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KENNER MAYOR'S COURT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL VISITORS *Mexico Interior Ministry to study domestic violence prevention in Kenner*

Kenner, LA – Kenner Mayor Mike Yenni and the Mayor's Court will host dignitaries from Mexico's Interior Ministry in an effort to prevent, punish, and eradicate domestic violence. **On Monday, November 5, the group will meet in the Mayor's Conference Room to examine and discuss criminal proceedings related to domestic violence cases in Mexico with Magistrate Miguel Elias and Clerk of Court Director Meg Vincent.**

Since 2010, the Ministry has been essential in the creation of five justice centers in Mexico, all providing integrated legal, psychological, and social services to women who are victims of crime. Ministry members are now visiting "best practices" in the U.S., including Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, and the city of Kenner as part of a master plan to develop 17 new centers.

"This is an incredible opportunity for us to assist the IVLP in preventing domestic violence," says Director Meg Vincent. "We've partnered before – the last time a year ago with Palestinian dignitaries – and the response was overwhelming. So we jumped at the opportunity to share our knowledge with our neighbors from Mexico." Mayor Yenni adds, "Judge Elias, Meg, and the Mayor's Court staff have made significant strides in curbing domestic violence in our city. We are honored that these very important guests have chosen to visit with us."

This partnership is part of a professional program for international visitors sent to New Orleans through the State Department in conjunction with the non-profit New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council.