

We, the undersigned, appeal to the President and Congress to appropriate the funding necessary to design and construct the proposed "PUMP TO THE RIVER" drainage project located in Jefferson Parish and serving 10,000 acres in Jefferson and Orleans, including Uptown, Lakeview, Broadmoor, Mid-City, Old Metairie and Old Jefferson using any of the following legislative options:

- 1) The funding of Option 2a in the 4th Supplemental Congressional appropriation recently itemized in the "Executive Partnership" consensus agreed to by the Corps of Engineers, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, and Jefferson Parish;
- 2) The passage of the Water Resources Development Act Bill (WRDA) presently going before the U.S. Senate;
- 3) The approval of new language in a pending Senate bill that would include "PUMP TO THE RIVER" as a provisionally approved S.E.L.A. Project, if authorized following a review by the Corps of Engineers.

We believe that the devastation we suffered due to the failure of the 17th Street Canal walls, should entitle our areas to a priority status in financial aid to fully protect our neighborhoods against future threats from surge or inundation.

PUMP TO THE RIVER benefits both Jefferson and Orleans by removing Hoey's Basin drainage from the 17th St. Canal system and diverting it to the Mississippi River. The result: Both Orleans and Jefferson will be safer from flooding.

Sincerely,