



CITY OF KENNER

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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BEN ZAHN

Kenner, LA. – On June 1, 2017, a number of unclassified city employees filed suit against me, the Police Chief and the City of Kenner, arguing that the City Charter prohibition of political activity is unconstitutional.

My Administration and I aggressively defended the Charter and the people's vote for an apolitical workforce. Today, the court issued a preliminary injunction against me, the Police Chief and the City prohibiting us from enforcing the Charter's ban on political activity until there is a final judgement in the case.

There have always been questions about this specific language and various legal opinions issued questioning its constitutionality. Today, a judge has ruled and we will honor the ruling of the court as we prepare for trial of the permanent injunction.

The court's preliminary injunction can be found here:

http://www.kenner.la.us/2/Order_Granteeing_Preliminary_injunction.pdf

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