

Council President Fielkow, the Jeremiah Group, ACORN & ACT
Sponsor Baton Rouge Listening Session
Featuring NOLA Recovery Director Dr. Ed Blakely

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New Orleans
City Council

New Orleans, LA - April 28, 2008 - Council President Arnie Fielkow, the Jeremiah Group, ACORN, All Congregations Together (ACT) and Recovery Director Dr. Ed Blakely are hosting a listening session for displaced New Orleans residents currently living in the Baton Rouge area on Tuesday, April 29th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The session will be held in the Metropolitan Council Chambers located at 222 Saint Louis Street, Room 364, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Councilmember-at-Large Fielkow said, "I know that many people are still considering whether to return to New Orleans, and it is up to the City to give them the information to make that critical decision."

He continued, "The session will feature recovery updates given by Dr. Blakely, as well as give us a chance to hear about the most pressing issues and concerns of displaced residents. I will then take those concerns back to New Orleans to continue addressing them."

All New Orleans residents currently living in the Baton Rouge area are strongly encouraged to attend the session to hear about recovery projects and share their stories and concerns with Councilmember-at-Large Fielkow and Dr. Blakely.

For more information, please contact Councilmember-at-Large Fielkow's office at (504) 658-1060.

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.