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The Committee to Re-Elect Mayor

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Dear Friends and Citizens of Westwego,


I want to thank all of you for your support in the election on November 4, 2008. I need your support again on Saturday April 4th. These first 120 days have been extremely busy. I have met with countless numbers of you either in person or by phone and have done my utmost to resolve whatever issues were presented to me the best and most fair way possible. Additionally, I have met with every person who can impact our community on the Parish, State and Federal level. Some of my accomplishments and issues addressed so far as your mayor are:

- ✦ On Tuesday, March 10th I traveled to Washington DC with our CPA Jim Butler for two days of meetings with Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David Vitter, Congressman Joseph Cao and representatives of FEMA. Our meeting with FEMA was a formal appeal of their decision to limit the amount of overtime paid to our first responders and other emergency expenses totaling over \$400,000. Our meetings with Senators Landrieu and Vitter and Congressman Cao were very productive on a variety of issues including Federal funds for a new City Hall/Police Department Complex and Federal Grants available for the Water and Sewerage Plants and the new Fire Station.
- ✦ With the assistance of State Senator John Alario and State Representative Robert Billiot, Councilman Elton Lagasse, and Parish President Aaron Broussard, we have applied for a Community Development Block Grant of \$1.45 million for construction of a new 750,000 gallon elevated water tank which will provide additional water storage and improved water pressure for our city. This project has been accepted by The Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development and now awaits HUD approval.
- ✦ While safeguarding the city's money, I am also taking the opportunity to seek all grants available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. There are 64 grants for which we may be eligible.
- ✦ I am continuing to monitor the work on our water plant clarifier which will improve the city's ability to remove solids from its drinking water during the treatment process and to continue to explore avenues to complete a new facility that will provide safe affordable drinking water.
- ✦ Quality of life issues such as our water and sewer plant upgrades and drainage issues to resolve the flooding problems in some of our neighborhoods, protection levees, continued economic development, resolution to the problem of numerous abandoned houses and a balanced approach to the needs of Police, Fire, EMS, Recreation Department and Senior citizen needs are ongoing and I am committed to see these projects through to their completion.
- ✦ Continuing to monitor the completion of the Lazy River Landing. The work is on time and the completion date is May 15, 2009. I am exploring several options, including smaller type river taxi service, that is affordable, to provide ferry service from Audubon Park, the Aquarium and possible other stops to and from Westwego.

In conclusion, these first 120 days have been busy, filled with hard work and many pleasant experiences. As Mayor, I am called upon to fulfill many tasks, face many challenges and I welcome them all. For our community to grow and be viable in the future, we must work together with all of us facing the same direction. I don't just have a vision of what Westwego can accomplish; I have a plan to make it a reality. We must work hard, work smart and work together.

I am asking for your support and vote, VOTE #30 on Saturday, April 4th to re-elect me as your mayor so I may continue the work I have started to bring about positive change and growth for Westwego.

Sincerely,


John "Johnny" I. Shaddinger, Jr.
Mayor of Westwego