

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

A Resolution to approve Orleans Parish Community Recovery Planning

June 25, 2007

OVERVIEW: A Resolution recommending the official receipt and acceptance of the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP) and the official approval of the City of New Orleans Strategic Recovery and Redevelopment Plan.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) is charged with establishing policy and plans for the immediate and long-term recovery of regions of the state affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the parishes of Louisiana and created long-lasting problems including, but not limited to those impacting; the economy, environment, housing, public safety, education, health care, and transportation among other problems;

WHEREAS, very robust planning efforts have been completed at the local, regional, and state levels to ensure a wise, forward-looking investment of very limited resources;

WHEREAS, these planning efforts have provided and continue to provide guidance to our recovery effort;

WHEREAS, prioritization of projects that drive local recovery must ultimately come from local communities;

WHEREAS, consistency between local priorities and projects and regional plans provides the best opportunities for wise recovery investments;

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2006, the LRA Board approved a resolution directing LRA and Office of Community Development (OCD) staff to develop and publish for public comment an Action Plan Amendment for the allocation of \$200 million of CDBG funds for the implementation of long-term community recovery projects in the most heavily affected parishes;

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2007, the LRA Board approved a resolution recommending the Louisiana Parishes Allocation Plan Amendment for Disaster Recovery Funds to the Governor and Louisiana Legislature for approval;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2006, the LRA Board officially received and accepted the New Orleans City Council commissioned Neighborhoods Rebuilding Plan (Lambert Plans);

WHEREAS, the Unified New Orleans Neighborhood Recovery Planning process was established by a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans City Council, the New Orleans City Planning Commission, the Greater New Orleans Foundation, and the New Orleans Community Support Foundation;

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed August 28, 2006, represents an agreement between all parties to advance a single city-wide recovery and rebuilding planning process for the City of New Orleans to incorporate all the community, professional, and volunteer planning processes that were previously completed and to establish a unified set of priorities for the recovery of New Orleans;

WHEREAS, the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP) represents a citizen-driven recovery vision for the entire city of New Orleans which has been developed with unprecedented participation and representation from every part of the city including displaced citizens currently residing in Baton Rouge, Houston, Atlanta, Dallas and the entire diaspora community and has consolidated and included all prior neighborhood recovery planning efforts;

WHEREAS, the UNOP was completed and presented to the New Orleans City Planning Commission and the public in January of 2007 for review and revisions prior to approval;

WHEREAS, in May of 2007, the New Orleans City Planning Commission approved the revised UNOP plan and subsequently forwarded it to the New Orleans City Council for consideration;

WHEREAS, the UNOP now serves as the foundation of the Mayor's Office of Recovery Management's Strategic Recovery and Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2007, the New Orleans City Council approved a motion to support and generally approve the New Orleans Strategic Recovery and Redevelopment Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby officially receive and accept the Unified New Orleans Plan as the foundation for the Orleans Parish recovery plan.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby approve the New Orleans Strategic Recovery and Redevelopment Plan as the official recovery plan for the parish of Orleans.