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Official Convention Call

2006 National Black Peoples Unity Convention

MARCH 9 – 12, 2006
Gary, Indiana

Greetings:

You are invited to attend the 2006 National Black Peoples Unity Convention, which will be held in Gary, Indiana, March 9-12, 2006. The West Side High School, at 9th Avenue and Gerry, will be the site for the convention. The theme is "Policies for Empowerment: A Struggle for a New Economic Order."

The broad aim of this convention is to bring together the collective wisdom, creativity and resources in our community to map out a bold economic agenda that can unite us and be a catalyst to forming new economic relationships that will empower communities of color across the nation.

True, we have amassed extraordinary black political leadership at virtually every level of government – from Congress to state legislatures to city hall. But if we are to decisively break the cycle of misery that traps many families in small towns, rural areas and urban communities, then we must use our political leverage to build stronger financial partnerships and economic relationships that will sustain economic development at the community level.

We must explore new concepts to build partnerships among the religious community, the trade union movement and the investment community.

We must use these partnerships to anchor economic empowerment and job creation, more affordable health care and housing, and improvements to an education system that will prepare our youth to succeed rather than fail or falter.

Above all, we must talk among ourselves – now. The shocking disaster of Hurricane Katrina is a sobering reminder that poverty and racism still takes a deadly toll on our communities. But we need not wait for another Katrina to be shocked into indignation, action and unity. The Gary convention will be a potent catalyst to refocus and rejuvenate the movement for black economic empowerment.

See you March 9 - 12, 2006, in Gary.