixth Ave, the original parade route. No police. Rise and Resist will marshal. Jamie and Alexis will do two marshal trainings. Need people to sign up on Heritage of Pride website to be marshals.

#### **NON-RAR ACTIONS**

Williams Pipeline protest outside Cuomo's office, 633 Third Avenue. May 8, 12-1:00.

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