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Reminder of new policy for requesting Elizabeth to be present for ASL Interpretation. Please let media@riseandResist.org know as soon as possible if you know of someone who is interested.

Good News:
Court overturns oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico
- Biden leased 1.8 m acres of drilling rights in the Gulf, following Trump’s initiative. Judge undid the lease because it was based on highly flawed data, and the whole thing was thrown out.

New York State redistricting
  - The 11th District, Maliotakis’s, added all of Park Slope, and strengthened Delgado’s District 19.
  - NY State as a whole lost a congressional district, because we were 80 people below what was required.
  - Lee Zeldin’s district (he is running for Governor) will become bluer. People are predicting 4 Republicans and 20 Democratic State Legislature.
  - Kenney will run in a different district, not against Delgado, - southern tier, safe R district
  - Candidate Brittany Ramos De Barros will be primarying against Max Rose; much more progressive.
    - https://www.brittanyforthepeople.org/
Upcoming/New Actions:

Wednesday, Feb 2nd at 1PM first monthly INDICT action will be at Federal Courthouse - 40 Foley Square.

- [https://fb.me/e/20U9l5qIv](https://fb.me/e/20U9l5qIv)
- We will reinvent the Indict action of Jan 6 on a smaller scale.
- It is important to go out once a month as it was to do Jan 6 action.
  - Trump is talking about pardons for those indicted.
  - Going after Pence.
  - POC in Georgia and NY who are prosecuting Trump are being threatened and are asking for protection.
- We will use Indict Trump, Garland Do Your Job banners

VOCAL Thursday, Feb. 3, 5PM – “We are Not Going Back”- meet on Frederick Douglass Blvd. 121st St.

- [https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?id=3878&reset=1](https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?id=3878&reset=1)
- [https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=9261](https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=9261)
  
  o This march counters the backlash being whipped up by Mayor Adams against Alvin Bragg
  - Bail reform,
  - Protest adding a “dangerousness standard” that will worsen conditions in Rikers and allow for preventive detention.
  - Do we want to have a RaR presence? And how shall we work the VOCAL?
    - This is a Black led march
    - In the past BLM marchers have been glad that we joined as long as we followed their lead.
  - RaR role/banners will be discussed in Actions Committee

Next Immigration Vigil Thursday, Feb 10th, at 5PM in the Oculus.

- We will not put up a FB event, because the last Oculus action drew a lot of white shirts who refused to allow us to use banners.
- We will make a surprise appearance with banners and signs.
- There are two themes:
  - Seeking asylum is not a crime: Title 42 exclusions.
    - Many Venezuelans were deported to Colombia by Biden Administration
  - A path to citizenship for all.

Healthcare Committee

- There will be a 2/14/22 Action on healthcare and housing justice
  - We will hold a vote next week when we have more information.

Report Backs:

Thursday 1/27 Riders Alliance at Hochul’s Office - put off until next week
Jennifer will report next week

Friday, 1/28 Just Look Up at ABC Studios:

- This action called out networks (ABC in this case) which are not reporting on climate.
  - We could see the news people seeing us.
It was very cold, so few people were on the street.

Action generated an effective social media campaign.

- A week after the action: New York Times reported that weather people are showing the climate context in their weather reports.
  - The lead group featured was ABC, and the “Climate Unit” was mentioned.
  - Was this a coincidence?

Say Their Names - every Friday at 4:30PM 96th and Broadway
- Canceled due to snow. We played it safe.
- We look forward to this Friday.

Truth Tuesday at Fox - every Tuesday at 12noon at 48th and 6th
- We were prepared for Gutfeld to come by, and he did.
  - We surrounded him with signs like “lying man-child”, “racist”.
  - Gutfeld said he was sassy but not a racist. Possibly liked the attention.
- [https://twitter.com/TruthOverFox/status/1488621895998218248](https://twitter.com/TruthOverFox/status/1488621895998218248)
- [https://twitter.com/TruthOverFox/status/1488561201651109891](https://twitter.com/TruthOverFox/status/1488561201651109891)

- There was a tense moment with George, Nydia and a passer by who was in their faces. George got shoved. Police got out of their cars to intervene.
- Passers-by are more and more tense.
- This is what happens when you engage in very direct action; you get blow back.
- There were also many thumbs up.
- Street is not populated; the fact we are there is positive. We are having conversations, and Fox knows we are there.

- Spectrum subscribers try to UnFox their cable box.
  - Activists tried to get FIOS out of their subscription and were not able to.
  - Karin and Jenny volunteered to do this.
    - Holly Atkinson will provide them the necessary info.
  - This is potentially an action with a lot of traction in NYC.

Non-Rise and Resist Actions

Sat Feb 5th - protest NYC plans for permanent restaurant sheds 12 noon - Father Demonic Sq. (Bleecker/6th Ave.)
- Photographs showed bags of garbage and rats all over.
- The sheds were made permanent with no discussion with the communities in NYC except for the restaurant lobby.
- We are suing for a basic Environmental Impact statement
- Our goal is to start over, and to have the sheds reviewed and discussed by all stakeholders.
Sat Feb  5 at 3 pm. No more wars demonstration at BWay and Duffy Square/Times Square
  o Call your Senator and Representatives

Progressive Dems Group Thursday Feb 3 at 8 pm/5 pm PT, zoom on Climate Policy
  ● Climate Policy Briefing  Climate Liaison Policy Briefing: FGPA
  ● https://fwwatch.zoom.us/j/95196417062?from=addon
     o This is the zoom link for Thursday

Rise and Resistors celebrated Alvin’s memoir, Our Laundry, Our Town, My Chinese American Life from Flushing to the Downtown Stage and Beyond published by Fordham U. Press, which will be coming out on May 3.