

## **KATRINA AFTER FIVE YEARS – A CALL TO ACTION**

### ***Two Years after Hurricane Katrina***

Barack Obama: “[W]e have to have a president who understands the reality that people in New Orleans were being neglected prior to the hurricane. And there are potential Katrinas all across the country that have been left unattended.”

– *Sen. Barack Obama, PBS Televised Presidential Debate, July 28, 2007*

### ***Five Years after Hurricane Katrina***

Billions of tax dollars have been poured into New Orleans and the Gulf Region, but the right of displaced residents to recover continues to be neglected by our government.

## **TAKE FIVE ACTIONS FOR CHANGE**

- ✓ Tell President Obama and Congress to protect the right of U.S. residents to recover from a disaster and displacement by adopting the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.
- ✓ Demand that no more federal tax dollars be used to fund post-Katrina development projects that result in racial disparities in housing, healthcare, education, employment, and environmental protection.
- ✓ Tell the Obama Administration to aggressively pursue a determination that the outrageous actions taken by BP leading up to the April 20<sup>th</sup> oil rig explosion or involving the oil cleanup meet one or more of the five exceptions in the Oil Pollution Act that remove the liability limit and require BP to pay the full cost of recovery for the people and the environment it has harmed.
- ✓ Tell President Obama and Congress to support the Gulf Coast Civic Works Act to create jobs for people in the Gulf Region and improve communities.
- ✓ Call on Congress to not retreat from climate change: set curbs on atmospheric carbon dioxide to below 350 part per million and support the resiliency of indigenous and poor communities who are vulnerable to climate change effects.