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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE TRAILER OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

On Joint Motion of the Council and unanimously carried, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #223-03-07

WHEREAS, in the course of this nation's history it has been amongst our highest principles that a government of the people shall also be a government for the people; and

WHEREAS, at certain moments, in certain times, it is incumbent upon that government to remind itself of the duties owed to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the founding fathers of this nation saw fit to include, in our founding documents, a Bill of Rights for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the imperative for appropriate government action, accountability, response, and resolve has rarely been greater than in these days following the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Bernard Parish and the State of Louisiana, deserve the clarity, transparency and expediency of government at its best.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the governing authority, does hereby recommend that the following Louisiana Road Home Program Bill of Rights be implemented and applied immediately:

- I. The right to current and complete rules of the program.
- II. The right to timely processing of each application.
- III. The right to swift and equitable resolution of errors, disputes, and appeals.
- IV. The right to equitable and accurate calculation of benefit and tender of award.
- V. The right to accept initial tender of award without imperiling the right of dispute resolution and appeal.
- VI. The right to simple, equitable, and easily decipherable closing documents.
- VII. The right to simple and equitable rules for lenders, governing the administration of disbursements accounts, expediting, rather than impeding, rebuilding.
- VIII. The right to accurate, expedient information regarding the status of individual applications, provided by fully trained personnel within 24 hours of each request.
- IX. The right to reasonable residency requirements for grants and loans.
- X. The right to equitable rules for grant benefit assignment, or compensation, when a home must be sold.



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- XI. The right to affordable or forgivable loans, sufficient to cover any reconstruction gap resulting from low pre-storm valuation.
- XII. The right to the acceptance of a third-party appraisal for pre and post-storm valuation.
- XIII. The right to elevation awards based on the actual cost of elevation.
- XIV. The right to public discussion concerning the condition and disposition of property acquired, by any level of government, through the Road Home Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Louisiana Recovery Authority Chairman, Dr. Norman Francis, the Louisiana Congressional Delegation and the State Legislative Delegation for their immediate attention and consideration.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Madary, Hoffmeister, Henderson, Dean, Taffaro and Melerine.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

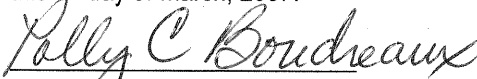
The Chairman, Mr. Di Fatta, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 6th day of March, 2007.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 6th day of March, 2007.


POLLY C. BOUDREAUX
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL