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# Wall Street Protesters Need Agenda

## Make sure our voices are heard

BY JUDGE GREG MATHIS Over the last several weeks, the Occupy Wall Street movement has grown from just a few dozen people gathered

in New York City to hundreds of thousands spread across 50 cities big and small. The movement is spreading widely and quickly.

What exactly is that message?

It's not clear that the Occupy Wall Street movement has a set agenda. If organizers want to continue to build momentum and ensure lasting change and reform, they must have concrete goals for their protests.

commission that would separate corporate interests from political interests. It seems organizers hoped

protesters would bring their own agendas, unique to their personal situations, to the

age of the protests, you will see that people do have their

own issues: they want jobs, they've lost their homes, they think government caters too much to big corporations.

sure, but there is one common thread: Americans are frustrated. The frustration is understandable: Wall Street received billions in bail out money while the average American continues to struggle in this The protests began Sept. 17 with rocky economy. But, even amidst

The Occupy Wall Street movement naturally causes one to reflect on the Civil Rights and anti-Vietnam movements of the 60s: Americans from all walks of life coming together as one voice, demanding that Indeed, as you watch foot- our elected leaders do the right thing. The difference is that the Wall Street protesters are still thinking as individuals and not as one cohesive unit with a single set of goals.

It's not enough to say we want to The concerns are varied, to be movement is to be ultimately successful, we have to define what that means. Do we want to ensure corporations can no longer donate to political campaigns? Set a spending limit on how much money companies can spend to lobby Congress? Or do Americans just really want to millions.

a call for President Obama to form a frustration, a movement must have see Congress invest in individuals and families the way they invested in big business?

These are the questions that must be answered.

As African-Americans we should pay close attention to this movement. Generations of inequities have put our people in a particularly precarious situation; wealth that many of us have been able to build in the last few decades has disappeared over the course of this recession.

As the Occupy Wall Street moveseparate money from politics. If the ment sets and refines its agenda, we must make sure we add our voices making sure our unique interests are heard - to this call for reform.

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