



City Council Hosts Breast Cancer Screening Event Tomorrow For Women Working in City Hall

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New Orleans, LA - March 16, 2009 - Under the leadership of Council President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson, and through a project conceived during a monthly Women's Committee meeting, the City Council will host a breast cancer screening event tomorrow for women working in City Hall.

"In conducting our Women's Committee meeting in October, which was devoted to breast cancer, it quickly became clear that an event like this would be welcomed by the many women who work at City Hall," said Council President Clarkson, who chairs the Women's Committee. "There is a real need to raise awareness among women that breast cancer is treatable when detected early through a mammogram."

The City Council partnered with Women's Hospital in Baton Rouge, which will set up its mobile unit in front of City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow to perform mammograms throughout the day. All 39 available slots for mammograms were filled during the first week of registration. United Healthcare will cover the cost of the examinations for City employees.

"I want to particularly thank Lydia Glapion-Days and the entire Council Research staff for all the hard work they did in arranging this event," Council President Clarkson said.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women. One in seven women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer during their lives.

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.