

Hurricane Katrina's aftermath reflects the way we as a nation increasingly deal with social ills: Police and imprison primarily poor Black communities for "crimes" that are reflections of poverty and desperation. The re-building of New Orleans must challenge that system to address genuine public safety and community needs.

We believe a first step demands amnesty for those arrested in the aftermath of Katrina for the 'crime' of trying to take care of themselves and their families and for those whose cases have been impacted by Katrina.

Sign on to the call for amnesty

We need you as individual, your organization, church, school, community group to join us in calling for amnesty. We hope you will consider signing on to the following demand and joining us in working for real public safety.

We the undersigned demand unconditional amnesty for people impacted by Hurricane Katrina who were, or might be, arrested or charged for trying to take care of themselves and their families and friends, and that those already in the system, whose cases are potentially affected by Katrina, be released immediately. We further demand that all records of their criminalization be permanently erased from the records of all municipal, state, federal, credit, and employment agencies.

We make these demands with the long-term goals of rebuilding New Orleans in a way that fosters genuine public safety and addresses real community needs.

By "Amnesty" we mean that no one should be arrested, charged, tried, sentenced, fined, imprisoned, jailed, detained, involuntarily relocated, or deported.

For more information, or to sign on to the call for amnesty, please contact Critical Resistance at 510.444.0484 or crnational@criticalresistance.org. You can also sign on directly via our website <http://www.criticalresistance.org>.

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