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Public schools—Still Closed. HUD illegally locked out 4,534 families, disabled 9 elders from their homes, despite minimal damage. Owner $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. Move? They plan to rebuild for “mixed” income—only 10% for poor.

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.

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.

M兵 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.

New Orleans, Jan 13 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 Survivevevillage.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.

Tulane Housing Residents defied the gov’t orders soon after Katrina. Broke in, cleaned up and permanently re-occupied their homes.

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