

## New Orleans Chosen as Site For 2012 Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association Annual Conference

*Clerk of Council Peggy Lewis Elected 2009-2010 Public Relations Officer*

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New Orleans, LA - March 23, 2009 - At the 49th annual Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association (LMCA) spring conference earlier this month, the association chose the City of New Orleans to host its annual spring conference in 2012.

Clerk of Council Peggy Lewis attended the annual professional development program on March 5-7 in Alexandria, Louisiana, along with some 75 municipal clerks from around the state.

As part of the conference, LMCA members elected their 2009-2010 officers, including New Orleans City Council Clerk Peggy Lewis, who was elected as LMCA public relations officer.

Council President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson said, "We are honored to be the chosen host city for the LMCA 2012 conference. We recognize the economic impact that this conference will bring and we look forward to hosting these clerks who serve such an important purpose in government. Additionally, we are so proud of Ms. Peggy Lewis for taking on the responsibility of public relations officer with the LMCA."

The program featured workshop sessions dealing with state laws and legislation affecting municipal governments, services offered to towns and cities by the Louisiana Municipal Association, services for communities provided through the Louisiana Office of Public Health and state laws governing open meetings and executive sessions.

The LMCA, an affiliate organization of Louisiana Municipal Association, seeks to provide a broad range of educational activities such as this annual conference to expand its members' professional skills and knowledge of trends in local government. Municipal clerks are an integral part of their municipal government's administrative team and provide a wide array of services for their municipality's elected officials and citizens.

## **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.