

Announcement

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**Council President Clarkson
To Join Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu Tomorrow
To Announce New Cultural Products Districts in New Orleans**

WHAT: Council President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson will join Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu tomorrow to announce the creation of two new Cultural Products Districts in New Orleans.

Cultural Products Districts are tax-free districts for vendors of unique local art. Council President Clarkson authored the City ordinance instituting these districts and worked with District Councilmembers to identify qualifying areas. She continues to work with the Lieutenant Governor as well as the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism in this endeavor.

"Cultural Products Districts represent another way to reward our unique local artists and those who support them," Clarkson said. "I am excited that these incentives will be extended to two deserving New Orleans neighborhoods."

WHEN: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

10:30 a.m.

WHERE: The Algiers Point Ferry Terminal

140 Bouny Street at the Morgan Street intersection

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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.