



## Councilmember-At-Large Clarkson to Lead New Council Arts and Culture Committee

*Clarkson Swearing-In Reenactment  
To be Held at December 20th City Council Meeting*

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New Orleans, LA - December 14, 2007 - Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson will lead the new Council Arts and Culture Committee. Clarkson will chair the new committee which will address the revitalization of the arts and entertainment industry in post Katrina New Orleans. Specifically, with regard to revitalization of economic development of the arts and entertainment industry the committee will review the recommendations of the Bring Back New Orleans Commission. Once the Council approves the motion creating the new committee it is anticipated that members of the committee will be District "B" Councilmember Stacy Head, District "C" Councilmember James Carter and alternate Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow.

### *Clarkson Swearing In Reenactment*

A Swearing-in Reenactment will be held Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the New Orleans City Council Chamber. The thirty minute ceremony will be held just prior to the regular Council Meeting and will include the Presentation of the Colors by the U.S. Marine Corps, the National Anthem followed by an invocation by the Reverend W.L.T. Littleton and remarks by Councilmember-at-Large Clarkson. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal Judge James McKay will conduct the swearing-in reenactment.

### **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 Arnie Fielkow; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; 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.