

Anti-Corruption Advocates Announce Their "Obama Lights The Way" Campaign And Candlelight Vigils For Justice

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Washington, DC ([PRWeb](#)) December 18, 2008 -- POPULAR is the acronym for Power Over Poverty Under Laws of America Restored. It is also an association of public interest attorneys and Juris Doctors, advised by a board of nonlawyer community leaders. As its name suggests, POPULAR strives to tear down the figurative "Wall Of Poverty" by helping safeguard justice and the rule of law in America, particularly when people, cases, and causes are unpopular. "They are especially hindered by over-reaching, judiciary created civil immunities; the vanishing right to jury trial; and inaccessible grand juries," says POPULAR's executive director, Zena Crenshaw Logal.

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The POPULAR website details criteria the group is to use for evaluating the Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, of President Obama's Justice Department. "We'll be gauging the section's POPULARITY from the perspective of average Americans," says retired attorney Dale Nathan, POPULAR's Board President. He adds, "Assessing the section will come down to determining whether its staff members are fair, which involves grading everything from their cordiality, attentiveness, and promptness, to their reasonableness, general competence, persistence, and effectiveness."

POPULAR Deputy Director and Board Secretary Dr. Andrew D. Jackson, expressed hope that the "Obama Lights The Way" campaign will be interactive. "Starting on December 18, 2008, and continuing indefinitely, we want groups of one or more holding candlelight vigils for justice all over the world and emailing us pictures of their events for our website," says POPULAR's Advisory Board President Katherine Moore.

POPULAR Advisory Board members Michayl Mellen and George Stokes are planning a relatively large December 18, candlelight vigil in Abilene, Texas. POPULAR Board Treasurer Dr. Mark Adams will be interviewing and filming good government advocates at his candlelight vigil in the Tampa Bay, Florida area on December 18, 2008. Arrangements are being made for POPULAR Board member Dr. Glenn Vickers Bey to coordinate a large candlelight vigil in New York state.

"Hopefully President-Elect Obama will light the way to more justice in America and POPULAR will shine a light on injustice in Taylor County, Texas and beyond," says Michayl Mellen and George Stokes of the group's advisory board.

According to POPULAR's Board treasurer Dr. Mark Adams, "Justice is mentioned more than taxes in the Declaration of Independence because our Founders understood that without justice, there can be no peace and there can be no prosperity."

Advisory Board Vice-President Swan adds that "this season, more than any other time in the history of the world, we need to honor our holiday obligation to others, to work for world peace, to fight injustice, and give to those less fortunate."

To learn more about the "Obama Lights The Way" campaign, including how alleged criminal violations of rights can be submitted by POPULAR to the Obama Justice Department, visit <http://www.popular4people.org/Home.html>.

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