

Join the New York Solidarity Coalition
With Katrina/Rita Survivors
At a
**Special People's Legislative Town Hall Meeting with
Federal, State & City Elected Officials**

On
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 - 5:00pm

At
Fordham University – Lincoln Center Campus
113 West 60th Street, Auditorium
New York, New York
(Trains: #1, A, C, D, E to 59th Street & Broadway)

“Nothing About Us Without Us Is For Us!”



The People of the Gulf Coast Will Not Go Quietly Into The Night Becoming the Homeless of Countless Other Cities While Our Own Homes Are Razed To Make Way for Mansions, Condos, And Casinos.

“We Will Join Together To Defend Our Claim and We Will Rebuild Our Homes In The Image of Our Dreams. We Will Defend the rights of those who have been displaced: sustainable jobs, wages, housing, education and health”.

****Suggested Donation: \$5.00 (No One Will Be Turned Away)****

*Donations will be contributed to the Solidarity Coalition “Hardship Fund” for Survivors living in New York City.

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IFCO/NYSCKRS ~ 418 West 145 St, New York, NY 10031

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DEMANDS

- First, the government must provide for all families to reunite. The databases of FEMA and the Red Cross must be made public.
- Second, the more than \$50 billion belongs to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We demand a Victims Compensation Fund as was done after 9/11 for the people in the world trade center in New York City.
- Third, The People's Committee demands representation on all boards that are making decisions on spending public dollars for relief and reconstruction. We also demand that those most affected by Hurricane Katrina be part of the planning process.
- Fourth, we demand public work jobs for the displaced workers residents of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. We must take lead in the rebuilding of our communities. The jobs must be at union wages so that our population is no longer characterized by extreme poverty.
- Lastly, we demand transparency in the entire reconstruction process. Citizens must know where all the monies are being spent and with whom they are being spent.

PRIORITIES

To build and maintain a coordinated network of community members, organizers, emerging/developing leaders, organizations and community based organizations with the capacity and organizational infrastructure to help meet the needs of people most impacted by Hurricane Katrina and government neglect.

- **To facilitate an organizing process that will demand local, grassroots leadership**, emphasizing the involvement of marginalized communities (women, people of color, poor people, gay, lesbian, queer and transgender populations, immigrants' indigenous peoples, youth and people with disabilities) in the relief, return and reconstruction process of New Orleans and the Gulf South.
- **Create a sustainable space for networking** and strategizing between community organizing and volunteers.
- **Participating in the return/rebuild process** to ensure comprehensive involvement of local, grassroots leadership on all integral levels.
- **To ensure mechanisms for safe return** so those who want to return to New Orleans and the region are able to regardless of economic, geographical, or citizenship status prior to displacement.
- Respect to our families and communities
- Sustainable improvements in job wages, housing, education, environment and health
- Justice for those who have suffered at the hands of the neglectful US government

Endorsers: Marc Morial, National Urban League*; Million Worker March; Bob Law, NYS Millions More Movement*; Educational Video Center; Meet the Need Network; Malcolm X Grassroots Movement/ Katrina Committee; Ramsey Clark; Saladin Muhammad, Black Workers for Justice*; Committee in Support of Iraqi People; Chris Silvera, Teamsters National Black Caucus*; Father Luis Barrios; Samia Halaby, Made in Palestine*; Bernadette Ellorin, BAYAN USA*; Henri Nereaux, Masters, Mates & Pilots Union*; Yoomi Jeong, KOREA TRUTH COMMISSION*; Brian Barraza, Association of Mexican American Workers (AMAT)*; Charles Jenkins, TWU Local 100*; Dustin Langley, NoDraftNoWay.org; International Action Center; Peoples Video Network; Bill Gilson, Veterans for Peace*; Marge Dukouzilan, NYC Leonard Peltier Support Group*; American Iranian Friendship Committee; Baltimore All-Peoples Congress; Erik Anders Nilsson, Jersey City Peace Movement; Harvey Newman, WESTPAC*; International Friends Family Mumia Abu Jamal; Physicians for Social Responsibility/NY; Dec 12th Movement; National Hip Hop Political Convention; Troops Out Now Coalition; Lynne Stewart Committee; Pakistan-USA Freedom Forum; New York Committee for May 1 Boycott for Immigrant Rights

***If you are, or know any Katrina/Rita Survivors, please contact
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