

Galveston Sustainable
Communities Alliance
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February 1, 2012

TDHCA
Timothy Irvine, Executive Director
221 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Galveston Initiative I (Application #12022)

Dear Mr. Irvine:

As president of the Galveston Sustainable Communities Alliance, I am writing this letter to voice our support for TDHCA Tax Credit Application #12022 Galveston Initiative I to be located at 1502, 1601 and 1701 Strand Street, in Galveston, TX.

Galveston Sustainable Communities Alliance is a civic organization whose mission is to dramatically improve opportunities for underserved children and families through sustainable, high quality education solutions that support vibrant communities.

We believe that affordable, safe housing for people of moderate means is essential to this mission and that this development will help meet that need.

Sincerely,

Angela Brown, President
Galveston Sustainable Communities Alliance
305 21st Street, Ste. 180
Galveston, Texas 77550



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FOCUS ON EDUCATION:

Galveston is a city of economic contrasts and unequal opportunities. In 2009-2010 out of a total of 6,358 GISD students 4,392 (69%) were eligible for free and reduced lunch.

In addition, in the school year 2010-2011, over 73% of GISD first graders started school below grade level, and only 78% of GISD third and fourth graders passed the state mandated test of reading achievement compared to 89% in the region. Dropout rates have increased to twice the statewide figure in 2007-2008, while high school graduation declined to 64% during the same period.

Last year the TAKS testing for GISD showed a decline in test scores while state wide there was a score increase. Ball High School's AP program is in the top 5% of the nation, graduating students who are accepted to Ivy League schools, yet the majority of students at Ball are either dropping out or failing to continue to college.

The high levels of concentrated poverty and uneven access to quality education across the Island offer significant opportunities to expand and improve education options for our children. Poor access to high quality education has contributed to the creation of a cycle of generational poverty that Galveston Sustainable Communities Alliance (GSCA) is dedicated to breaking.

Our children are not prepared to enter school. Investing in our children's education is our first priority, and for this investment to be productive it must be developed in the context of a comprehensive education pipeline. Poverty has robbed our children of their potential before they set foot into Kindergarten. GSCA is committed to change this.

Early Childhood learning and innovative K-4 through 12th grade programs such as those implemented by KIPP, Freedom School, Hands 2 Youth, 21st Century Program, Weis' Early Childhood University and St. Vincent's House have begun to make a difference in Galveston. We want to partner with them as well as others (GISD, UTMB, Charter schools, and more) as they consider potential expansion and other opportunities to move forward.

Through evidence based, early learning education programs that focus on creating a solid foundation for a cradle to college education pipeline, we aim to prepare children for entering kindergarten without the obstacles that poverty has placed in their way. Through partnerships with other groups and agencies whose focus is on families, health, supportive services, safe, affordable housing and job training, we will rebuild communities in Galveston.

Galveston Sustainable Communities Alliance is committed to lead the way.



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Galveston Sustainable Communities Alliance (GSCA) is a community-based neighborhood development initiative that implements its work through collaboration, education and advocacy. The initial focus area of GSCA will be the transformation of the Northside communities in alignment with GSCA's long-term vision.

Mission

To create sustainable and holistic neighborhood revitalization through education, mixed-income housing and community development that provides increased opportunities for its residents.

Vision

Safe, healthy and vibrant communities that provide the opportunity for each individual to succeed.

Goals for 2012-2013

1. Create a cradle-to-college education pipeline and an education transformation plan for the Northside's revitalization, beginning with early education for children ages 0-4.
2. Develop partnerships and collaborations with local service providers to enhance education opportunities for children and work opportunities for adults residing in the Northside of Galveston neighborhoods.
3. Advocate for policy changes and conditions that improve lives in the revitalization of Northside neighborhoods.
4. Attract and retain highly qualified board and staff leadership
5. Raise \$700,000 by the end of the fiscal year 2013 to effectively operate the GSCA and its projects.

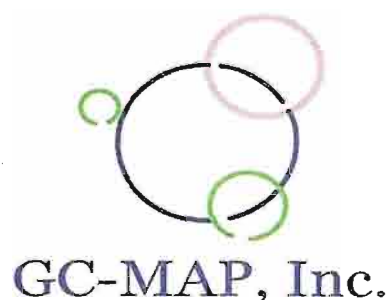
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Galveston County Mutual Assistance Partnership

Connecting, strengthening, and supporting nonprofit agencies in the Galveston Bay area

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February 2, 2012

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Timothy Irvine, Executive Director
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Austin, TX 78701

RE: Galveston Initiative I (Application #12022)

Dear Mr. Irvine:

Galveston County Mutual Assistance Partnership, Inc. wishes to register its support for M application for tax credits (#12022 – Galveston Initiative I). This development will be located at 1502, 1601, and 1701 The Strand, Galveston, TX 77550. This location is in very close proximity to our offices at 305 21st Street at Mechanic Row.

Galveston County Mutual Assistance Partnership, Inc. is a charitable nonprofit organization that was established to build cooperative relationships among area nonprofit service providers. The organization is comprised of twenty agencies that would serve the residents of the proposed development. We have been working with the Galveston Housing Authority to insure that low-income residents and the larger community of residents live in a healthy community that offers help when needed and prevention-oriented programs to strengthen the health and well-being of all. We pledge to continue to work with residents to help them to achieve their maximum potentials.

Sincerely,



William E. Buffum, Ph.D., LMSW
Chief Executive Officer

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CONNECTING, STRENGTHENING, AND SUPPORTING NONPROFIT AGENCIES IN THE GALVESTON BAY AREA

Galveston County Mutual Assistance Partnership, Inc. was created by several Galveston County nonprofit agencies to find ways to become stronger through collaborative efforts:

- (1) shared training and consultation to build the knowledge and skill base of agency leaders,
- (2) the initiation of joint projects that promise to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of nonprofits, and
- (3) the creation of an interagency leadership forum in which pressing community and agency needs can be addressed.

GC-MAP was incorporated as a Texas nonprofit in September, 2010. GC-MAP is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

*Welcome to our newest members
The Salvation Army and Community Youth Development*

GC-MAP, Inc.
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Dr. Eischbach's Galveston Analysis



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Working Together for Galveston



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February 15, 2012

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
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221 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Galveston Initiative I (Application #12022)

Dear Mr. Irvine:

On behalf of Gulf Coast Interfaith, Inc., a 501(c)3 non profit, please be informed of our enthusiastic support for the TDHCA Tax Credit Application #12022 also known as the Galveston Initiative I to be located at 1502, 1601 and 1701 Strand Street. in Galveston, TX.

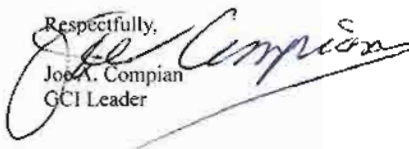
Gulf Coast Interfaith is an interfaith and interracial coalition of congregations and community organizations located along the Texas Gulf Coast. GCI engages in leadership development, community organizing, and community education so that leaders across different faith beliefs and non profits can work together to improve the vitality of our Gulf Coast communities and congregations.

GCI is affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) through its membership in The Metropolitan Organization (Harris County). The IAF is the oldest and largest community organizing network in the United States. GCI was and continues to be heavily involved in organizing and advocacy efforts surrounding issues arising from Hurricane Ike.

Since the majority of residents in the City of Galveston are renters, there is a need for affordable rental housing opportunities at the lower and middle end of the market such as those provided by developers using low income tax credits.

We urge and encourage TDHCA to approve low income tax credits for Galveston Initiative I.

Respectfully,


Joe A. Compian
GCI Leader



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WELCOME!

Gulf Coast Interfaith (GCI) is an interfaith and interracial coalition of congregations and community organizations located along the Texas Gulf Coast.

GCI engages in leadership development and community organizing so that leaders can work together to improve the vitality of their own communities and congregations.

GCI is affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), the oldest and largest community organizing network in the United States. GCI was instrumental in creating, and continues to lead, the organizing and advocacy efforts of Galveston County Restore and Rebuild (GCR2), a coalition of 25 national and local organizations which is rebuilding hundreds of homes throughout Galveston County.

JOIN US!

In order to bring about change, we need caring people who want to make a positive difference in the health and vitality of our communities, and in the lives of our residents. Call us today to become a an active part of a brighter future in our area!

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WHAT'S NEW

12/23/2011: [Illegal Immigrant Patient](#)[Finds Shelter After All](#) By Harvey Rice, Houston ChronicleDecember 2011: [2011 Update on](#)[Free and Reduced Health Care in Galveston County](#)December 2011: [Appendix to 2011 Update](#)12/12/2011: [O'Keefe Concerned About Fair Housing Act Statement](#)

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Amanda Casanova, The Daily News

05/31/2011: [A Good Question About](#)[Redistricting](#) By Heber Taylor/ The Daily News05/30/2011: [GISD Map Under Review](#)

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ABOUT GCI

WHO WE ARE

Congregations and organizations throughout the upper Texas Gulf Coast are dues paying members of GCI. Member congregations come from diverse denominations including:

- Catholic
- Baptist
- Jewish
- Church of God in Christ
- United Methodist
- Presbyterian
- Islamic
- African Methodist Episcopal
- Independent

WHAT WE DO

GCI seeks to work across race and denomination lines to address the many serious economic, social and educational issues, which affect the health and well-being of the families in this region.

GCI has begun a patient process to:

- Identify issues of common concern to Gulf Coast residents;
- Identify leaders who care enough about those issues to participate in developing potential solutions; and
- Create the public will to transform those potential solutions into sustainable, broadly-supported programs to improve the quality of life in our communities.

HOW WE ORGANIZE

Develop core organizing teams within member institutions which engage in careful listening through individual and small group meetings in order to identify leaders and issues of common concern.

Hold house meetings [small group meetings] to develop relationships, identify leaders and issues, and organize a constituency of people who are willing to take action to improve their community.

Conduct research to develop the knowledge and expertise necessary to take effective action.

Take action to bring public focus and pressure on those with the authority to make decisions to bring about the specific changes we support.

Evaluate our action in order to learn from our experiences and to improve our organizational techniques.

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ACTIVITIES / ISSUES

The following is a list of current issues and concerns that GCI is or has worked on in the past.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND REDISTRICTING

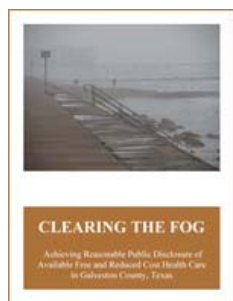
HURRICANE RECOVERY AND HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

GCI is monitoring, organizing and speaking out to shape the process of the allocation of federal funds to the regions hit by Hurricanes Dolly and Ike in 2008.

INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

December 2011: [2011 Update on Free and Reduced Health Care in Galveston County](#)

December 2011: [Appendix to 2011 Update](#)



[Clearing the Fog \(updated file\):](#)

Achieving Reasonable Public Disclosure of Available Free and Reduced Cost Health Care in Galveston County, Texas

[Clearing the Fog video clip:](#) The Cancer Coalition of Galveston County created a Calling Card documentary on Health Care Access; this is a snippet from that project.

IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION

INCREASE ACCESS TO JOB TRAINING AND GOOD JOBS

INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION

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February 15, 2012

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On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Council 151, a non-profit civic organization, I wish to inform you of our enthusiastic support for the TDHCA Tax Credit Application #12022 also known as the Galveston Initiative I.

The mission of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health, and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States. Over the past 75 years, we have been able to make a significant impact on the lives of Hispanics nationwide.

The majority of residents in Galveston rent their homes; therefore, there is a need for affordable rental housing opportunities at the lower and middle income levels such as those provided by developers using low income tax credits.

We urge you to approve low income tax credits for Galveston Initiative I.

Sincerely,

Anna Olivares
President
LULAC Council 151

"All for one and one for all"



LULAC DISTRICT VIII

☐ A message from the District Director

Greetings from LULAC District VIII

District VIII is the 2nd largest district in the State of Texas and one of the largest in the USA. District VIII currently has thirty adult councils, five young adults councils and nine youth councils. District VIII serves the communities of the greater Houston Metropolitan Area which include: Alief, Bellaire, Freeport, Texas City, Galveston, Huntsville, Spring, Humble, Galena Park, Lake Jackson and Pasadena.

LULAC District VIII is a grass roots organization dedicated to serve the community and advocate for civil rights, increase educational opportunities, immigration issues, leadership and fair treatment in the work force or housing.

Bilingual information and assistance is available at our district office.

Respectfully, Herlinda Garcia
District VIII Director

Should you desire more information please feel free to contact our district office at:

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LULAC DISTRICT VIII

☐ Mission Statement

To advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population in the Houston and surrounding areas.

Our District Goals Civil Rights Education, Social Equality, Leadership, Immigration, Voter Registration, Youth Programs, and Cultural Diversity.

Our Achievements

Our councils have implemented a wide variety of activities that work towards our goals. In addition to our thirty adult councils, we have five young adult and nine youth councils that have been established to work towards our leadership, education, and youth program goals.

Our district office is an invaluable resource for our work supporting civil rights, social equality, immigration, voter registration and cultural diversity.

How to make a difference

LULAC has developed a national reputation for supporting the Hispanic population when there are incidents of injustice, inequality in the workplace, school or out in the community. Our Cinco de Mayo parade is our only source of income to support the district's office. It also funds the district's scholarships. For more information please contact our Parade Committee Chair Email: d8mgr@lulac.org

Scholarships

LULAC believes education is the key to increase the representation and respect of the Hispanic community living in the United States. Activities and fundraisers are held year-round to contribute to this important cause. Scholarships are awarded through the LNES (LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc.) to deserving students so that they may pursue a college or university in a field of their choice. Students who are awarded LULAC scholarships are chosen by local councils. In awarding these scholarships, LULAC does not discriminate against nationality.

Contact LULAC when

You feel that your rights have been violated by an employer
 You feel that your rights have been violated by any federal, state or local police officer
 You feel you have been discriminated against employment
 You feel you have been discriminated against in your attempt to become a homeowner

Become a member

Any person that wishes to participate in LULAC events, functions, and activism is welcome to join.

Annual dues are as follows:

Student: \$16.00
 Individual: \$35.00
 Family: \$50.00
 Corporate: \$100.00

We welcome you to become a positive influence and a leader in the Hispanic community

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GALVESTON — Medical students serving as mentors help third- and fourth-graders from Galveston's Early Childhood University prepare for a reading competition.



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Celebrate LULAC's many achievements

By Anna Olivares
Special to The Daily News

Published February 14, 2012

Since Feb. 13-17 is LULAC week, I thought I'd share some of the organization's history.

The founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens joined together on Feb. 17, 1929, in Corpus Christi to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States.

LULAC has championed the cause of Hispanic Americans in education, employment, economic development and civil rights. LULAC has developed a comprehensive set of nationwide programs fostering educational attainment, job training, housing, scholarships, citizenship and voter registration.

LULAC has adopted a legislative platform that promotes humanitarian relief for immigrants, increased educational opportunities for our youth and equal treatment for all Hispanics in the United States and its territories, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

LULAC Council 151 had its birth in Galveston in May 1947 and will celebrate 65 years of community service to Hispanic Americans. It is a pleasure to commemorate the many individuals who have given unselfishly of themselves.

With the remembrance of the war years freshly on our founder's minds, society in Galveston was still Anglo in doctrine; "Separate but equal" was the prevalent mantra under which our founders had to operate. Many major industries and businesses did not hire "Mexicans." It was difficult to get quality housing, yet menial and backbreaking labor at area compresses was available.

The few individuals who gathered that May in 1947 had the courage and fortitude to seek and demand changes, changes that would allow them and their children an avenue into "mainstream" Galveston society. Employment and education became the foundation of LULAC Council 151.

From the ranks of LULAC Council 151, we have provided leadership to the league as district directors, Texas state directors, district treasurer and Texas state deputy director for youth. Several members have been recognized at the LULAC National level, receiving the LULAC Man of the Year Award, LULAC Woman of the Year Award, LULAC Youth Advisor of the Year Award and LULAC Council of the Year Award.

For 64 years, LULAC Council 151 has been a viable asset to the city of Galveston. Members have served as councilmen, school board trustees, Galveston College regents and parks board trustees and on the Galveston Housing Authority, Galveston wharves board, Parks and Recreation, Galveston Housing and Finance Board, Traffic Commission, Broadway Beautification Committee, Ethics Commission and numerous nonprofit boards of directors.

In addition, LULAC has awarded more than \$800,000 in college scholarships and has endowed two permanent Universal Access Scholarships at Galveston College. LULAC Council 151 is the proud sponsor of LULAC Youth Council 12. They have more than 70 members. They are actively involved in the community, participating in the Ronald McDonald House and D'Feet Breast Cancer Run and working as mentors for students at L.A. Morgan.

LULAC Council 151 will host the LULAC District VIII Convention in Galveston on April 28. We look forward to continuing to be advocates for the community.

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February 16, 2012

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RE: TDHCA Tax Credit Application #12022

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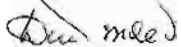
On behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Unit 6138, a non-profit civic organization, I wish to inform you of our enthusiastic support for the TDHCA Tax Credit Application #12022 also known as the Galveston Initiative I.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

The majority of residents in Galveston rent their homes; therefore, there is a need for affordable rental housing opportunities at the lower and middle income levels such as those provided by developers using low income tax credits.

We urge you to approve low income tax credits for Galveston Initiative I.

Sincerely,


David Miller
President
NAACP Unit 6138

Texas State Conference Disaster Plan Hurricane Ike

September 19th, 2008 admin



The NAACP's Mission

The Texas Conference of the NAACP was organized to empower and protect our communities from all vestiges of racism and discrimination wherever and whenever they occur. Unfortunately, even when disasters strike we are reminded that the racism and discrimination that we have seen and lived through does not take a holiday. We are determined to advocate even more diligently in these situations to make sure that benefits and care due our communities as a result of their hard work and contributions, are distributed fairly and equitably until their lives are restored to some form of normalcy.

Scope of Damage

Hurricane Ike made landfall early Saturday morning, 9/13/2008, as a category 2 hurricane... Galveston received a direct hit and the storm moved through Houston and throughout East Texas. Rainfall totals in some areas reached 10 inches or more. The storm surge caused massive damage along the upper Texas Gulf Coast. Galveston was nearly completely evacuated, along with Orange, Beaumont, and smaller nearby communities. There were basically four types of evacuation. 1) Mandatory state run evacuation of special needs citizens. They were taken earlier last week to shelters in Houston, San Antonio, Tyler Dallas/Ft Worth Airport, El Paso, Lubbock, Amarillo, and San Angelo. 2) Voluntary evacuation by motorist who had the resources to drive themselves to areas where there were either shelters established or hotels available. 3). Evacuees who responded to officials declaration for mandatory evacuation and they were moved by buses to state sponsored shelters. 4) Those citizens who rode the storm out only to find themselves in the midst of destruction and no resources

Search and Rescue

Search and Rescue operations have been going on since Saturday morning and will continue for about a week by several state and federal agencies.

Texas Disaster Network

The disaster network in Texas consists of several state and federal agencies including the Alamo Area Regional Command, Texas Forest Service, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Service, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Railroad Commission, Office of Attorney General, Texas Department of Insurance.

Texas NAACP Plan

Agreement with American Red Cross

The NAACP has a longstanding agreement with the American Red Cross to assist each other in responding to disasters in this country. Many of the shelters in this operation will be created by the American Red Cross. We have had lengthy discussions with the Red Cross concerning this operation and have strengthened our agreement. The National Office has developed credentials for all NAACP workers to gain access to the Red Cross Shelters. Many of our members have been trained by Red Cross to provide Mass Care and other services. We encourage you to make yourselves available for appropriate Red Cross operations.

Other Shelters

Many of the shelters in this operation were established by churches and community leaders especially in the areas hit hardest by the storm. These shelters need support from the association, also. Some of them are receiving PODs, (point of delivery) services – food, water, and ice. But several of these shelters are not aware of the process of getting assistance... If you find shelters such as these in your area, place call the state hotline number and we will try to get some supplies and food to those shelters. The 211 system is still disseminating information regarding shelters and their location. You can also find out when evacuees will be allowed to return home through the 211 system. The State Shelter Network number is (214) 653-7629. We will try to keep all units updated on shelter locations and closures.

Transitional Living

The immediate goal of State Operations and FEMA is to get people out of the shelters as soon as possible and to get them into transitional housing. FEMA has been trying to expedite the processing of these claims in several ways. They have already begun to open – “FEMA HOTELS” – in areas of the state where there are lots of evacuee FEMA Claims are being processed for evacuees who prove place of residency in affected areas (those areas declared disaster areas by declaration # FEMA-1791-DR) Counties included are Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Cherokee, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Washington Counties.

Advocacy

In order to effectively execute the NAACP mission, we need to actively visit and interact with the evacuees. We need information about the shelters so we encourage you to:

- 1) Get information on the size of the shelter
- 2) Get the physical location of the shelter
- 3) Get information on the type of shelter that it is, if it’s for sleeping, feeding, special needs, animals, etc.
- 4) Get an ethnic breakdown of the evacuees (percentage)
- 5) Get an age breakdown
- 6) Do an in depth inspection of the operations of the shelter to determine if all the needs of the evacuees are being met
- 7) Determine is your local branch or the state conference can meet some of those needs.

Coordination of Activities and Complaints

All issues regarding Red Cross relations, health and safety, special needs, etc., should be referred to Carol Moore, (713) 682-5071. Issues in the Galveston, Orange, Port Arthur, Beaumont area and issues concerning early voting should contact Shirley Faniel at (409) 935-6175. Issues involving other State agencies and response issues contact Gene Collins, (432) 333-1161. If you are unable to reach any of these people, contact Yannis at (254) 371-5790. Information that needs to be shared with the rest of the state should be sent to Linda Lydia (214) 674-5887.

Situation Report

A Situation Report has been prepared by the Texas Governor’s Office daily since a week before the Hurricane. You may access this report by going to: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/sitrepindex.htm>.

You will be able to get a broader since of the Texas Operation by going to this report and highlighting things within the report that pertain to your situation.

Attorney General's Commitment

The office of the Attorney General has provided a Hot Line for reporting all forms of gouging; from price gouging of fuel to other necessities such as groceries, clothing, medical supplies, lodging, and repair work during these crisis times. The number is 1-800-2528011. Complaints can also be made on-line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on the OAG website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.state.tx.us. The Attorney General's Office will also make available the names of sex offenders who may enter one the shelters.

Property Damage Insurance

The Texas Department of Insurance has a toll free Consumer Help Line (1-800-252-3439). You can go to their website and download a list of all property insurance carriers that operate in Texas along with their too-free claim office numbers. Their website can be accessed at www.tdi.us/consumer/storms/cpmhurrike.html.

Media

It is very important for the Texas NAACP to speak with one voice. State President Bledsoe has issued several press releases concerning this operation that each of you should have. However, most local media outlets want to put a local spin on activities. If you are interviewed, please be familiar with President Bledsoe's release, our mission statement, and this document. If you need assistance with this before you are interviewed, please call the hotline.

Conclusion

The real Texas plan is for each of you to do what you do best, stand in the gap and do what you feel is necessary to help you fellow man during this time of need and nobody does it better than we do. I know that God will bless our efforts and each and every one of us for doing our part.

Gene O. Collins

Co-Chair, Texas NAACP Disaster Committee

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Galveston County Coalition for Justice
600 59th Street
Galveston, Texas 77551

February 16, 2012

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
ATTN: Timothy Irvine, Executive Director
221 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

RE: TDHCA Tax Credit Application #12022

Dear Mr. Irvine:

On behalf of the Galveston County Coalition for Justice, I wish to inform you of our enthusiastic support for the TDHCA Tax Credit Application #12022 also known as the Galveston Initiative I.

The mission of the Galveston County Coalition of Justice is a multiracial, multi-issue, membership based organization founded by Tarris L. Woods, Sr. The purpose and aims of the organization shall be to unite people of all races under one premise, to improve the social, political, educational and economic status of minority groups.

The majority of residents in Galveston rent their homes; therefore, there is a need for affordable rental housing opportunities at the lower and middle income levels such as those provided by developers using low income tax credits.

We urge you to approve low income tax credits for Galveston Initiative I.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leon Phillips", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Leon Phillips
President
Galveston County Coalition for Justice



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- Help break the cycle of Homelessness & Poverty
- Health & Youth Outreach Programs

- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Minority Business Development
- Equal Education Access
- Fair & Decent Housing
- Voter Registration
- Gender Equality

Our Links

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Our Roots: The G.C.C.J. is a progressive organization fighting for social, political, educational, and economic change for minority groups. As a coalition of conscience, people of all races, and background have the power to make the phrase "liberty and justice for all" a reality. The coalition will continue the struggle for total assimilation of all cultures, races and religious denominations in this county. All Americans are assured equal protection under the law and have the right to life, liberty, justice and the pursuit of happiness.

Our Method: The G.C.C.J. will continue to struggle for racial equality in the best tradition of the Civil Rights Movement. We will continue to educate, demonstrate, and litigate to make "liberty and justice for all" a reality. The coalition is steered by a Board of Directors and the Chairperson of each standing committee.

Membership: Section 1. Any person who is in accordance with the purpose and policies of this organization may become a member of this organization and by paying annually in advance the required membership fee. Section 2. The effective date of membership in this organization shall be January 1st of each year.

For more information concerning the Galveston County Coalition for Justice please call Mr. Leon Phillips at 409-762-7777. Please Check back this Website is under construction!

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