

# GRAY PANTHERS

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President Barack Obama  
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Dear President Barack Obama,

We, San Francisco Gray Panthers, congratulate you on your ability to inspire our youth and to raise the possibility of change for all people. We have lived through many decades of wars, economic crises, and much discrimination. As elders, we honor your humility in stating that this election was not about you, but about all of us.

We believe you appreciate elders and our insights; and, in this spirit, we offer our suggestions, our beliefs for creating a society that puts the needs of people ahead of the profits of banks and corporations.

Please act with Congress to:

- End the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Establish a Department of Peace with passage of HR 3760 & SB 1756
- Pass Single Payer Universal Health Care HR 676
- Repeal the Medicare Modernization Act and Part D
- Strengthen and do not privatize Social Security
- Place a moratorium on home foreclosures
- Protect our civil liberties: repeal the Patriot Act
- Create jobs with public works and infrastructure projects
- Establish funds for decent and affordable housing
- Revise or repeal trade agreements like NAFTA
- Honor immigrants rights; Stop ICE raids causing separation of children from parents and deaths in detention camps.
- Stop bailing out the financial sector and fund state budgets

We praise your willingness to ask for help in creating changes to make the world a place in which the young can look forward to growing old.

In Peace,  
All members of the San Francisco Gray Panthers