

This is historical material, "frozen in time." The web site is no longer updated and links to external web sites and some internal pages will not work.



THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

[Home](#) > [News & Policies](#) > [August 2007](#)

For Immediate Release
Office of the Press Secretary
August 29, 2007

President Bush Meets with New Homeowners in New Orleans

River Garden Housing Complex
New Orleans, Louisiana

- [Fact Sheet: The Two-Year Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina](#)
- [In Focus: Gulf Coast Rebuilding](#)

11:06 A.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: We have just -- Laura and I have just been given a tour by the Whites in their new home. And they're going to be moving into this home this weekend maybe.

MS. WHITE: This weekend.

THE PRESIDENT: There's nothing more hopeful than to be with somebody who says, welcome to my home, particularly given the fact that these mixed-use housing projects have replaced old-style low-income housing projects that, frankly, didn't work. In other words, the storm came, created a lot of heartbreak and heartache, but people took a different look at how best to help people in their homes.

And we're in this beautiful project. This is a stunning project. I'm with homeowners-to-be, renters; here's a homeowner-to-be right here. Right across the street, as a matter of fact, isn't that right? People are going to be able to say, this is my home.

This is really a remarkable project. For people in New Orleans who remember what this site was like, compared to what it is today, they've got to be full of hope. And so I appreciate the builders. I appreciate Alphonso Jackson in Housing and Urban Development, the group that have helped get this project started. But most of all, I appreciate the homeowners-to-be, people who are working hard to be able to say, this is my home. And we really appreciate you giving us a chance to come by. And we wish you all the very best in your new home. Congratulations. (Applause.)

Thank you all.

END 11:08 A.M. CDT