

NEW ORLEANS TOWN HALL MEETING GENERAL RUSSEL HONORÉ & THE GREEN ARMY



Thursday, June 26, 2014 | 6 pm – 8 pm
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
2805 General Taylor Street

GET THE FACTS

- The Recovery School District (“RSD”) plans to close the Walter L. Cohen High School building and relocate the students and staff of Cohen College Prep School to a new school that RSD plans to build on the property of the former Booker T. Washington High School.
- The Booker T. Washington High School property is contaminated with dangerous levels of arsenic, lead, mercury, and other toxic metals in the soil. The school was built in the 1940s on a portion of land that was once used as a waste dump known as the Silver City Dump.
- The RSD plans to dig up a portion of the contaminated soil without effective protection for the health of African American residents living near the Booker T. Washington High School property.
- The RSD’s plan provides an inadequate cleanup for building a new school on this property, which threatens the health of Cohen students, teachers, and staff.
- Wilma Subra, an award-winning environmental scientist, has called RSD’s plan “a threat to human health, especially for children, the elderly, pregnant and nursing women, and people with chronic illnesses.”
- The Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association filed a lawsuit to stop the RSD’s plan because it fails to meet legal requirements for health and safety.

**NO MORE SCHOOLS
ON TOXIC DUMPS!**

No school official should plan the building of a school on a toxic dump.

No child should have to learn in an unhealthy environment.

No community should be silent when a plan is approved to dig up contaminated soil without health and safety protections.

No city should approve building permits that put our children in harm’s way.

Sponsored by the Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights, and the Green Army