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KENNER PASSES RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Kenner, LA. – At its Oct. 2 meeting, the Kenner City Council adopted a resolution in support of two Constitutional Amendments, numbers 3 and 10, on the upcoming November 4th ballot. Both amendments are vitally important to municipalities in their effort to address the complicated and costly process of collecting delinquent property taxes and conducting annual tax sales.

Constitutional Amendment 3 preserves local government’s right to manage the collection process of delinquent property taxes. The amendment allows, but does not require, local governments to hire a competent private firm to serve as their authorized agent for the sole purpose of collecting delinquent property taxes by conducting annual tax sales.

Constitutional Amendment 10 reduces the current tax redemption period from 36 months to 18 months. During this period, the taxpayer maintains ownership and the ability to redeem their tax bill. This amendment applies to vacant property sold at tax sale, which has been designated blighted or abandoned.

The Louisiana Legislature approved H.B. 488 and H.B. 256 allowing for these amendments to be placed on the November 4th ballot. The Louisiana Municipal Association has been a strong advocate for local government since 1926, and continues to work with the Legislature on important issues like these.

For more information regarding the resolution and the Constitutional Amendments, please contact Councilman Keith Conley at (504) 468-7252 or Kelly Drone, Communications Director for the LMA, (225) 344-5001.

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