

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

July 7, 2025

Ms. Aisha Collier
Assistant Clerk of Council
City Hall – Room 1E04
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: DISAPPROVAL OF ORDINANCE CALENDAR NUMBER 35,135

Dear Madame Clerk,

Pursuant to Section 3-113 of the New Orleans Home Rule Charter, I, LaToya Cantrell, Mayor of New Orleans, do hereby disapprove of and veto Ordinance Calendar Number 35,135 as passed by the New Orleans City Council at the meeting of the New Orleans City Council on June 26, 2025.

This ordinance appropriates \$20,000,000.00 in capital funds to Tulane University, thereby depriving funding from multiple projects impacting the quality of life for New Orleanians. Ultimately, it represents another attempt by the City Council to usurp executive authority.

This raises multiple concerns. The appropriation of such funds, as this ordinance would permit, should be done pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement outlining reciprocal obligations between both parties demonstrating that the appropriation is not a gratuitous donation, and must be signed by the Mayor, pursuant to the Louisiana Constitution and the Home Rule Charter.

Alternatively, if the \$20,000,000.00 payment is considered to be a Wisner litigation settlement between the City Council and Tulane University, then this settlement should be placed on the City's Judgment/Settlement List and be paid in chronological order with all other judgments/settlements involving the City of New Orleans. To place this settlement ahead of other City judgments and settlements may give rise to due process claims by the City's judgment/settlement creditors who have been waiting many years to get paid by the City.

For the reasons stated above, I am called upon as Mayor to exercise my veto power. I hereby veto the ordinance, for the good of our City and the residents we serve.

Respectfully submitted,



LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans

