

# REPORTS FROM THE BATTLEFRONTS #1

## Calling all movement cadre to report in

## A national movement must know itself

### NEWARK NJ: POP Struggles for A Black Agenda” by Larry Adams, Vice Chair POP

The Peoples’ Organization for Progress (POP), the 35yearold, Newark , NJ based, multinational social justice organization, rooted in the Black Freedom Struggle and is Afro-American led has initiated a political organizing process to develop a statewide “Black Agenda” specifically to present to this year’s candidates for Governor, State Legislature, and where applicable ‘ candidates for local municipal elections. POP strives to unite Black organizations from across the state to develop criteria, by which to vet those seeking Black votes.

POP Chairman, Larry Hamm announced and called for a March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Black organizations at the televised plenary session at the IBW, “State of the Black World Conference.” Three meetings have been held on succeeding weekends from the March 4 date. Twenty to thirty-five aspiring freedom fighters strive to produce a political agenda for N.J. African Americans: by which to judge politicians at the minimum; to contribute to consciousness raising of our people; to advance formation of a Black United Front; and to consolidate N.J. Afro-American contribution to a general Peoples’ Front to defend and advance the interest of Black People, other oppressed people; and the whole working class of NJ, for those having a broader view of the process. The advent of the Trump regime emphasizes the need for defensive and offensive struggle at the state and Local levels for those who love Freedom.

They represent POP members, South Jersey POP ally Walter Hudson, elected officials: including Newark Mayor, Ras Baraka, Orange, NJ City Council President, Donna K. Williams, Montclair Councilperson Rene Baskerville; former Irvington Mayor Wayne Smith; representatives of National Association of Real Estate Brokers; participants from local NAACP Branches, Masons; the Black is Back Coalition, the Voting is Power project. But, as important as is representation by persons in the Black Agenda project ,( inspired by the Gary Convention Program and process) , the Black Agenda project has assembled published agendas of struggle produced by the Black Panther Party (10 Point Program), The NJ Black Issues Convention, “NJBIC Position Paper: “Charting a Course for the Future of NJ;” the POP-led “peoples’ Fightback Agenda, produced by the Peoples’ Conference that crowned POP’s 2015 381+ day campaign (inspired by the Montgomery bus boycott) of daily protest against police brutality, racial injustice, and economic inequality—the assault of the crisis ridden imperialist system on Black People and the masses of people.

POP is committed to the Black Liberation Unity Committee (BLUC) process and has struggled for unity in producing and disseminating The Freedom Manifesto. As well, POP’s Agenda views have been integrated into the Manifesto and both are reflected in the “NJ Black Agenda “process. The work should contribute to building for our National Assembly for Black Liberation.

The "Agenda Process" situates POP members and associates among the masses; attracts organizations with which to politically unite and hopefully arms us all to engage in the electoral process with the collective political wisdom of some of NJ's leading Political activists. (TO BE CONTINUED)

CRAFT A BLACK AGENDA! BUILD THE UNITED FRONT!! FORWARD TO A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK LIBERATION TO REJUVENATE THE BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENT!!!

## **ROCKY MOUNT NC: Environmental Crisis Urgent by Saladin Muhammad Black Workers for Justice**

In addition to the football field size open lagoons where the waste from confined animal breeding operations goes, dead boxes where dead animals are dumped sitting sometimes for days before being picked up and taken to grinding companies that process dead animals into food for livestock.

In NC there are 10 million hogs and thousands of open lagoons concentrated in rural working-class Black and poor communities representing the most underdeveloped areas.

Smithfield Foods, the world's largest hog processing plant with 5,000 majority Black and Latino Workers, owns more than 80% of the breeding operations concentrated in Eastern, NC.

The climate change movement does not wage the struggle against environmental racism enough.

This has been a factor in the US for the climate change movement being mainly white and middle-class and in receipt of the major foundation funding.

Trying to access these funding sources, many of the groups struggling against environmental racism are promoting climate change.

However, this has taken the form of mainly drawing people of color into the climate change motion, but not drawing the climate change motion into challenging the corporate and government powers that maintain a racist system of national oppression (structural racism) that is fundamental to the maneuverability of capitalism during times of capitalist crisis.

Bringing this battlefield forward is critical. It deals with the water crisis, land, healthcare and government deregulation contradictions.