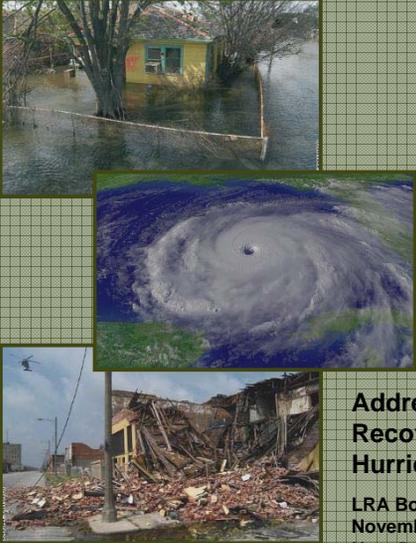


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**LOUISIANA  
RECOVERY  
AUTHORITY**

**Addressing the Challenges of  
Recovery and Rebuilding from  
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita**

**LRA Board Meeting  
November 11, 2005  
New Orleans, LA**

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING AGENDA (1 of 2)</b>	
I. Call to order	9:00 a.m.
II. Prayer	↓
III. Pledge of Allegiance	
IV. Roll call	
V. Welcome and introductions	9:10
VI. Update from Attorney General Charles Foti, Jr.	9:15
VII. Executive Reports	↓
• Chairman of the Board report (Dr. Francis)	9:30
• Executive Director's report (Andy Kopplin)	9:45
– Update on Scoping meetings (Donna Fraiche)	10:00
VIII. Update from Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu	10:15
IX. Additional Reports	↓
• Ethics discussion (Kathleen Allen)	10:30
• Open meetings law (Charles Braud)	10:45
• Situation Assessment – Levee reconstruction and coastal restoration (Brigadier General Robert Crear)	11:00
• Situation Assessment - Presentation from the Governor's Coastal Advisory Commission (Sidney Coffee)	12:00 p.m.
	↓
Break for lunch/AIA Conference	12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING AGENDA (2 of 2)

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| X. Discussion items   |           |
| • Update on legislative progress                                  | 1:15 p.m. |
| – Federal (Walter Isaacson)                                       |           |
| – State (Sean Reilly)   |           |
| • Overview of select long-term priorities and action items        | 1:45      |
| – Infrastructure and transportation (John T. Landry)              |           |
| – Levees and coastal restoration (Rene Cross)                     |           |
| – Economic and work force development (Matt Stuller)              |           |
| – Education (Linda Johnson)                                       |           |
| • Hazard mitigation action items (Dr. Francis)                    | 2:45      |
| • LRA Bylaws (Dr. Francis)  |           |
| • Overview of support organization foundation (David Voelker)     | 3:00      |
| • Criteria for selecting community planning firms (Donna Fraiche) | 3:15      |
| XI. Other business (Dr. Francis)                                  | 3:30      |
| XII. Announcements  | 3:40      |
| XIII. Adjournment   | 3:45      |

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## UNPRECEDENTED DAMAGE FROM KATRINA



An estimated 350,000 homes were destroyed by the storms

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## UNPRECEDENTED DAMAGE FROM RITA



Entire communities, such as Holly Beach, were completely destroyed

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## LRA ROLE IN RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION



- Issacson and Plaquemines Parish President Benny Rousselle



- Issacson, Cross, Voelker, and Bollinger listen to Councilman Young John

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## LRA ROLE IN RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION



- Rene Cross elaborates on the levee breach that destroyed Plaquemines



- Andy Kopplin and Tom Henning inspect school damage in Cameron parish

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## LRA ROLE IN RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION



- Mary Ella Sanders and Donna Fraiche in Cameron parish



- Laura Leach and Dominique Duval-Diop in Vermillion parish

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## LRA ROLE IN RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION



- Chairman Francis and Vice Chair Issacson at meeting with New Orleans Back to Business Commission



- Dr. Francis and Mayor Nagin

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## TEMPLATE FOR TASK FORCE MEMBER SELECTION

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Task Force Chairs/Vice Chairs  
 FROM: Meg Mahoney  
 SUBJECT: Selection of Task Force Members  
 DATE: November 8, 2005

Please use the following template to designate Task Force members. Task Force members should consist of a balanced group of critical stakeholders and subject matter experts. The Task Force Chair/Vice Chair will nominate up to fifteen members to be part of the Task Force. Dr. Francis, Chairman of the Board, will approve and designate each of these nominees as official Task Force members.

In addition, the Task Force will consist of legislative representatives – 2 senators and 2 representatives – who will be selected by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

Please submit your selections to Meg Mahoney by **November 15, 2005** ([megmahoney@cox.net](mailto:megmahoney@cox.net)). Additionally, if you have questions, please contact Meg Mahoney.

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LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO BE SELECTED BY THE  
 SPEAKER OF HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENT OF SENATE

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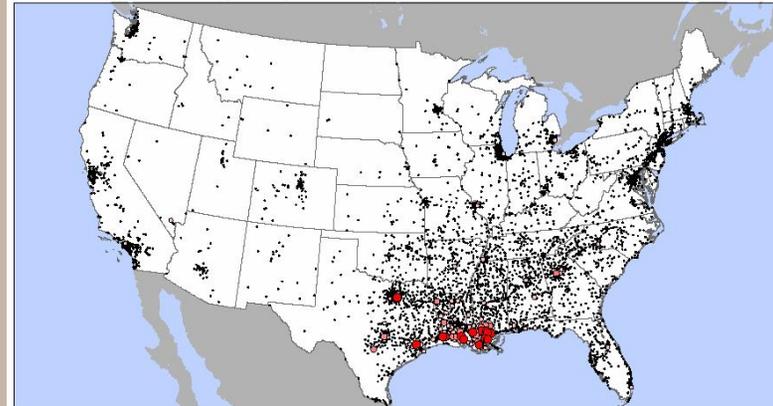
## OVERVIEW OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Overview of recovery
- LRA Recovery accomplishments
- Update on 30-day goals
- Overview of long-term planning process
- Update on hazard mitigation



## DISPLACED LOUISIANA RESIDENTS

Louisiana applicants (DR-1603 & DR-1607) current location as of 10/31/05



Map Not To Scale

Data provided by  
Recovery Division IA Management Cell

The figures contained on this map  
are based on the best available data.

\*\* Cities with less than 5 applicants not shown\*\*

Legend

Applicants per city	
•	Less than 1,000
○	1,000 - 5,000
○	5,000 - 10,000
●	Greater than 10,000





## UPDATE ON RECOVERY



People

- Fatalities • 1,070



Shelters

- Open shelters • 108
- In state evacuees • 2,621
- Out of state evacuees • 879



Utility outage (# not available)

- Communication • 269,278
- Electricity • 129,349
- Gas • 25,450

- 467 Small Business Bridge Loan applications have been approved (totaling \$8.8 million)
- 2,621 displaced citizens are in Louisiana shelters, down from 62,000
- 129,349 are without power, down from 1.4 million
- 14,087 total trailers have been placed with Louisiana that are ready for occupancy
- \$292.7 million in unemployment and disaster assistance have been distributed
- All school districts have some schools open (with the exception of Orleans parish)



## COMPARISON TO OTHER DISASTERS

DISASTER	FEMA COST	POPULATION	COST/CAPITA
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (2005)	\$37.1 billion	4.5 million	\$8,255
World Trade Center (2001)	\$7.4 billion	18.976 million	\$390
Northridge Earthquake (1994)	\$7.0 billion	29.760 million	\$235
Hurricane Andrew (1992)	\$1.8 billion	12.938 million	\$139
Hurricane Iniki (1992)	\$259.7 million	1.108 million	\$234
Loma Prieta Earthquake (1989)	\$867 million	23.668 million	\$37



## LRA RECOVERY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- “Speaking with one voice” to increase visibility on Louisiana’s most important issues
- Community outreach for redevelopment planning well under way (e.g., scoping meetings, PolicyLink)
- Involvement of key stakeholders to develop “big ideas” for Louisiana’s future
  - Water resources conference
  - American Institute of Architects/American Planning Association
- Tangible actions
  - LA Swift Busing Program
  - Law Enforcement Training Program
  - Maintaining critical rail transportation from rice growers to rice manufacturers
- Louisiana Board of Ethics approved pro-bono support from McKinsey & Company and from Patton Boggs (led by Senator John Breaux)
- Transparency and open communications – LRA E-Newsletter



## LRA WEB PAGE (<http://www.lra.louisiana.gov>)





## UPDATE ON 30-DAY GOALS

To be resolved by November 16, 2005

### Goal

- Focus State efforts to ensure personnel/ resources respond effectively to dramatically changed environment
- Present comprehensive/unified agenda for Congressional and State legislative actions to assist following areas
  - Financial solvency of most impacted local governments
  - Prioritize federal appropriations to meet needs including – levee reconstruction and improvement, transportation infrastructure, business assistance, job creation, etc.

### Status

- LRA operational to support priorities established for the recovery
- State legislative special session started November 6.
  - Board and Director providing policy and legislative input
  - Federal legislative priorities established, being further fleshed out

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## UPDATE ON 30-DAY GOALS

To be resolved by November 16, 2005

### Goal

- Work with AG's office to enact a contractor and real estate fraud task force to protect citizens from predatory practices and prosecute offenders to the maximum extent of the law
- Establish, implement means of providing citizens and communities with direct input into how their communities are rebuilt
- Implement communication plan to reach evacuees throughout the nation, to keep them informed and bring them home
- Develop a strategy for increasing in-state capacity for housing redevelopment

### Status

- Being considered by the AG's office
- Community scoping meetings completed together with FEMA
- Needs and issues meetings to begin early Dec
- PolicyLink tapped to lead communications effort
- Currently being developed

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## UPDATE ON 30-DAY GOALS

To be resolved by November 16, 2005

### Goal

- Construct framework to reopen schools to serve returning people
- Expand business recovery, retention, and attraction effort
- Provide the means to train and link displaced Louisiana residents with available recovery and redevelopment jobs
- Analyze federal contracting and set appropriate benchmarks for Louisiana workers and businesses

### Status

- DOE working with FEMA and LEAS to assess damage/devastation to schools; report will be presented to LRA mid Nov
- EDA grant, technical assistance, ongoing economic development deals/successes
- LA Swift Bus Transportation
- LCTCS Training Programs
- Initial analysis underway

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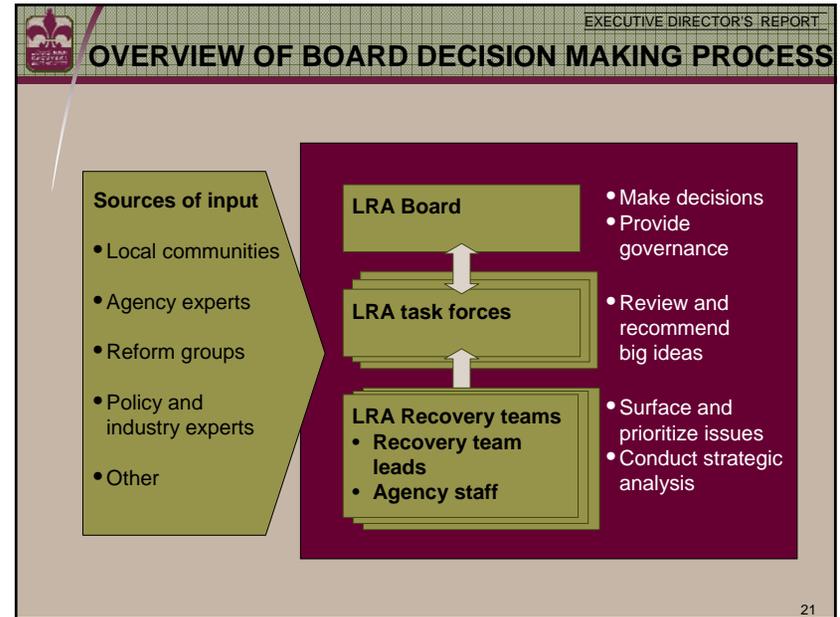
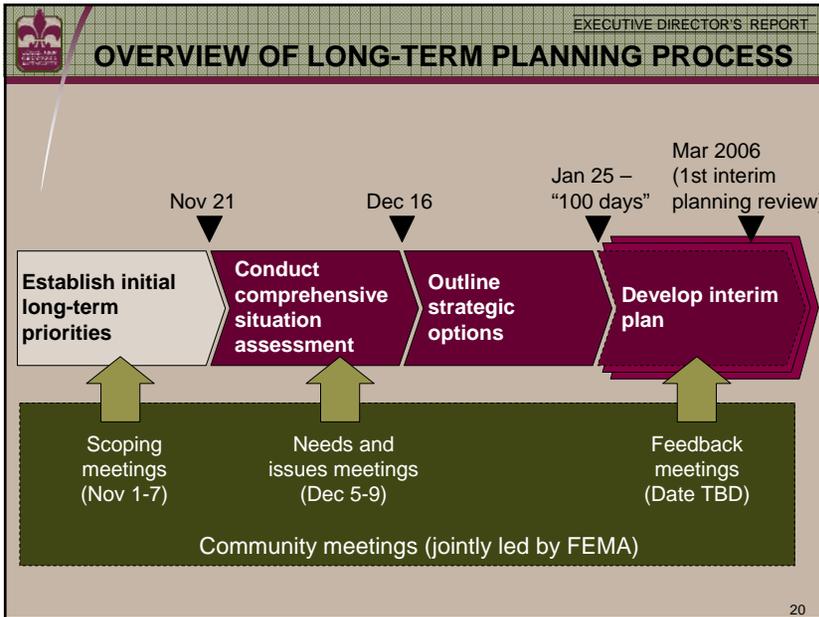
## US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONTRACTS

### Debris and Roofing Contractor Payments to Subcontractors in Louisiana

Type	Prime	Total Dollars	LA Large Subs		LA Small Subs		Other Subs	
		(\$M)	(\$M)	(%)	(\$M)	(%)	(\$M)	(%)
Debris	ECC	6.4	.5	8	5.6	88	.3	4
	Ceres	11.2	1	9	5.8	52	4.4	39
	P&J	21.6	.2	1	17.2	80	4.2	19
Roofing	LJC	2.8	0	0	0	0	2.8	100
	Shaw	2.7	.8	29	1.4	52	.5	19
	Simon	.9	0	0	.2	22	.7	78

As of 2 NOV 05

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## AN OVERVIEW OF HAZARD MITIGATION

- Federal funds allocated to significantly reduce or eliminate future risk of lives and property from natural hazards
- Funds can be used at the State's discretion to address multitude of recovery priorities. For example:
  - Elevating houses out of the flood plain
  - Elevating pumping stations for greater protection and effectiveness
  - Building retention basins for flood control
  - Retrofitting structures with high-rise window film
- Estimated to be \$2-5 Billion for Louisiana (Requires 25% non-federal match)

**Uniquely designed to bring areas back better and safer than before**



## HAZARD MITIGATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- LRA is working closely with OHSEP & FEMA to accelerate release of Hazard Mitigation funds to affected areas
- Proposing accelerated release of an initial \$250 million to help affected parishes
- The remainder of the \$2-5 billion funds will be released as the LRA identifies high priority mitigation opportunities as part of long-term planning process



## SIMPLE ALLOCATION METHOD DESIGNED TO RELEASE INITIAL \$250 MILLION QUICKLY

**\$250M**

### Severe & repetitive damages (\$100M)

- Funds to elevate or acquire severely and repeatedly damaged homes (damaged 4+ times, 2+ by more than 50%)

### Other direct support (\$136M)

- Funds to each of the 34 parishes declared disasters by FEMA
  - \$81 Million allocated based on levels of damage (at least \$2 Million/parish)
  - Additional \$55 Million allocated by extent of impact (population size, degree of damage)

### Hazard mitigation planning (\$14M)

- Funds to develop plans for mitigating future disasters at state, local, tribal and eligible private non-profit institutions

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## ETHICS DISCUSSION

- Members of the LRA Board are public servants
- Members are subject to the Louisiana state ethics code
- Member's "agency" is the LRA

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## OPEN MEETINGS LAW DISCUSSION

- “Meetings” are the convening of a quorum of a public body to deliberate or act on a public matter
- Meetings must be performed in an open and public manner
  - Conference calls are prohibited
- Public bodies must give notice of the date, timing, and places of such meetings
  - 24 hour advance notice and requirement to publish agenda
- Citizens must be advised of and aware of the deliberations and decisions of meetings

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## SITUATION ASSESSMENT

- Levee reconstruction and coastal restoration (Brigadier General Robert Crear)
- Presentation from the Governor’s Coastal Advisory Commission (Sidney Coffee)

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AIA/APA CONFERENCE

- Board members should attend the Louisiana Recovery and Rebuilding Conference (presented by the AIA/APA)
  - Registration required; Board members are pre-registered
- There will be a Congressional Panel: Federal Response for Louisiana Rebuilding (*Senator Mary Landrieu and U.S. Reps Bill Jefferson and Charles Melancon*)
- Please return no later than 1:15 p.m.

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## UPDATE ON FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS

- Federal legislative update (Walter Isaacson)
  - Update on Congressional testimony
  - Coordination within the DC delegation
  - Detailed progress update on federal legislative agenda

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## FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE (1 of 3)

1. Commit and fully fund comprehensive levee protection and coastal restoration
  - Commitment from Administration and Congress on Category 5 levees
  - Commitment for direct share of OCS revenues
2. Provide immediate financial relief and assistance for business recover
  - Secure funding for Bridge Loan Program
  - Urge SBA to increase disaster loan approval pace
3. Provide tax incentives for businesses and individuals to return and rebuild
  - Support H.R. 4155 (McCrery/Jefferson) which creates the President's GO Zone legislation
  - Seek additional incentives for individuals and bonds in Senate changes

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## FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE (2 of 3)

4. Make required changes in the Stafford Act to provide the appropriate support to state and local governments for disasters of extraordinary magnitude
  - Seek 100% cost share for duration of the incident
5. Provide critical financial stability to local and municipal governments in affected areas
  - Seek legislative fix to treat Louisiana like all other states for the repayment of CDLs
6. Maintain Medicaid safety net for evacuee families and their communities in Louisiana and across the country
  - Seek 100% FMAP for out-of-state and in-state evacuees, and Medicaid recipients in the disaster parishes

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## FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE (3 of 3)

7. Support the redevelopment of educational institutions affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita
  - Support immediate requests for elementary, secondary, and post secondary
  
8. Provide appropriate funding to address immediate and future transportation infrastructure needs to support South Louisiana

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## UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS

- State legislative update (Sean Reilly)

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## OVERVIEW OF SELECT LONG-TERM PRIORITIES AND ACTION ITEMS

TASK FORCE CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

- Infrastructure and transportation (John T. Landry)
- Levees and coastal restoration (Rene Cross)
- Economic and workforce development (Matt Stuller)
- Education (Linda Johnson)

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## INITIAL LONG-TERM PRIORITIES – INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

JOHN T. LANDRY

- Develop an integrated, intermodal transportation system that enhances evacuation capabilities while remaining compatible with coastal protection and restoration efforts
- Expedient reconstruction of residential, commercial and industrial structures
- Recover viable ports and establish criteria and procedures for prioritizing public port infrastructure improvements
- Develop short and long term solutions to the management of waste water and water supply

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## INITIAL LONG-TERM PRIORITIES – LEVEES AND COASTAL RESTORATION

RENE CROSS

- Develop integrated hurricane protection/coastal restoration plan
  - Establishment of integrated responsibility and consistent standards for levee system
  - Appropriate statewide hurricane protection system
  - Restoration of sustainable coastal wetlands

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## INITIAL LONG-TERM PRIORITIES – ECONOMIC AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

MATT STULLER

- Develop and advocate for incentives and advocate for funds to allow our businesses and citizens to return and thrive
- Provide assistance to regions, cities and communities to help them build capacity
- Work to restore business/investor confidence
- Connect Louisiana employers with qualified workers, especially residents and those who have been displaced, and connect those workers to sustainable and equitable jobs or professions and/or empower them to create job/career opportunities for themselves and others
- Assess academic and skill levels of Louisiana citizens to connect them to relevant workforce education and job training services
- Establish a strategic investment fund for sector-based training, under the authority of the Workforce Commission

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## INITIAL LONG-TERM PRIORITIES – EDUCATION (PreK-12)

LINDA JOHNSON

- Develop a comprehensive, state-of-the-art education system to address the needs of all returning children that will be a model for reform, including:
  - Consulting with top education experts and think tanks on best practices for education delivery and facilities
  - Attracting and retaining the best school leaders for administration and in the classroom
  - Rigorous, comprehensive curriculum to maximize student achievement
  - Leading PreK-12 education practices such as:
    - 21st century technology throughout the school experience
    - Universal access to early childhood education
    - Adequate funding for education to ensure that every child has access to an excellent education

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## INITIAL LONG-TERM PRIORITIES – EDUCATION (POST SECONDARY)

LINDA JOHNSON

- Develop viable options to re-establish an improved postsecondary education program
- Identify and incent displaced and dislocated Louisiana college and university students to reenroll
- Support the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Revitalization Request made to the federal government to fund restoring and reviving Louisiana's colleges and universities

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## ACTION ITEMS FOR HAZARD MITIGATION

- Authorize release of \$250 Million of Hazard Mitigation funding to parishes in need
- Endorse simple allocation that is designed to get initial funds out quickly to affected parishes
- Direct OHSEP to encourage the application of cost effective Hazard Mitigation strategies as components of any and all public assistance projects

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## OVERVIEW OF SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FOUNDATION

- Received an offer to form a **“Support Organization Foundation” affiliated with the Baton Rouge Area Foundation**
  - Independent foundation to support the mission of the LRA
  - Will consist of 5 independent board members to provide governance
  - Other states have created similar organizations post catastrophic disasters (e.g. Mississippi, New York)
- **Benefits of this organization**
  - Advance the LRA agenda in Louisiana and nationally
  - Identify and fund experts to bring in best practices and help develop innovative redevelopment strategies
- Ensure that operation has **highest standards of integrity and transparency**
  - Voluntarily follow open meetings laws
  - Disclosure of expenditures
  - Foundation board members subject of ethics and conflict of interest rules

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## ACTION ITEM: ENDORSEMENT OF SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FOUNDATION

- Endorse a relationship between LRA and Support Organization Foundation
- Provide guidance to the Support Organization Foundation on criteria with which they would recommend nationally recognized community planning firms

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## ACTION ITEM: ENDORSEMENT OF CRITERIA FOR SELECTING COMMUNITY PLANNING FIRMS

### Proposed Criteria for Selecting Community Planning Firms

- Top national professional planning firm with a reputation for great ideas and ability to influence successful execution
- Recognized strength in regional planning
- Experience with post-disaster planning
- Experience working with local, state, and federal agencies
- Experience with key issues impacting Louisiana
  - Urban and rural livability
  - Solutions to poverty strategies (racial and social justice)
- Can develop an effective communication strategy with key stakeholders
- Willingness to hire and work with local professionals

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board meeting December 1  
(change from previous date)
- Appoint task forces by November 15