

NATIONAL JOBS FOR ALL COALITION

No More Katrinas: Keep Score on Recovery and America's Future

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Protest Every "NO" on This Checklist

1. Has an Independent Commission been appointed to find out why the rescue was a universally acknowledged failure and how to prevent future crises?
YES NO
2. Are the contracts and jobs to rebuild New Orleans and the Gulf Region going to local firms and people?
YES NO
3. Are local people being consulted about rebuilding efforts?
YES NO
4. Do contracts have strong living wage and equal opportunity requirements, and are they being enforced?
YES NO
5. Is there a program to create new, well paying jobs and provide the necessary training for good jobs?
YES NO
6. Are federal labor standards, collective bargaining rights, environmental protection and workplace safety regulations being strictly enforced?
YES NO
7. Will there be sufficient low- and middle-income (affordable) housing units throughout the city to permit even the least affluent former residents to return?
YES NO
8. Will the rebuilt public education and health care systems lay the foundations for quality education and health care for all?
YES NO
9. Are Federal funds being allocated to improve natural and man-made flood barriers?
YES NO
10. Will workers and returnees in the region be protected from toxic chemicals that could otherwise make the area unlivable?
YES NO
11. Are local governments with shattered tax bases receiving federal dollars for relief and rebuilding, especially in hard-hit areas?
YES NO
12. Has Washington preserved vital domestic programs instead of cutting them to pay for the recovery?
YES NO
13. Has Washington opted to pay for the recovery by rescinding tax cuts to the already rich and cutting the bloated military budget?
YES NO
14. Has accountability been ensured so that these expenditures don't wind up lining the pockets of unscrupulous contractors and political cronies, the way they have in Iraq?
YES NO
15. Is Washington reversing the nation-wide neglect of human and physical resources that could lead to many more disasters, and are its reconstruction efforts reducing the shameful poverty that Katrina exposed—much of it caused by lack of a national commitment to living wage jobs for all who want them?
YES NO

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HOW YOU CAN BE HEARD: HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST

The Response to Katrina Could Be A Critical Turning Point. For Over 20 Years Conservatives Have Lionized the Market and Demonized Government.

The mantra of conservative leaders has been: "Government is not the solution to the problem; government is the problem." That rhetoric has become a self-fulfilling prophecy. What Katrina has made abundantly clear is that a government that relies on the private sector and neglects its human, environmental and physical resources **is** the problem. The

severity of Hurricane Katrina, the extent of its devastation and the debacle of early recovery efforts all attest to a government that became the problem, not the solution. This is the time to recognize the serious problems with that philosophy of limited and uncaring government and rebuild, not only New Orleans and the Gulf region, but our nation for all its people.

This Checklist has been prepared by the National Jobs for All Coalition to remind every American of what is at stake. We should use this opportunity to reinvent a government that history has proven can be an important part of the solution to common problems and the means of creating a better, safer and more prosperous nation, including providing living wage jobs for all.

- **Make copies and take the checklist wherever you go.**
- **Hand it out to friends, ask to distribute it at meetings of organizations, to neighbors, at work, at your houses of worship...**
 - **Send it out to your e-mail list.**
- **Show it to your legislators, and publicize their views.***
 - **Send it to local newspapers.**
- **Make it the core of an op-ed or a letter to the editor.**

*Call your legislators at 202-224-3121 Visit <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress> to get names of your Senators and Representative and their email, fax, telephone and district office addresses
(better to write to district offices)

EXCERPT FROM PRESIDENT BUSH'S SPEECH TO THE NATION, September 15, 2005

Let's Make Sure These Promises Are Kept

“... there is some deep, persistent poverty in this region... that poverty has roots in a history of racial discrimination ... We have a duty to confront this poverty with bold action... So let us rise above the legacy of inequality.”

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