



# CITY OF KENNER

## PRESS RELEASE

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MAYOR

### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Kenner Conducting First “Community Listening Session” As Recommended In 2030 Plan** Kenner, LA – **REVISED - February 22, 2013**

Kenner Mayor Michael S. Yenni, along with the Kenner City Council and Chief Steve Caraway, are seeking community input. In accordance with the recommendations of the Kenner 2030 Plan for Improving Kenner’s Political Climate, a Community Listening Session will take place on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 7:00pm and the meeting will be from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00pm, at the Kenner City Park Pavilion, 3800 Loyola Drive. All residents of Kenner are invited and encouraged to attend this community event.

The Kenner 2030 Plan for a Prosperous Future has recommended action items which propose specific measures to implement the visions for a more prosperous City of Kenner. Various members of Yenni’s staff were selected to oversee the recommended goals and corresponding action items to progressively move forward in implementing the Kenner 2030 Plan.

Deputy CAO, Natalie Newton, is responsible for the implementation of action items falling under the goal of improving Kenner’s political climate “to foster greater public trust in the transparency and effectiveness of City government,” per the 2030 Plan. One of the action items associated with the plan’s suggestions to achieve this goal is to “initiate a series of recurring, semiannual ‘listening sessions’ in neighborhoods throughout Kenner in which elected officials meet with residents to hear their concerns in an informal setting.”

The session will be moderated by Mr. Dominick Impastato III, chairman of the Economic Development Committee’s Working Group for Improving Kenner’s Political Climate. The initial session will focus on Kenner’s S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) as outlined by the 2030 Plan.

“I am determined to do everything in my power to make this plan successful,” said Mayor Yenni. “I am confident that by accomplishing the suggested goals outlined in the 2030 Plan, Kenner will once again become a thriving “Community of Choice” for residents and businesses. However, I know I cannot do this alone; cooperation and community are the keys to this City’s future.”

If residents are unable to attend the initial session, there will be future sessions planned throughout the community. As it becomes available, updated information on listening sessions can be found on the city website, Kenner Facebook Page or via the Mayor’s Office at 468-7240.

The Kenner 2030 Plan for a Prosperous Future can be found on the city’s website at [www.kenner.la.us](http://www.kenner.la.us).

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**MEDIA ONLY:** Media should contact City of Kenner Deputy CAO Natalie Newton at 504-468-7240 if they plan to attend so accommodations can be made. Thank you.

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