

CLOSE RIKERS WITHOUT JAIL EXPANSION!

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Critical Resistance seeks to end imprisonment, policing, surveillance, and all extensions of the Prison Industrial Complex (PIC). We know that prisons and jails create and perpetuate violence rather than resolve or prevent it and that caging and controlling people does not bring us safety. Instead, these systems devour resources that should be used to grow strong, healthy, self-determining communities.

WHAT WE OPPOSE

Rikers Island must be closed without replacing it. We must reject the city's attempts to exploit the closure process by using it as an opportunity to build, expand, and re-open jails in the South Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, and Lower Manhattan. The horrors of imprisonment are not unique to Rikers and pretending otherwise is reckless and short-sighted. Rather than guaranteeing Rikers will never exist again, de Blasio is masking jail expansion as reforms, improvements, and repairs, and expediting plans that will waste billions in public resources and further solidify the city's power to punish and hurt people.

WHAT WE WANT AND NEED

In order to strengthen communities and truly meet people's needs, we must depopulate jails and stop the city from pushing people into them. Public funds must be diverted away from policing, surveillance, and jails and toward the growth of opportunities that keep communities alive and whole. The way forward must prioritize ensuring access to life-sustaining, transformative resources for all people.

We believe in building toward a Jail-Free NYC where communities are free and thriving. Shutting down Rikers and stopping any jail expansion will get us closer to that vision.

TOWARD A JAIL FREE NYC!

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