

New Orleans: 18 Months After Katrina

Who Lost What?



This homeowner painted "No Sale, No Developers. I'm staying put!" on her boarded up home.

Still Unable to Return Home--250,000 renters and homeowners, mostly African Americans. By Feb 2007 only 632 of the 77,000 home owners eligible for federal Road Home rebuilding funds have received them. Renters receive no funds (64% of N.O. residents rented). Rents have doubled in the "hood" from \$450 to \$850 for a 2 bedroom



Public Housing--Still Closed. HUD illegally locked out 4,534 families, disabled & elders from their homes, despite minimal damage. Spent \$.5 M to board/bar the housing. HUD plans to demolish 4,534 units, violating tenants' leases--and the law in 23 ways. Cost? \$175 M more than clean-up. Motive? They plan to rebuild for "mixed" income--only 10% for poor.



Public schools--Still Closed. 19 (out of 117) open. 7,500 teachers/staff fired. \$0 funding for Public Schools. Feds sent \$4.8 million to fund private/charter schools.



Buses--Still Not Running in poor areas. 55% of Folks have no cars. 30% of jobs lost.

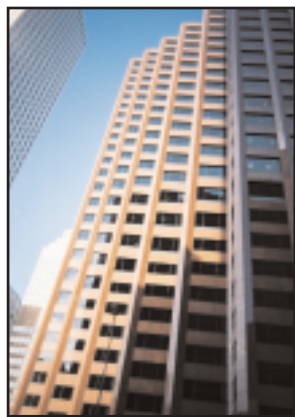
Only Free Public hospital--Closed and Slated for Demolition.



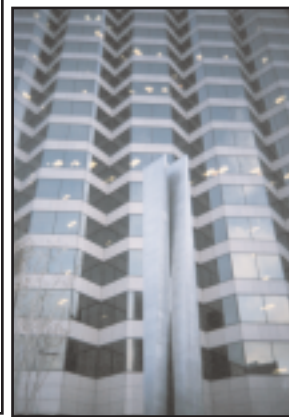
Small businesses 60% destroyed

Who Is Benefitting?

Billionaire businesses raked in \$9.7 Billions. Only 10% of contracts were local. Wealthy Disaster Profiteers won No-Bid Contracts via political connections and campaign contributions. Waste, fraud, overcharges prevail. Together with city, state and feds, these poverty pimps are looting relief



funds and privatizing N.O. They are grabbing land/housing from low-income and poor people near the French Quarter to expand tourist businesses and provide housing for middle/ upper income residents.



FLUOR Corp--\$1.4 Billion, SHAW Group--\$950 M, BECHTEL--\$575 M, HALLIBURTON KBR--\$169 M, CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES--\$236 M, LANDSTAR EXPRESS AMERICA--\$286 M, CH2M HILL Inc--\$530 M
No-BID contracts for cleanup, housing, reconstruction. Bechtel double billed, *overcharging* \$48 million. The Shaw Group charged 3 times more than an Alabama competitor to tarp roofs--yet SHAW received \$330 M. Ashbritt, Florida Bush friend, received contract to remove debris for \$23 a cubic yard. Four more companies sub-contracted, raking in millions doing no work. Final contractor is doing the work for \$3 a cubic yard!



Entergy Gas/Electric made \$9 Million Profit in 2004. Bailed out with \$718 M Katrina \$\$ allocated for poor.

Military has occupied N.O at a cost of \$300,000 a week despite full police force and population reduced by half.



Gov. Blanco had a \$827 Million Surplus in state Budget, Nov 2006. (Half the population gone, no schools, buses, street lights, services.) Gave raises to city, state, city **Police** and other state **professionals**. Not one penny for displaced persons or other poor people.

Who Is Fighting Back?



POC: Peoplesorganizing.org
504-872-9591

New Orleans, Jan 15 and Feb 10, 2007-- Resident occupied and cleaned up apartments in St. Bernard and C.J. Peete Housing Projects. They demand that HUD allow them to return or guarantee space for ALL displaced residents in any new construction. Both projects are slated for demolition.
People's Hurricane Relief Fund
peopleshurricane.org
Survivorsvillage.com

New Orleans groups, and volunteers from across the world, are fighting to save the city for the people. They still need HELP. Contact them. Find out how you can volunteer.



Commonground Collective
"Solidarity, not Charity." House gutting; Medical clinic; Media Ctr.
commongroundrelief.org

Atty Bill Quigley suing HUD to stop them bulldozing 4,534 public housing apts. It is illegal in 23 ways.
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"Hands Off Iberville"
c3nola.org

Iberville Housing Residents defied the govt. orders soon after Katrina. Broke in, cleaned up and permanently re-occupied their homes.



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Amnesty for Katrina Prisoners

JOIN US in New Orleans! Help End the Racism, Gentrification and War on the Poor.

Sources: Gulf Coast Reconstructions Watch, www.reconstructionwatch.org, 919-419-8315; corpwatch.org 510-271-8080; justiceforneworleans.org; Prof. William P Quigley, Quigley@loyno.edu; Advancement Project, (202)728-9557.