



NAGIN'S

SEVEN

SINS

Absence

Ray Nagin has repeatedly taken opportunities to further his political career at the expense of his city by taking unnecessary trips and speaking engagements rather than by performing his duties here. In his absence, New Orleans suffers. It would be better for both his political career and the people of New Orleans if he simply executed a commendable tenure and recovery.

Waste

Ray Nagin abuses and wastes city revenue and taxpayer's money by hiring incompetent officials, abusing expense accounts, bringing in outside experts to do his job, botching city services. These blunders have cost the city of New Orleans millions of dollars and diminished our faith in city government and quality of life.

INANITY

Ray Nagin has on several occasions presented himself with less dignity than is suitable for an elected official of stature, most notably, threatening citizens with physical violence but also including calling other U.S. cities "dirty" and referring to the site of the World Trade Center as "a hole in the ground" that still wasn't fixed.

impotence

Ray Nagin promised a crowd of 5000 angry multi-racial protesters that crime would be his number one priority in January of 2007 and has yet to significantly reduce lawlessness. Murders for that year were 209. This is his most blatant shortcoming.

CONCEALMENT

Ray Nagin has not provided the transparency promised in both his election and reelection campaigns by (either through intent or incompetence) stalling records requests and accusing journalists of damaging the recovery. This "bait and switch" technique squarely addresses the desire among the citizens of New Orleans for honest government and directly manipulates it for gain.

Discord

Ray Nagin, in the aftermath of a racially and politically charged disaster, with his city still being repopulated, divided black and white neighbors with his infamous "Chocolate City" speech and racial pandering during his reelection bid. This is our most emotional charge against him as the racial issues of this city need to be worked out among its people for the sake of good will and not by an opportunistic politician for the sake of reelection.

Cronyism

Ray Nagin is responsible for fattening the wallets of friends, family and political donors directly or through political influence. This is his "greed" sin.