

Statement

January 6, 2009



Councilmember Head Statement

Re: Ja'Shawn J. Powell

New Orleans, LA - January 6, 2009 - All of New Orleans is deeply saddened by the tragic death of Ja'Shawn J. Powell in Central City.

I would like to express my deepest condolences to Ja'Shawn's mother and family for their loss. As a mother, I believe there is no stronger bond than that shared by mother and child. Ja'Shawn's bright spirit and childhood innocence are emblematic of all the children of New Orleans, and he shall be missed.

As we mourn the loss of Ja'Shawn, I'd like to inform the public that his family has set up the Ja'Shawn J. Powell Memorial fund with Liberty Bank to defray the costs of the funeral.

Those interested in making a donation can deposit in person (click [here](#) for locations) or mail a donation to Liberty Bank, P.O. Box 60131, New Orleans, LA 70160.

My thoughts and prayers are with Ja'Shawn's family during these difficult times.

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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