

Media Advisory

August 26, 2009

**Correction:**

**Councilmember Willard-Lewis & Councilmember Hedge-Morrell  
To Co-Host 4th Annual Candlelight Vigil on Saturday Evening  
In Honor of the Residents of New Orleans East**



**What:** District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis and District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell will co-host the 4th Annual Candlelight Vigil in New Orleans East this coming Saturday, in honor of the residents who have chosen to come back to New Orleans East and help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, and in memory of those who are unable to return. The event is open to the public.

Councilmember Willard-Lewis said, "We understand the many obstacles the residents of New Orleans East have gone through the past four years, and on Saturday we would like to have a vigil in hopes to leave the past behind us, and look toward a better and brighter future. We want to give a very special thanks to Mary Queen of Vietnam and their Youth Department who will supply music for the event."



"The residents of New Orleans East have shown incredible resilience and determination over the last four years," said Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell. "This vigil will celebrate the ongoing recovery of New Orleans East, as well as acknowledge the struggles of those who are back, and those who are still trying to come home."

**Who:**

- District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis
- District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
- Residents of Nazareth Inn Senior Center
- District "D" and "E" community members and leaders
- New Orleans Fire Department
- New Orleans Police Department
- Mary Queen of Vietnam representatives

**When:** Saturday, August 29th  
7:15 pm

**Where:** Across from Nazareth Inn Senior Center  
9630 Hayne Boulevard, on the Levee  
(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.

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