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MESSAGE FROM KENNER MAYOR BEN ZAHN ABOUT THE ESPLANADE MALL

Kenner, LA. – H&O Grounds, the contractor we hired to cut the grass at The Esplanade mall, completed a thorough cleanup on Saturday.

Meanwhile, we continue to work with Jefferson Parish to resolve the issue at the mall.

The owners, Kohan Retail Investment Group, lost the property in a Sheriff's sale a year ago because they did not pay their taxes.

Kohan continues to operate The Esplanade. The company has two more years, under the law, to pay those taxes or the property belongs to the Parish. Their continued neglect will no longer be tolerated.

We are grateful to Jefferson Parish Sheriff Joseph Lopinto and Jefferson Parish officials for helping to push this very complex situation toward a resolution.

While the ownership situation makes enforcing the city's codes more difficult, we have cleared many hurdles and will continue to have the mall property routinely cut by H&O. We will lien the property and seek to recoup all public funds spent to maintain the mall property and keep Kenner residents and all other visitors to The Esplanade safe.

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