

# Redevelop, Restore Return: A Legislative Forum on Gulf Coast Recovery

## *Legislative Forum on Gulf Coast Recovery*

### *(Tentative Agenda)*

Friday, March 30, 2007, 9:00AM – 5:00PM at the Louisiana State Museum 660 N. 4th St

8:30-9:30	Breakfast and Registration	
9:00-9:45	<b><i>Introductions, Welcome and Congressional Overviews</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, Senior Research Analysts, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honorable William Jefferson, Representing the 2nd District of Louisiana</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Elsie Scott, President and CEO, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation</li> </ul>
9:45-11:00	<b><i>Barriers to Affordable Housing</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lauren Anderson, Director, City of New Orleans, Department of Neighborhood Housing Services.</li> </ul>
<i>Moderator: Senator Lydia Jackson, District 39-Shreveport, La</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracy Washington, leading attorney in the federal case McWaters vs. FEMA</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address housing discrimination, prohibitively high housing costs and insurance setbacks that have created deep and persisting barriers to affordable housing in the gulf coast area.</li> <li>• Discuss current state and federal legislation aimed at relieving barriers to affordable housing.</li> <li>• Review programs that provide housing assistance to individuals and families who are rebuilding in the aftermath of the Gulf Coast Hurricanes.</li> </ul>		
11:00-12:15	<b><i>Taking Care of Health</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raymond Jetson, Director, Louisiana Family Recovery Corp</li> </ul>
<i>Moderator: Dr. Marjorie</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Representative Cheryl Gray,</li> </ul>

<i>Innocent, Associate Director of Research Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.</i>	District 98
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical health care needs facing the Gulf Coast area, and challenges with providing, accessing, and funding health care services</li> <li>• Efforts to address health care infrastructure needs at the state, local and federal level</li> <li>• Initiatives and collaborations developed to support rebuilding of the health care system and influence health policy, and the impact of citizens on these efforts</li> <li>• Resources available to individuals and families for connecting with health care providers</li> </ul>	
12:15-1:15	<b><i>Luncheon</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Representative Cedric Richmond-Legislative Update</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attorney Kim Robinson, Special Counsel, Governor's Office</li> </ul>
1:30-2:45	<b><i>Economic Development</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donna Addkison, Housing, City of New Orleans, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>
<b><i>Moderator: Senator Ed Murray, District 4, New Orleans, LA</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill Bynum, Chief Executive Officer of ECD/HOPE (Enterprise Corporation of the Delta and Hope Community Credit Union).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an overview of current economic development opportunities in Louisiana with special attention to leveraging Katrina-related resources.</li> <li>• Share information concerning accessing business recovery loans, nonprofit recovery loans as well as consumer recovery financial products and services.</li> <li>• Review government, private sector and nonprofit resources that provide a wealth of options to pursue concerning personal and small business economic development. <i>Significant emphasis will be placed on asset-building strategies that benefit minorities, low-wealth, and rural communities.</i></li> </ul>	
1:30-2:45	<b><i>Hip Hop and Activism</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valeisha M. Butterfield, Managing Director, Russell Simmons' Hip-Hop Summit Action Network</li> </ul>

<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, Senior Research Analysts, CBCF, Author of <i>Black Sheep &amp; Reading into the So-Called Rap Wars</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Representative Juan Lafonta, District 96, New Orleans, LA</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryan Marcel Williams, Local Hip Hop Artist, Founder, Maroon Squad Records</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop strategies to use Hip Hop and creative arts to mobilize and inform the Black community, and build next generation activists.</li> <li>• Analyze Post-Katrina messages from the Hip Hop Community (e.g. Kanye West, Mos Def, and Lil Wayne).</li> <li>• Review CBCF Internships, Fellowships and the Emerging Leaders Series.</li> </ul>	
<p>3:00-4:30</p>	<p><b><i>Where do we go from here? With emphasis on the '07 ALC</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honorable William Jefferson, Representing the 2nd District of Louisiana</li> </ul>
<p><b>Moderator: State Representative Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, District 91, New Orleans,</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackie Parker, Senior Congressional Staffer, Legislative Assistant to US Senator Carl Levin</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbara Major, Co-Chair, Bring New Orleans Back</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gus Newport, Senior Associate at the Urban Strategies Council, Senior Consultant to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Technical Assistance Resource Center</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Senator Donald Cravins-District 24, Opelousas, LA</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Discuss major findings from the forums and develop specific strategies to present them to the 110<sup>th</sup> United States Congress.</i></li> <li>• <i>Outline an agenda and propose speakers for a braintrust at the 2007 Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.</i></li> <li>• <i>Outline major content areas of a proposal for a policy report to be developed by the CBCF and LDRF and presented on Capitol Hill.</i></li> </ul>	