

Councilmember Hedge-Morrell  
Cuts Ribbon at Reopening of Lakefront Aquatic Center  
At University of New Orleans Today

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*Councilmember Hedge-Morrell, Lakefront Arena  
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New Orleans, LA - July 27, 2009 -District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell celebrated today's reopening of the Lakefront Aquatic Center at the University of New Orleans (UNO) by participating in a ribbon cutting ceremony over the pool. The facility had been closed to the public since Hurricane Katrina.

The facility will once again be home to the UNO swim team, which for the past four years has had to practice and compete at other pools around the City. The pool will also be used by many high school programs, and will be open to the community for lap swimming and

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lessons. Additionally, the Aquatic Center will host the 2010 State swim meets.

Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell said of the opening, "I am so proud to have this facility in my District. UNO is a great partner to this community. This pool will serve them well, and will be a nice asset for the community to enjoy."

New amenities at the pool include an updated sound system, automatic chemical treatment system and a new video scoreboard. Additionally, the outdoor pool has been resurfaced with new deck lights and landscaping.

## **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.

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