

(JOE JAMES)

broaden - not participation -

(GREETINGS) (Building Alliances to promote Growth & Progress)  
Once by & bring himself together -

1. Admin -

↳ for me - see things in color blind lens, not black white -  
to construction of republican structure - rep/dem -

past #s - & #s → bring me to admin working together -  
> (Joe Riley, Bob Coble, Knox White)

\* municipalities w/ high concentrations of minorities -

In ex. black person roughly <sup>make</sup> 50% white person -

(A) 2000 census	per capita income :	\$11,776	\$22,095
	Home ownership :	16.2 %	54.8 %
	Percent below poverty :	26.3 %	8.5 %

(B) In Education - A real achievement gap -

> white residents w/ high school diploma 15% higher

> 24.2% white college degree, ~~24.2%~~ 9.9% black

(C) Health

Go to Health - (1st) → Build Alliances - strength in #s  
↳ squeeze wheel -  
keep on -

(2nd)

All I'd ask is you keep open mind - (Growth & Progress issues)  
actually go 1 step further & help us on the areas you agree -

(1) Build Alliances - done best in open political system -

those inside the political system

status quo → Not that folks had anything against black people - just your constituents from outside.

- ① What we did last yr campaign finance reform - one of only 3 states (unlimited & undisclosed)  
→ some place gives \$500,000 to enter political party - Not after good fight.

Still miles to go - but keep us w/ something as small as 300,000 budget for internet reporting.

- ② Keep us w/ restructuring -  
DMV - 60min to 15min -  
apply health -  
medical home or stone pipes - (hand w. foot)

- ③ " " income tax - state would hit globalization -  
→ bulk of job growth within 99% → SMALL BUSINESSES  
Dept of commerce - fee in law -  
Corporations \$9, small business \$9. → 5<sup>th</sup> highest tax payer.  
→ help some CDBG, block grants, waste water infra.  
→ (Moscow 15% flat, China no tax cap gains)  
Gloria - (5.4 million people) 10 billion of investment since 1999  
→ 19% flat tax.

- (1,2) ④ Education - can we afford → another 30 yrs? for 30 yrs lost or next to last - improvement → certainly → but outspend comm?  
→ transformative change → world that is transform -  
China/India 1.2/1 billion - rules -

① market place can  $\Delta$  fix's at rate not allowed  
by political forces -

built on incremental change -

## Revised Talking Points – Conference of Black Mayors (Version 1)

- Lead in – As leaders of your communities, you face challenges that many other mayors do not – (Coble, Riley, White)
- TY – for your willingness to serve, for your leadership, for accepting responsibility
- Problems faced by your communities are startling when you look at the numbers:

### **Problems – Economic Disparities:**


- According to 2000 Census, blacks in SC are earning about 50 cents on the white dollar.
- Per capita income: Black - \$11,776                      White - \$22,095
- Homeownership: Black – 16.2 %                      White – 54.8 %
- Percent below Poverty: Black – 26.3 %                      White – 8.5 %

### **Problems – Educational Disparities:**

- Statewide, the percentage of white residents with a high school diploma is 15% higher than for black residents
- Put another way, 80 percent of white South Carolinians have a high school degree. About 65 percent of black South Carolinians have a high school degree.
- College Graduates: Black – 9.9 %                      White – 24.2 %
- In all but **six of your towns**, the percentage of black residents with a high school diploma is exceeded by the percent white of residents with a high school diploma. The same trend holds true with college degrees – in only **seven of your towns** does the percentage of black residents with college degrees exceed the percentage of white residents with college degrees.

### **Problems – Health Disparities:**

- Minorities are more than two times more likely to experience diabetes than are white persons and three times more likely to die from the disease.
- Minority infants in South Carolina are more than twice as likely to die before their first birthday than white babies
- Minorities are 1.5 times more likely to die of stroke in SC than are whites. (South Carolina is first in the nation for deaths due to stroke.)
- African Americans are more than twice as likely to visit the Emergency Room due to complications of cardiovascular disease than whites

 You got her point – take my point –  
B where do we go from here

## **2. Department of Disease Management at HHS (Established in '03)**

- Launching a low-birth weight initiative for improved education and outreach
- Initiating obesity-related efforts with community partners and medical schools in SC as this is a leading risk factor for cardiovascular disease
- Developing specific diabetes education pilots in the Low Country and Midlands to utilize local pharmacists in providing one-one-one education to beneficiaries on site
- Working with physician groups for a targeted launch of awareness for appropriate testing to help prevent diabetes progression to chronic kidney disease
- Pilot programs for education in several regions of the state emphasizing getting blood pressure checked and taking prescribed medicine and/or making lifestyle changes

## **3. Agency Restructuring**

- Did you know we have eight healthcare agencies in South Carolina, and between those agencies we have almost twice the number of secretaries as we do nurses?
- Proposed consolidating all of those into three agencies to better streamline delivery of services to our citizens

## **Eliminating Disparities – Education**

- Strong believer that the best way to fix education in this state is by offering parents more choices – one size doesn't fit all, and parents are often the least listened-to educational experts in this country

### **Example 1 -- Milwaukee (enacted 1990)**

- Of voucher recipients -- 76% come from single-parent homes, 92% are minority, and had an average family income: \$11,630.
- -A 1997 Harvard University study found that students in the voucher program for three or four years registered reading scores 3-5 percentile points higher than their public school peers, and 5-12 points higher in math.

### **Example 2 -- Cleveland (enacted 1995)**

- Of voucher recipients -- 68% come from single-parent homes, 72% are minority, actual family income: \$15,769.
- -A 1999 Harvard University study of two of Cleveland's largest Choice schools found that, after two years, students gained 7.5 national percentile points in reading and 15.6 points in math.