

It's time for
HKONJ
2008!



11:00 A.M. • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • RALEIGH, NC



LAST YEAR, the NC NAACP built a mighty coalition of 75 organizations that endorsed an anti-racism, anti-poverty and antiwar People's Agenda (see back). Over **5,000 of us (representing thousands more) marched** to the Legislature on Jones Street, and **HKONJ** (Historic Thousands on Jones Street) was born.

Thousands tried to get our representatives – in Raleigh and in their home offices – **to change how they did business.** We won some victories. But many legislators kept doing the people's business behind closed doors. They thought we would get tired and go away.

We're not going anywhere! We're just getting started! On Saturday, February 9th, thousands of us will meet at **CHAVIS PARK, 505 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.** in Raleigh and then we'll go back to Jones Street.

IF YOU BELIEVE...

...that all children deserve high quality education; that all workers deserve a livable wage; that racism must be addressed; that the state should pursue election reform; in affordable housing for all; in abolishing the death penalty; in fighting against wrongful convictions and incarceration; in bringing our troops home from Iraq now; in fighting to save the environment; in the right to carry on collective bargaining; in the rights of immigrants; in health insurance for everyone ----

...THEN JOIN US! HKONJ IS A MOVEMENT, NOT A MOMENT!

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AARP NC • ACORN • AFL-CIO
• The AME Zion Church •
American Friends Service
Committee • Beloved Community
Center of Greensboro • Black
Workers for Justice • Carolina
Justice Policy Center • Center for
Community Change • Center for
Responsible Lending • Code Pink
• Common Cause NC • Common
Sense Foundation • Community
Reinvestment Association of NC •
Community Success Initiative •
Covenant Community Church of
Raleigh • Democracy NC •
Durham Committee on the Affairs
of Black People • Durham
People's Alliance • El Pueblo • El
Vinculo Hispano • Farmworkers
Advocacy Network • Fayetteville
Peace March and Rally •
Franciscan Coalition for Justice
and Peace • General Baptist
State Convention • Good Work,
Inc. • Grand Lodge of Prince Hall
Masonic Order • Grand Chapter
Order of Eastern Star in NC •
Grassroots Energy Alliance •
Health Care for All • HOLLA
(Helping Our Loved Ones to
Learn and Achieve) • Masonic
Lodge 21st District • Muhammad's
Mosque No. 79 • Muslim-
American Society Freedom
Foundation • National Chapter of
Greenville • Industrial CMS High
School Alumni Association • NC
Assoc. of CDCs • NC Association
of Women in Ministry • NC Black
Leadership Caucus • NC Coalition
for a Moratorium • NC Community
Development Initiative • NC
Council of Churches • NC Fair
Share • NC Public Service
Workers Union, UE Local 150 •
NC Justice Center • NC WARN •
NC Institute of Minority Economic
Development • NC Environmental
Justice Network • NC Harm
Reduction Coalition • NC H.O.P.E
Coalition • NC Minority Support •
Old North State Medical Society •
Opportunities Industrialization
Center • Outreach Committee of
the Binkley Baptist Church •
Peace and Justice Committee of
the Community Church Unitarian
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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting •
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Inc. • Rubta House • Self-Help,
Inc. • Southern Anti-Racism
Network • Southern Faith, Labor,
and Community Alliance •
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• Southeast Regional Economic
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Now • Student Action with
Farmworkers • Teamsters Local
391 • Traction • Triangle Area
Green Party • Triangle Lost
Generation Task Force • Triangle
Urban League • UFCW • Walz
and Associates, Inc. • Women's
International League for Peace
and Freedom

THE PEOPLE'S AGENDA: 14 POINTS

1. **All Children Need High Quality, Well Funded, Diverse Schools.** NC must meet its constitution's requirement of adequate and diverse schools by fully funding *Leandro* with transparent accountability and creating special leadership teams in its failing schools.
2. **Livable Wages and Support for Low-Income People.** NC ought to provide livable wages, make sure no person goes hungry and that everyone in need has affordable, accessible childcare.
3. **Health Care for All.** NC ought to provide its people with health insurance and prescription drugs, while funding public health programs to treat social diseases that plague Black and poor communities including HIV/AIDS, diseases caused by environmental pollution and warming, drugs, domestic violence, mental illness, diabetes, and obesity.
4. **Redress Two Ugly Chapters in N.C.'s Racist History:** The overthrow of the bi-racial 1898 Wilmington Government and the sterilization of poor, mainly Black, women from 1947-1977. NC must implement its 1898 Wilmington Riot Commission recommendations and pay damages to the poor women it forcibly sterilized.
5. **Same Day Registration and Public Financing of Elections.**
6. **Lift Every HBCU.** NC must financially support our Historically Black Colleges and Universities to develop equitable infrastructure and programs with doctoral-level leadership for today's challenges.
7. **Document and Redress 200 Years of State Discrimination in Hiring and Contracting.** NC must commission historical documentation of its contracting practices with racial minorities to justify constitutional redress.
8. **Provide Affordable Housing and Stop Consumer Abuse.** NC must provide an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for low-income renters, vouchers for wounded veterans who cannot find accessible housing, meaningful tax breaks for seniors forced out of their homes, and protection against predatory lending and foreclosures.
9. **Abolish Racially Biased Death Penalty and Mandatory Sentencing Laws; Reform our Prisons.**
10. **Put Young People to Work to Save the Environment and Fight for Environmental Justice.** NC must establish an Environmental Job Corps for young people who did not graduate from high school to re-engage them in public service. NC must fight all forms of environmental injustice.
11. **Justice for Smithfield Workers and Collective Bargaining for Public Employees.** NC must allow its public employees' unions to negotiate work issues with their employers in a mutually respectful manner.
12. **Protect the Rights of Immigrants from Latin America and Other Nations.** NC must provide immigrants with health care, education, workers' rights and protection from discrimination.
13. **Organize, Strengthen and Provide Funding For Our Civil Rights Enforcement Agencies and Statutes Now.**
14. **Bring Our Troops Home from Iraq Now.** NC cannot address injustice at home while we wage an unjust war abroad.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BECOME A PARTNER, GO TO:

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"We IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD IN THE JUSTICE VOCABULARY. THE ISSUE IS NOT WHAT WE CAN'T DO BUT WHAT WE **CAN** DO WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER. WITH AN UP-SURGE OF RACISM/HATE CRIMES, CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUNG BLACK MALES, INSENSITIVITY TO THE POOR, EDUCATIONAL GENOCIDE, AND THE MORAL/ECONOMIC COST OF A WAR, WE MUST *STAND TOGETHER* NOW LIKE NEVER BEFORE."

– REV. DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER, II, PRESIDENT, NC NAACP