



E. "BEN" ZAHN III
MAYOR

CITY OF KENNER

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BEN ZAHN SWORN IN AS KENNER MAYOR

Kenner, LA. – Surrounded by his wife and children, E. "Ben" Zahn III – former Kenner and Jefferson Parish councilman -was sworn in as Kenner's 24th mayor.

Zahn, Jefferson Parish District 4 Councilman since 2012, resigned his seat effective midnight on Thursday. He took the oath of office as Kenner mayor in a ceremony later that day at Chateau Golf & Country Club. Zahn, a third-generation small business owner who lives in Kenner with his wife and two kids, was elected to represent District 3 in Kenner in 2006 and was re-elected without opposition in 2010.

He was elected mayor in December in a runoff with District 1 Councilman Gregory Carroll, and will fill out the term of former Mayor Michael Yenni, who was elected Jefferson Parish President.

Zahn has said he will focus on a number of important issues, including working closely with the new owners of The Esplanade to restore the mall to its past glory and accelerating planned improvements to Williams Boulevard for traffic, beautification and economic development benefits. In addition, Zahn has made the commercial development of Laketown a priority, as well as revitalizing neighborhoods – particularly by promoting walkability – and keeping a strong focus on police protection.

"I believe Kenner is ready to take the next step to truly become a community of distinction within the metropolitan area," Zahn said. "Improving Williams Boulevard and boosting tourism and overall economic development with a first-class development on the lakefront are two important steps we need to take," he said.

Zahn, with a long history of civic involvement, said he has taken to heart the comments and concerns he heard while campaigning for mayor. He pledged that city government will be responsive, ethical and transparent.

"I urge residents to call my office with any questions or concerns," he said. "I promise this: I will work as hard as possible and you will be proud of your city government."

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