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District A: Councilmember Aimee McCarron's Inaugural Newsletter

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Inaugural Newsletter



Friends,

I am honored to serve as your new District A City Councilmember. The Council held

our organizational meeting this afternoon to assign committees, elect the Council Clerk, and conduct other administrative proceedings. The next official Council meeting will be held on January 27th, when we will consider our usual legislative and land use business.

I want to use this newsletter to briefly outline a few top goals and introduce my staff. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working every single day to improve basic city functions for all residents of New Orleans.

A Few Key Goals

Rebuilding the City's Workforce

For years, the City has gutted our internal workforce and relied too heavily on contractors for basic city services. Not only does it cost more – it's routing City money to Jefferson Parish, where most of the contractors are based. I will work with our trade unions to create a pipeline for internal hires, reducing outside costs and building up our workforce.

One major goal is repairing or replacing street lights across District A and the city at large. Everyone can identify blocks or even streets that don't have adequate lighting. I plan to hold "Light the Night" events in District A to identify areas of the district in need of streetlights and work with the new administration to make that happen. Stay tuned for those dates and locations.

Protecting Our Climate

As the new Chair of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, I am also focused on protecting one of our most precious resources – our climate. To further my streetlight initiative, I want to expand the solar-powered streetlight project that has been successful on Moss Street. The lights are not connected to our energy grid and are equipped with backup batteries that can run for 80 hours. No grid connection means no energy bill, which makes them far less costly. This is a simple plan that can be implemented in any neighborhood at minimal cost and maximum efficiency.

I am also dedicated to picking up where the then-Councilmember Moreno left off by getting the city's virtual power plan program off the ground and increasing community solar projects.

Patch and Smooth Streets

We all know there is next-to-no money in the city's current budget for street repairs. But we can and should offer residents temporary relief by patching some of the worst streets. Street infrastructure and better coordination that comes along with it were the number one issue on the campaign trail. I will work with Mayor Moreno's administration to secure resources to ease the burden for residents waiting for full street reconstruction and major repairs, while also ensuring our FEMA-funded projects continue by working with our state and federal partners on the next extension.

Meet our "A" Team

I am thrilled to have an experienced and knowledgeable staff on board. I am excited to see what we'll accomplish together going forward. Please reach out to the appropriate staff member with any questions or concerns.



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