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KENNER HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER RESIGNS; MAYOR ZAHN ORDERS INVESTIGATION

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Attorney Connie Montgomery on Friday resigned from the Kenner Housing Authority.

In her resignation letter to Mayor Ben Zahn, Montgomery detailed numerous concerns that led to her decision to resign from the board.

"These allegations are very disturbing," Zahn said. "Though we have no control over the operations of the board, as Mayor I am responsible for nominating the board members."

With Montgomery's resignation, the five-member board has only two remaining members, short of the required three members necessary to take any official action.

"I need to determine if these allegations are true before taking steps to remove or replace board members," Zahn said.

Zahn said he has directed the City Attorney's office to confer with Police Chief Michael Glaser, officials at the local FBI office, the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office, the state Legislative Auditor's Office, the state Attorney General's office and the Acting US Attorney for this area.

In addition, Zahn has asked Kenner Internal Auditor Adam Campo to investigate the matter, as well as earlier accusations made by the Housing Authority's Executive Director against certain board members.

"We must move quickly," Zahn said, "as this organization provides vital services to some of our most at-risk citizens. Considering that complaints are coming from all sides, it may be necessary to start from scratch and rebuild this organization from the ground up."

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