



ACORN

Community Forum on Rebuilding New Orleans

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
November 7-8, 2005

A G E N D A

Monday, November 7, 2005

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Registration

LSU Cook Conference Center & Hotel
3848 West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge

11:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Bus Tour of New Orleans

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Dinner and Opening Remarks

Welcome to Baton Rouge

Beulah Labostrie, President, Louisiana ACORN

Introduction of ACORN Katrina Survivors Association

Vanessa Gueringer, Louisiana ACORN Leader

Introduction of elected officials

Annie Falls, Louisiana ACORN Board Member

Setting the stage / ACORN goals for Forum

Stephen Bradberry, Head Organizer, New Orleans ACORN

Wade Rathke, Chief Organizer, ACORN

Opening Speakers

Angela Glover Blackwell, CEO and Founder, PolicyLink

Dr. Silas Lee III, Dr. Silas Lee & Associates

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Plenary Panel: Our New Orleans and A Vision for Rebuilding

Moderated by Diana Hill, New Orleans ACORN Leader

9:00 PM - 9:15 PM

First Day Closing Remarks

Ron Shiffman, Professor, School of Architecture at Pratt Institute

Tuesday, November 7, 2005

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Breakfast

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

Introductions of Local Elected Officials

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Rebuilding Safely: Where Do Things Stand?

Moderated by Ken Reardon, Chair, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell Univ.

Panel

Albert Huang, Natural Resources Defense Council

Dennis Livingston, Community Resources Inc.

John Pardue PhD, La. Water Resources Research Institute,

Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, LSU

John Pine, Dept. of Geography & Anthropology, LSU

Radhey Sharma PhD, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, LSU

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Rebuilding the Neighborhoods Work Session, Part 1

Moderated by David Cronrath, Dean, College of Art and Design, LSU

Neighborhood by neighborhood discussion of each of the four communities we are focusing on: 9th Ward, Gentilly, Hollygrove/Upper Carrollton, and New Orleans East.

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

Break

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Rebuilding the Neighborhoods Work Session, Part 2

Discussion continues

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Lunch

Introduction of additional elected officials and brief remarks

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM

Rebuilding the Neighborhoods Work Session, Part 3

Report back from lunch, discussion of plans across neighborhoods, and wrap up

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Rebuilding the Neighborhoods: Thematic Discussions
(Housing Equity and Affordability)**

*Moderated by Richard Hayes, Former Director, National
Community Lending Center, Fannie Mae Consultant*

Panel

Mike Shea, ACORN Housing Corporation

Peter Werwath, Enterprise Foundation

*Michael Olshansky, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning,
Univ. of Illinois*

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Break

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Rebuilding A More Just Economy

*Moderated by Joel Rogers, Dept. of Political Science, Sociology
& Law, Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison*

Panel

*Mukesh Kumar, Urban and Regional Planning Dept., Jackson
State Univ.*

*Amy Liu, Deputy Director and Co-Founder of The Brookings
Institution*

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Wrap Up and Next Steps

6:30 PM

Adjourn

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New Orleans City Councilman-at-Large Oliver Thomas

New Orleans City Councilwoman Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson

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New Orleans City Councilwoman Cynthia Willard-Lewis

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