

Statement

April 7, 2009



Councilmember Head Statement
Re: the Untimely Death of Lakita Johnson

New Orleans, LA - April 7, 2009 - All of New Orleans is saddened by the senseless death of Lakita Johnson in Central City.

I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to Lakita's family for their loss. Her spirit and youthfulness are a tragic loss. She will be remembered as an example why we as a City must continue to care.

As we lament for Lakita, I wish to inform the public that her family has set up the Lakita Johnson Memorial fund with Liberty Bank to defray the costs of the funeral.

Those interested in making a donation can deposit a donation in person or mail to:

Liberty Bank
3002 Gentilly Blvd.
New Orleans, La.
(504) 948-7656

Our prayers are with Lakita and her family during this most difficult time.

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.

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