

Councilmember Stacy Head
Hosts Summer Gert Town Community Outreach
On Saturday, July 11th

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New Orleans, LA - July 6, 2009 - District "B" Councilmember Stacy Head will host a summer Gert Town community outreach event demonstrating her commitment to empowering communities.

The Councilmember will host an ice cream party at Norwood Thompson Park on Saturday morning, July 11th at 11:00 a.m. Community support organizations that will be present include People Improving

Communities through Organizing (PICO), Gert Town Revival Initiative, Gert Town Enterprise Economic Redevelopment, and members of The Greater King Solomon Baptist Church.

Councilmember Head continues her consistent efforts to move the Gert Town community toward full recovery. Among the neighborhood's critical issues addressed by the Councilmember are, promoting zoning modifications from heavy and light industrial to commercial and residential; ensuring health and safety code compliance; and establishing a Gert Town Community Center. She has also led community beautification efforts, including community clean-ups and tree planting initiatives, while advocating street repairs by the Department of Public Works and FEMA, and drainage repairs by the Sewerage and Water Board.

According to Councilmember Head, her community outreach efforts are inspired by President Barack Obama's view that a nation's greatness depends on mutual respect and responsibility for ourselves and our communities.

Councilmember Head said, "Obstacles exist that cannot be solved alone. We must come together to revitalize and make whole again the Gert Town neighborhood. To do this effectively, we must know one another and this community outreach is just a small step - we must continually reach out to one another."

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