

## Measuring Change...

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Is there an optimism in the post-election air or is that just my imagination? As one friend reminded me, our basic government structure hasn't changed a bit. I guess that's the beauty of it, no riots, no coups. It's still the same collection of entities that was in place three weeks ago, except now several new players are preparing to take over the reins of government within two months. How this effects you and me will depend upon what roles we choose to play. Didn't President-Elect Obama tell us that 'we are the ones we've been waiting for'?

From Day One, the Obama Transition Team has made it easy for us to become involved. Their new website, <http://change.gov>, has been overflowing with information since the election and it includes ways to submit your thoughts and ideas to them of what you'd like the Obama-Biden administration do and where you'd like to see the country go, along with a place for you to submit an application to join the journey.

I am proud to say that I registered my thoughts and my particulars on their site almost immediately, but that wasn't the first time that the President-Elect had heard from me. On December 27, 2006, I wrote a personal letter to Senator Obama, proposing that he lead the way to stop the politicizing of the war on terror, a concern that I noted previously when 9/11 became synonymous with the people of Iraq and Iran. I asked him to set the example and put this Nation's focus on honesty and integrity once again. With his campaign, he has already succeeded at doing this. I had also suggested that he not run for the presidency in order to keep his integrity and continue as a world leader. Thank God he didn't take that advice.

The online application got me thinking about what it is that is truly relevant now and what change do I want to see happen first. Obviously we can't live without a stabilized economy but let's not forget about the turmoil in the Middle East and getting our troops home quickly and out of harms way. I've made up my mind to help so now it's your turn; what are you going to do?