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POLICYMAKERS, RESEARCHERS, RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS LOUISIANA CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITIES AT APRIL 15th FORUM

Participants will develop and present recommendations for risk reduction and preparedness in coming years

NEW ORLEANS — April 12, 2016 — The Center for Progressive Reform, Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law Environmental Law Center, and Oxfam America will present a one-day forum on April 15, 2016 on risk reduction strategies for the Louisiana coast.

Bob Marshall of The Lens will deliver the lunchtime keynote address - Our Greatest Coastal Crisis: Getting Residents to Act.

This forum will include presentations of two new research papers commissioned by Oxfam in 2015 to capture the perspectives of coastal communities in Louisiana and experiences with programs in the Gulf Coast and other states: ‘

- *Case Studies of Nonstructural Adaptation Strategies: Lessons Learned and Best Practices for Vulnerable Communities in the Gulf Coast Region*
- *A Sense of Place at Risk: Perspectives of Residents of Coastal Louisiana on Nonstructural Risk Reduction Strategies*

Following the presentations, participants will break into working groups to develop recommended action steps for future preparedness based on the papers and discussions. A panel of local, state and federal policymakers will offer their responses about the opportunities and challenges of risk reduction strategies.

WHO:

Lunch Keynote Speaker: Bob Marshall, The Lens (roughly 12:30pm)

Hosts: Robert R. M. Verchick, Gauthier-St. Martin Chair in Environmental Law, Loyola University New Orleans, and President, Center for Progressive Reform; and Laura Inouye, Deputy Director, US Regional Office, Oxfam America

Presenters/Panelists/Moderators:

Kevin Bush, Resilience Team Lead, US Department of Housing and Urban Development; Peg Case, Executive Director, Terrebonne Readiness Assistance Center; Flozell Daniels, Jr., Executive Director, Foundation for Louisiana; Former Louisiana State Senator Reggie Dupre; Rev. Tyrone Edwards, Founder, Zion Travelers Cooperative Center; Pat Forbes Executive Director, Office of Community Development, Louisiana Division of Administration; Rosa Herrin, Gulf Coast Policy Officer, Oxfam America; Pamela Jenkins, Professor Emerita, University of New Orleans; Chip Kline, Deputy Director, Louisiana CPRA (Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority); David Lessinger, Director of Planning and Strategy, NORA (New Orleans Redevelopment Authority); Telley Madina, Senior Gulf Coast Policy Officer, Oxfam America; Camille Manning-Broome, Senior Vice President, Planning &

Implementation, CPEX (Center for Planning Excellence); Rosina Philippe, Tribal Elder; and Monique Verdin, Documentary Filmmaker and Member of Houma Nation.

WHERE:

Loyola University New Orleans Broadway Activities Center
526 Pine St. New Orleans, LA 70118

WHEN:

Friday, April 15, 2016 | 9:30am — 3:30pm

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR PROGRESSIVE REFORM

The Center for Progressive Reform is a nonprofit research and educational organization with a network of Member Scholars working to protect health, safety, and the environment through analysis and commentary. The organization's 50+ Member Scholars -- working academics at institutions of higher learning across the United States -- provide research, analysis and commentary on a range of issues related to the environment, health and safety.

ABOUT THE LOYOLA CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Loyola's Center for Environmental Law brings together dedicated students, inspiring professors, expert lawyers, and active members of the community to study and respond to the most challenging environmental problems along the Gulf Coast and beyond.

ABOUT OXFAM AMERICA

Oxfam America is a global organization working to right the wrongs of poverty, hunger, and injustice. As one of 17 members of the international Oxfam confederation, we work with people in more than 90 countries to create lasting solutions. Oxfam saves lives, develops long-term solutions to poverty, and campaigns for social change.