

Councilmember Head
To Hold Gert Town Community Meeting this Friday
To Address Zoning Issues

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New Orleans, LA - March 12, 2009 - Councilmember Head will hold a meeting as part of a series of ongoing meetings in Gert Town:

Friday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m.
Greater King Solomon Baptist
Church
3321 Audubon Street
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The meeting will focus on discussion relative to the community's desire to downzone the industrial areas of Gert Town to end further industrial growth in the residential neighborhood.

Gert Town is no stranger to industrial uses which inhibit neighborhood development and growth. The community was exposed to environmental trauma from the Thompson Hayward Chemical plant. Therefore, there have been discussions within the Gert Town community to prevent further industrial uses expanding in their community.

Councilmember Head is working for a united effort to improve the current residents' quality of life and attract residential investment. This aligns with Councilmember Head's ongoing mission throughout District "B" to reinvigorate communities through improved housing opportunities, development, and partnering with neighborhoods for a sustainable future.

Councilmember Head stated, "This is a great example of a community working together to identify a problem and working with government to achieve a solution. I am honored to be able to support and do my part to contribute to the revitalization of Gert Town."

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