

RESOLUTION

NO. R-09-306

CITY HALL: July 2, 2009

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS CLARKSON, FIELKOW, MIDURA, HEAD, CARTER,
HEDGE-MORRELL, WILLARD-LEWIS**

WHEREAS, we commend Senator Barbara Boxer, chairwoman of the influential Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, for graciously taking up our cause, and agreeing to push for stand-alone legislation to make Option 2A a reality; and

WHEREAS, we commend Senator Mary Landrieu for including the lead counsel of the Environment and Public Works Committee on an information gathering mission to the Netherlands that was designed to inform her colleagues and other interested parties about the necessity for comprehensive flood protection; and

WHEREAS, many local, state, and national experts agree that Option 2A, which includes “Pump to the River,” will offer a far superior level of tropical storm and hurricane flood protection; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has stated on its own accord that Option 2A is a better plan than Option 1, but that they have concerns about the cost of 2A; and

WHEREAS, the consideration of the additional cost pales in comparison to the lives of the residents of New Orleans and the protection of their property, and;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that we recognize Senator Boxer for her clear-sighted stand on this issue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that we add our continued thanks and support to Senator Landrieu for her ongoing efforts on our behalf, and ask that she and Sen. Boxer continue to pursue Option 2A, as supported jointly by the City Administrations and the City Councils of both Orleans and Jefferson Parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that the Clerk of Council send copies of this Resolution to Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Mary Landrieu and Mayor C. Ray Nagin.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 6 Present

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1 Absent

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.