

Statement

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**Council Vice President Fielkow Statement
Re: Release of His Emails**

New Orleans, LA - May 19, 2009 - Today, City Council Vice President Arnie Fielkow announces that he will begin releasing and posting his emails online. The likely target date to begin releasing and posting is Friday, May 22nd. The Council is in the process of establishing a special webpage for its emails. The emails will be accessible via a link on the New Orleans City Council's website. Due to the large number of emails sent and received by Councilman Fielkow, estimated to be at least seventy thousand, the emails will be posted on a rolling basis until all are online.

Says Fielkow, "My office has only recently had full access to the approximately 70,000 emails I have received and sent over the past three years. We will post them online as quickly as possible. I made it a pledge during my campaign and throughout my term to be a 'customer-friendly' office to all citizens who contact me and my staff. My policy is to try and respond to emails and constituent inquiries within forty eight hours of receipt, and I believe that my emails will demonstrate that I have, to the greatest extent possible, honored that pledge.

I am eager to get these posted online as soon as possible so we can move on to attending to the important issues facing New Orleans. We are at a pivotal time in this city's history and I will continue to work day and night for all New Orleanians."

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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.