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PRESS RELEASE

Statement by Mayor Mike Yenni Regarding Kenner 2030 Plan

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I firmly believe we must have and fund a vision for the City of Kenner. I have listened to the people of Kenner and we have worked within our budget... We have not... “spent what we do not have!” I have cut more than \$8 million in expenses... I have reduced the workforce in Kenner by more than 130 positions... I have received low interest loans and bonds to dramatically improve our sewerage system in amount of \$59 million... I have fought to receive a \$27 million grant from “Paths to Progress” for our heavily travelled roads... and I am continuing to fight for funding under the “flooded streets program” for our residential roads... We have done quite a lot over the past three years for our City’s infrastructure and capital needs... But our people deserve a “sense of place”... a community with a peaceful and rewarding quality of life... Some critics want to delay our progress by trying to smear me and my administration once again. They suggest that we have created this 2030 Report without public input or without disseminating proper information.

This plan has been in the works for over two years...and we discussed the critical elements of this plan at every single economic development committee meeting which has been open to the public...

I have run a video presentation on this report on KTV, our community access channel... I have presented this plan to civic groups, business groups, media companies and more... The people of Kenner deserve progressive thinking and strategic planning.

We have an opportunity to fund Phase 1 of the 2030 Plan and begin to beautify our City by rekindling energy in Kenner that will bring new residents... new jobs... new businesses and lift us from a rut to a renaissance.... I support this plan, and I urge each of you to do what’s right for Kenner and let’s employ the best bond market funding available to signal the rebirth of Kenner.

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