

**City Council Releases Annual Report
Outlining 2009 Policy Priorities and Detailing 2008 Legislative Action**

*Preview to Appear as Insert in Times Picayune Tomorrow
And Document Available Online*

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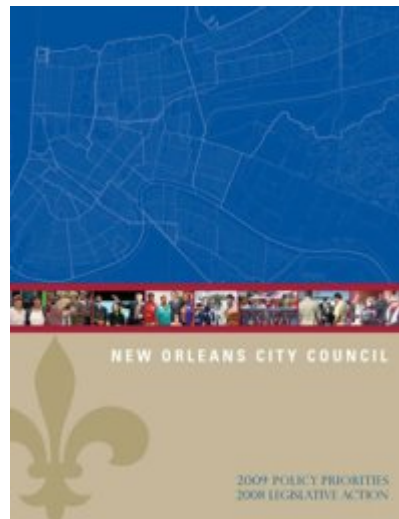
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New Orleans, LA - March 17, 2009 - Today, the Council released the *New Orleans City Council Annual Report: 2009 Policy Priorities and 2008 Legislative Action*.



The report outlines the Council's priorities for the coming year, and highlights its legislative work in 2008 - moving out of the Council Chamber into the community.

A preview of the report will be available via an insert in the Wednesday, March 18th Orleans Parish edition of the Times Picayune.

The report is available online on the City Council's website [here](#).

Copies of the report will be available beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18th, at the following locations:

- Clerk of Council's Office, Room 1E09, City Hall
(Click [here](#) for map)
- Front desk of the New Orleans Public Library Main Branch, 219 Loyola Ave. (click [here](#) for map), and thereafter at all New Orleans Public Library branches throughout the City

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.