

January 12, 2020 LINC Meeting Notes

**GUEST SPEAKER: Susan Karbiner**

The Poor People's Campaign. <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/> <https://www.nysppc.org/>

Mission: We are committed to lifting up and deepening the leadership of those most affected by systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation and to building unity across lines of division.

Priorities:

NY Health Act passed Assembly last year, 1 vote shy in Senate. We should write letters to Graughran, Martinez and Stewart-Cousins who are uncommitted at this time.

Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) <http://rappcampaign.com/>

Shinnecock Indians <https://allevents.in/southampton/shinnecock-solidarity-action/200018784803334>

June 20, 2020: Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March on Washington – Bus from Melville

**RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP:** Newsday investigation of housing segregation on LI. The group has discussed the intellectual reaction to try to help fix this, and more recently has been discussing their emotional reaction to the problem and their personal experiences with realtors on LI.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Peter, Cindy, David & Lynn shared that the next event will be a forum focused on the upcoming 2020 Census. The event will provide education on the census and a call to action for the audience to help reach hard-to-count populations. The panel of 4+ will be led by Rebecca Sanin, CEO of the Health and Welfare Council of LI. Results will impact funding for education, healthcare, law enforcement, and infrastructure. Tuesday Feb 25, 6PM.

**CCC:** Other groups are not focusing on the Census, giving us an opportunity to lead on this issue. Lots of discussion on replacing Zeldin and King in November 2020.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE:** Rich Rhodes reported that Cuomo may call a special election to fill Andrew Raia's seat in the Assembly. Suozzi is being primaried and we will invite Melanie D'Arrigo to speak at our next meeting. We need to work on the metric to handle possible divergent opinions on upcoming elections. Rich recommended we have a meeting with Gaughran in a small setting to express our concern for his lack of support on several progressive issues. Rich will invite Joan Cergol from TOH.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Brian Whitehead is researching techniques we can use to urge left leaning people in swing states to vote. LINC will provide its members multiple ways to help: Canvassing, Donating to local groups in swing states, Texting, Phoning and Mail. Brian to look into reminding people to check their voter registration status.

**NEXT LINC MEETING: February 9, 2020** at the Temple (3-5 p.m.) Racism Discussion Group (1:45-3:00 p.m.)