

Statement

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Councilmember Hedge-Morrell

Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell Statement
Re: Senator Ted Kennedy

New Orleans, LA - August 26, 2009 - "I am deeply saddened by the passing of United States Senator Ted Kennedy, a true friend of New Orleans. As a high school student, I watched President John F. Kennedy and the entire Kennedy family inspire a generation of young people to public service. The Kennedys had a profound influence on my decision to serve the public, first in education as a teacher and principal, and now as a City Councilmember.

"I spent time with Senator Kennedy in New Orleans in the early months after Hurricane Katrina. I'll always remember his promise to help our citizens, which he followed through on.

"My heart goes out to the entire Kennedy family including Victoria Reggie Kennedy and her parents."

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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.