

**Points to Push With Landrieu For
U.S. Senate Bill Version of HR 1227**

1. **Survey of Public Housing Residents by Residents of Public Housing or Neutral, Objective, Unaffiliated Party:** We need an accurate assessment to be made of the desire of our community to return home and the timetable for the return. The survey should be conducted by Residents of Public Housing or by another party chosen by a selection committee with a membership of 51% or greater being public housing residents and with at least one committee member being chosen by Residents of Public Housing.

2. **Immediate Reopening of All Public Housing That Was Available Pre-Katrina:** Before the Katrina disaster, there was a huge list of over 18,000 families who were waiting to get into public housing. Many of those families had been in public housing but had been moved out to await redevelopment that never occurred. We had a little over 5100 families living in public housing at the time of Katrina. We look to have all of those units that were inhabited Pre-Katrina reopened by January 1, 2008. We look to see the greater of 3000 of those units, or as many units as there are residents who want to return home as determined by the results of the survey, reopened by August 1, 2007. Of the 3000 or more units that are reopened, there should be a number of units opened in each of the various housing developments that is proportional to the number of people who were living in each of the various public housing developments before Katrina, including the scatter site locations.

3. **Right of Return for All Pre-Katrina Residents:** Any Pre-Katrina public housing resident has the right to return to their pre-Katrina unit or to a unit in their same Pre-Katrina development.

4. **Right to Relocation Assistance:** All public housing residents, all residents of subsidized housing, and all low-income residents are entitled to relocation assistance to return home to New Orleans.

5. **No Demolition:** There will be no new demolition of public housing. Instead, redevelopment must be completed on all units started pre-Katrina that were either abandoned before completion or incomplete at the time of Katrina. Any new demolition or redevelopment can occur only after the return of those expressing a desire to return within the survey is complete and only after 100% of the members of any particular development agree to redevelopment within their development.

6. **Extension of the Rental Assistance Programs:** All rental assistance being provided to Pre-Katrina public housing residents, residents of subsidized housing, and low-income residents should be extended until the person receiving the assistance no longer desires or is in need of the assistance, such determination to be made on a case by case basis and by a committee with a membership of 51% or greater being public housing residents, with at least one committee member being chosen by Residents of Public Housing. There shall be no requirements that residents live in dwellings determined by HANO, HUD or other government agencies in order to receive rental assistance or to continue to receive rental assistance.