

Media Advisory

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**Council President Clarkson To Address
Domestic Violence Against Women
At Women's Committee Meeting
On Friday Morning**

WHAT: Council President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson will address domestic violence against women at Friday morning's Women's Committee Meeting. Representatives from New Orleans Family Justice Center and Domestic Violence Services for Catholic Charities will appear before the Committee to discuss domestic violence and its impact on the New Orleans community.

The Committee will also discuss the coordinated community response resulting from the creation of the New Orleans Family Justice Center.

WHO: Special Guests

- Mary Claire Landry, Director, New Orleans Family Justice Center and Domestic Violence Services for Catholic Charities
- Theresa Marchese, Coordinator, New Orleans Family Justice Center

Committee Members

- Chair: Council President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson
- District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura
- District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
- Alternate: District "C" Councilmember James Carter

WHEN: Friday, January 16, 2009
10:30 a.m.

WHERE: City Council Chamber

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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 Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow ; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.