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New Orleans, LA - January 28, 2008 - We are deeply shocked and saddened by the senseless murder today of a New Orleans Police Officer while in the line of duty. Our thoughts and prayers are with the fallen officer's family, friends and colleagues during this difficult and tragic time.

As we mourn the terrible loss of this young dedicated officer, we are mindful of the sacrifices of all of the police officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens of New Orleans.

To honor the memory of the City's fallen officer, we respectfully request that Mayor C. Ray Nagin lower to half-staff all flags being flown on City buildings for a thirty-day mourning period.

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.