

Media Advisory

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**CORRECTION:**  
Councilmember Willard-Lewis  
To Moderate Discussion Panel on Women's Equality  
For Newcomb College Center for Research on Women  
Tomorrow Evening

**What:** Coinciding with Women's Equality Day on August 26th, District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis will moderate a panel discussion tomorrow evening for the Women's Equality Day Forum, sponsored by the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women. This event is open to the public, and all community members and citizens are invited to attend.

The forum will bring together elected officials, community leaders, organizers and academics for a discussion on issues that affect women in Louisiana, including the failure of the Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act, access to healthcare and workforce issues.

As August 26th coincides with the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the forum will examine the ongoing problems that women face with the knowledge that such issues are amplified in the wake of natural disasters. Research conducted by the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women shows that the 2005 storm has had a legacy impact on women's wages in New Orleans.

The Women's Equality Day Forum is in honor of the 19th Amendment, which gave women full voting rights in 1920, and the Fair Pay Restoration Act passed earlier this year.

**Who:** Moderator  
- District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis

Panelist  
- State Representative Barbara Norton  
- Dr. Beth Willinger, Executive Director Emeritus, Newcomb  
College Center for Research on Women

- Gwen Adams, Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
- Julie Cherry, Louisiana Secretary Treasurer, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Brenda Robichaux, Principal Chief United Houma Nation

**When:** Wednesday, August 26th  
6:30 pm

**Where:** Newcomb College Center for Research on Women  
62 Newcomb Place, Tulane University  
(Click [here](#) for map)

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### 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 Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.