

Rise and Resist General Meeting 4/23/19

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Introduction

- (10) Welcome (NYPD, Journalists, Get off your phone, Step Up/Step Back, Raise your hand and give Name & Pronouns, Mission Statement, Metro Cards)
- (5) Everyone says their name
- Introduce greeter and Elizabeth the ASL interpreter

Report Backs

(5) April 17 [Fare Hike Demo](#)

(10) April 18 [Stop The Williams Pipeline demo](#) Update from Climate Action Committee
Large Crowd Marching across Brooklyn Bridge ending with Rally with Speakers

Working on Climate Community Protection Act (CCPA) as part of NY Renews
Call on contacting NYS Legislators

CAG participating with Sunrise Movement Protest against Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
4/30 10:30 AM - Office of Schumer. Incorporate civil disobedience
(No endorsement/sponsorship)

Extinction Rebellion Demo Recap 4/20
Massive banner drop across Brooklyn Bridge on-ramp

(5) Counter [Bolsonaro/Cipriani demonstration](#) with Revolting Lesbians / Defend Democracy I. Brazil and other groups

- Zuccotti Park Demo, RaR assisted with marshaling

5/14, Marriott Times Square - [Counter Bolsonaro Protest](#) with Rev Billy & Stop Shopping Choir

Upcoming Actions

(5) April 25 5:30 PM - [U.S. Immigration Policy Is A Crime](#)

Address: 125 St Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.

New York State Office Building (New Demo Site)

Potential Community Partners to join in demo

Alexandria - MRNY & Indivisible NY

Liz - Reach out to Columbia U & Columbia Law School Student Groups

RaR Action Group Poster Party at Action Group Meeting

4/24/19 @UAW 256 W 38th St #704, New York, NY 10018 from 6-8P

(10) May 1 - Betsy DeVos - The Manhattan Institute Honoring @Cipriani 42nd St.

[Destroyer of Education](#)

May 1 @6PM

Joined by UFT, Raging Grannies. Other Potential Endorsers: Glisten, Diane Ravitch

With enough protesters multi-pronged siting at all Cipriani entrances

Call for people to do Banner Drop at hotel in front - some security risk

RaR Action Group wants to create 2 Large Banners & 13"x19" Posters

(1) ' & (2) 'Devos Destroys Public Education'

Budget Ask \$600

Vote for banner budget approval passes

(5) Elections Committee

Facilitation announcements

Collect Rent

May Meeting Task Sign Up

(20) **New Actions**

New Yorkers for Abortion Rights - Fight the Right! - Andy

Focus on the Family Rally in NYC - Counter Protest: 5/4/19

4/16/19 - Planning Meeting of Coalition Partners for Counter Protest

Speak-out/Gathering at NYPL - Unpermitted @1:30PM

Speakers on Personal Stories for Reproductive Access to services. Conversion Therapy and Homophobia. Impact of RHA

Sing Out Louise will join

Followed by Counterprotest @Times Square after Speak-out @NYPL - Drown out/overwhelm/outnumber Focus on the Family event. Unpermitted action. Non-violent
Incorporating costumes, dress: wear red, visual of Handmaid's Tale
Mechanical orchestra

Non-binding Straw Polls

- RaR Majority would want to join demo with currently given info
- RaR can provide not more than a half dozen marshals
- Sponsorship (Help plan/join coalition, provide RaR planning expertise, more d-m in process (Claire), no financial support)
 - Vote: Not sufficient interest
- Endorsement
 - Vote: Sufficient Interest

RaR Member Action Concerns

Providing Focus on the Family publicity

More info on the process for confronting Focus on the Family

Action To Support Ilhan Omar

Jamie - Limited action from orgs in support of Ilhan Omar. Action Committee proposed to do a demo - Need approval from General Members - Floor

#WeSupportIlhan. Support Yemeni American Merchants Associations (YAMA) Boycott

@New York Post and Fox Corp HQ

AC Recommended Weeknight on 4/29

Preference for Silent Vigil

Question: Involve other groups, but need approval from Floor first

Reach out to Jewish Voice for Peace, NYCC, YAMA

Liz Question: Follow-up to Direct Action? Letter-writing? Is Focus YAMA Boycott or NYPost misconstruing Ilhan speech?

Jamie - Support boycott, support Ilhan, protest NYPost. Will reach out to YAMA

Diane - RaR Support Women PoC attacked by Trump

Vote for approval of demo passes - No Budget Ask, Only Poster Party

Related events supporting Ilhan Omar

[Rally to Support US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar](#) - in Newark

Possible Counter Protest to Protest Against Ilhan Omar

ACT-UP Gilead demonstration

[Blackrock Feeds Gilead's Greed](#)

Protest increase in Rx Prices. Blackrock - Hedge Fund with investments in Gilead
HIV Drug Price Profiteering / Mothballed safer HIV drugs to conserve drug patent

ACT-UP - Ask for Marshals and Co-Sponsorship

Kallen involved in planning/organizing

Non-Binding Straw Polls

Co-Sponsorship Vote: Majority Interest

Endorsement Vote: Majority Interest

Vote for Official Co-Sponsorship passes

RaR Climate Action Group - 'Climate Emergency' T-Shirt Sign-Up for Screen-printing

(10) Discussion of Mueller Report Impeach

Mike: Trump committed impeachable offenses. No Senate Imp. Vote

RaR address other prevailing issues with upcoming election (Housing, Climate, etc)

RaR Member: More publicity on impeachable offenses to be brought up in 2020

Andy: MoveOn Coalition - Decided to no longer call for Mueller rapid-response actions (Times Square - Union Square March). Focus on legislative actions for unredacted Mueller Report
Pivoting to Crisis-response network addressing broader issues with emergency protests against actions from Trump administration or gov't institutions

Mark: RaR can't drop impeachment organizing, Trump not exonerated - support activity in congressional comm. Continue momentum on resistance narrative

Stuart: Investigations/proceedings being drawn out, need to continue to address, pressure

Donna: Should resume demands for impeachment - actions, publicity

Martin: Should continue what we started

TIm: Flying across the City

Diane: Dem Prez Candidates calling for impeachment - Strategy discussions in Action Committee address

(15) Update Status of Mueller Coalition NYC- plus where are we in coalition (formal and informal coalitions)

RaR Reps in Coalition: Andy, Rolf, Ann

Ann: Coalition still functioning, shifting to broader issues (No One is Above the Law). Not disbanding

Convos on MoveOn Crisis-Response Network - Shifts nationally in scope/action

What does the Floor Want in terms of participation/actions?

Stuart: Continue to support demos

Rick: More DA than MoveOn's use of Speakers

Mark: Focus on DA, let MoveOn focus on Speakers.

Wroff: Need for Mass Action - Support MoveOn Actions, RaR do more Impeach Actions

Mike: Need/support for strategic coalitions, support emergency response network. RaR focus on DA

[RaR does not marshal/sponsor events with Politician speakers]

Wroff: Coalition has been disbanded, RaR should not be part of Crisis-Response Network. Only participating in Mueller Coalition case-by-case

Andy: Potential of court cases bringing forward/releasing unredacted materials, subpoenas, proceedings, transparency in process. Shift away from Mueller Report

RaR supporting/mobilizing around different actions/issues against Trump as they present themselves in ongoing investigations

Rick: Continue pressure on any investigative actions against Trump.

Non-Binding Straw Polls regarding continued participation in Coalition

Vote: Comfortable with continued participation of Reps in Coalition. Responding to crisis response network activations - RaR have discretion to call it's own emergency actions without MoveOn endorsement

RaR has to determine what is considered an emergency for mobilizing DA. Need committee to draw up what is an emergency

RaR Endorsed Coalition Partners

New York Renews - Climate Change CCPA
NY True Blue - Pushing progressive legislative agenda
Poor People's Campaign
Reclaim Pride Coalition - Queer Liberation March
The People's Forum
Close Rikers Campaign
Campaign for NY Health

Informal Coalitions / Aligned, Event-based support
Elevator Action Group
UARF

Finance
\$172 Collection
\$13700, Increase of \$100 from prior week

(10) Non Rise and Resist actions and announcements

Ann: Center for Popular Democracy
Action in DC with Nurses United rally against Big Pharma lobbying/influence
Buses heading to DC

Andy: The People's Forum - Dialogue with Jorge Arreaza, Venezuela's Foreign Minister
Opposition to US Intervention, Backing of Coup Guaido 4/25 Thursday

[Whitney Museum in the Lobby](#)

Decolonize this Place
Every Friday @6:30, protesting Warren Kander - Armaments Sales

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