

## Councilmember-At-Large Clarkson to Travel to Washington, D.C. With Regional Planning Commission

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New Orleans, LA - April 15, 2008 - Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson, representing the Mayor and the City of New Orleans, will travel to Washington, D.C. along with Jefferson Parish Councilmember Thomas Capella, former St. Bernard Parish President Charles Ponstein, Plaquemines Parish President Bill Nungesser and St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis, on behalf of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). Councilmember-at-Large

Clarkson will highlight priority issues for New Orleans including full funding by the federal government of the 100-year flood protection plan.

The RPC representatives will address the Louisiana Congressional Delegation as well as other congressional leaders to discuss the urgency of regional disaster recovery needs.

"I am proud to represent my city as part of this regional coalition in Washington, D.C.," said Councilmember-at-Large Clarkson.

During the two day trip, the metropolitan area delegation will meet with members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to address federal requests made on behalf of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines and St. Tammany parishes. They will also discuss key issues including the transportation needs of their respective parishes and supplemental funding by FEMA for immediate infrastructure capital needs of the Sewerage and Water Board.

### **New Orleans City Council**

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.