

President Obama: Issue Executive Orders to Guarantee our Rights to Jobs & Housing

The Occupy Wall Street Movement is Ready to Defend These Moves

With the burying of his American Jobs Act by the reactionary Congress, President Obama has now turned to executive orders to combat the unemployment and foreclosure crisis. Let's demand President Obama issue executive orders to implement a massive WPA style public works program under authority of the Full Employment Act, and to place a two year Moratorium on Foreclosures and Foreclosure-related evictions to guarantee our rights to jobs and housing.

FULL EMPLOYMENT IS THE LAW

The Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978 provided that within five years of passage of the Act, the President and Congress were to implement policies guaranteeing that the unemployment rate was never to exceed 4% a year. In July 2011, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate was 9.1%, and the real unemployment rate, including discouraged workers who still want jobs and part-time workers who desire full time work, was 16.1%. This is a gross violation of the law.

The Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, Section 3111, mandates that when high unemployment persists (i.e. during a jobless recovery) the President is required to initiate supplementary programs to reduce unemployment. Included among these programs are (1) accelerated public works programs (2) public service employment; (3) State and local grant programs; (4) extending unemployment insurance; skill training in both the private and public sector; and (6) youth employment programs.

In the 1930's the WPA (Works Progress Act) was implemented by executive order by President Roosevelt. The WPA put 8 million people to work, building bridges, schools, dams, roads, etc. President Obama, can issue an executive order for a WPA style public works program to enforce the Full Employment Act to rebuild our cities and infrastructure, and guarantee every workers' right to a job at a living income.

TWO YEAR MORATORIUM TO STOP FORECLOSURES AND EVICTIONS

Today the federal government, through its takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac along with the Federal Housing Authority, owns at least 75% of all mortgage loans. However, rather than utilizing this federal takeover of the housing market to benefit homeowners and renters, the federal government is continuing to bail out the banks, paying the banks full value for the fraudulent and predatory loans which they created, and then throwing millions of homeowners into the streets.

It's time for the federal government to bail out the people and not the banks. President Obama should immediately declare a two year moratorium on all foreclosures and evictions, during which time the loans could be renegotiated to their real value, with the banks eating the losses for the fraud they practiced. Rather than selling off government owned housing to investors and sharks, the government should train our youth to rebuild these homes and reoccupy them with the millions of homeless and unemployed.

ORGANIZE TO FIGHT FOR JOBS AND HOUSING

It was the demonstrations of the unemployed and unions that won the WPA and the foreclosure moratoriums that were implemented in 25 states during the 1930's depression. Today, the Occupy Wall Street Movement is mobilizing all over the country. President Obama will have the backing of the 99% against the banks and their supporters in government if he takes these steps to guarantee our rights to jobs and housing.

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