



**ACTION ALERT – FEBRUARY 2007**  
**Gulf Cost Civic Works Project--**  
**Hurricane Relief**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Much (most) of the relief needed and promised for the victims of the devastating hurricanes of the fall of 2005 has not reached many of those affected. Good Shepherd Voices for Justice joins social y conscious group from across the country seeking assistance for those who fall beyond mainstream assistance programs.

Recently, members of congress launched their “100 Hours Agenda” --a plan to begin a new direction to the relief efforts in the Gulf Coast. This plan would bring hurricane survivors home. The Gulf Coast Civic Works Project would hire 100,000 displaced residents who want to return, providing them with training and jobs to rebuild their homes and communities. It's a solution that would rebuild the Gulf by investing in its residents. We wish to petition Congress to act by providing massive public demand.



**ACTION**

More than ever, those committed to justice for Katrina survivors must make our voices heard. We join with ColorOfChange.org in petitioning Congress to put Katrina back on the agenda and implement a plan to help displaced residents return and rebuild. To join us and let our voices be heard, just click the link below:

<http://www.colorofchange.org/gccw/?id=1853-105751>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



What's being proposed is nothing new. During the Great Depression, the federal government believed it had a responsibility to ensure that those hit hardest did not fall through the cracks. It also knew that those Americans wanted a hand up, not a handout. Congress created a program to hire out-of-work Americans to get things done to benefit their communities. Within 2 weeks of launching this unprecedented project, over 800,000 people were hired; within 2 months, 4.2 million were working to build bridges, roads, libraries, schools and other public facilities. If we could put 4 million people to work in just 8 weeks in 1935, why can't we immediately put 100,000 people to work rebuilding the Gulf Coast?

The Gulf Coast Civic Works Project is a plan that makes sense--for displaced survivors, for the communities of the Gulf Coast, for the nation as a whole. It provides an opportunity to invest in Americans while reversing the most glaring problems that plague current rebuilding plans: gentrification, government waste, and massive corporate profiteering.

The Gulf Coast Civic Works Project is a great idea, but it can only happen with a groundswell of public support. You can help by letting Congress know you're behind the idea--it only takes a moment:

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