

Media Advisory

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**Councilmember-at-Large Fielkow
To Address Critical Issues on Louisiana Disaster Shelters
At "Shelter Planning Summit"**

WHAT: "Shelter Planning Summit" organized by the Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS) to address critical issues involving disaster shelters across Louisiana. The summit will consist of discussions organized around specific emergency sheltering issues, such as tracking and registration, shelter safety and cleanliness standards and shelter services such as food and medical care.

Council Vice President Fielkow said, "I'm glad that DSS is organizing this summit in response to issues surrounding the state shelter program during Hurricane Gustav. I personally met with many New Orleanians who stayed in shelters throughout Louisiana, and while some had positive experiences, there are a lot of improvements that need to be made to the system. It is never too early to plan for the next Hurricane season and ensure that the state's plans are continually improved upon."

WHO:

- Council Vice President Arnie Fielkow
- Lt. Colonel Jerry Sneed, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparation for the City of New Orleans
- Government representatives and invited guests from across the state

WHEN: Monday, October 27, 2008
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Shreveport Convention Center
400 Caddo St.
Shreveport, LA 71101
(Click [here](#) to view map)

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New Orleans City Council

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