

# 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!**

## HK ON J PARTNERS:

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Raleigh • Democracy NC •  
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Affairs of Black People •  
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HOLLA (Helping Our Loved  
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Masonic Lodge 21st District •  
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CDC's • NC Association of  
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Leadership Caucus • NC  
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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  
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Center • People of Color  
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Racism Network • Southern  
Faith, Labor, and Community  
Alliance • Southerners for  
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Network • Student Action with  
Farmworkers • Farmworkers  
Advocacy Network •  
Fayetteville Peace March and  
Rally • Teamsters Local 391 •  
Traction • Triangle Area Green  
Party • Triangle Lost  
Generation Task Force •  
Triangle Urban League •  
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## 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