



FACT SHEET: Freedom Caravan

- The Justice Department did not provide any provisions for satellite voting outside the state of Louisiana.
- The Reverend Raphael G. Warnock, Senior Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and Bishop Paul S. Morton, Pastor of Greater St. Stephen's Full Gospel Baptist Church organized the Freedom Caravan that will travel from the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia to New Orleans, Louisiana, free of charge.
- Buses are scheduled to leave Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church at 9:00 pm on Friday April 21, 2006 and return late Saturday, April 22, 2006.
- Transportation will be provided to the polls in New Orleans for registered voters who are a part of the Freedom Caravan.
- Typically 80,000 residents vote in New Orleans Elections.
- Twenty-Two Candidates are seeking election as Mayor of New Orleans including current Mayor Ray Nagin.
- Most of the Mayoral Candidates are White.
- The residential demographic of New Orleans prior to Hurricane Katrina was close to 500,000 people of which nearly 70-percent were African American.
- Hurricane Katrina forced the evacuation of nearly 400,000 New Orleans residents.
- The residential demographic of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina is approximately 300,000 people. Most of those who returned are white.
- The election is vital to the rebuilding plan of the city of New Orleans.
- There are approximately 44,000 families who fled Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita now living in Georgia.
- The Election was originally scheduled on February 4, 2006 but was rescheduled because of the damage and displacement of voters caused by Hurricane Katrina.
- Evacuees of New Orleans in Atlanta have the right to vote in the election!

Sources: Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN; Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA; and Louisiana Secretary of State