



NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors and Executive Leadership

New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity
2900 Elysian Fields Ave
New Orleans, LA 70122

Dear New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity Leadership,

I am writing to you regarding recent reporting on the sale of property within **Musicians' Village**, a development that has long held extraordinary cultural, historical, and community significance for New Orleans. As you know, Musicians' Village was created as a place where culture bearers could return home after Hurricane Katrina, rebuild their lives, and remain rooted in the neighborhoods that define the sound of our city.

Given the importance of this development and the potential impacts of the reported sale on long-standing residents, I am requesting additional information and clarity about how this decision was made, how residents will be affected, and what steps Habitat is taking to preserve affordability and stability in the Village.

As you know, I have been a strong advocate for affordable housing throughout my time on the City Council, and a **consistent partner to Habitat for Humanity** as we have worked together to expand homeownership opportunities and support families facing instability. That partnership is something I deeply value, and it is why I am reaching out with the hope of gaining clarity and strengthening our collaboration moving forward.

To that end, I respectfully request:

1. **A full briefing with Habitat leadership** to discuss the circumstances and rationale for the sale.
2. **Information on any anticipated impacts to residents**, including what protections or supports are being offered.
3. **Clarification on how Habitat intends to uphold the original purpose of Musicians' Village**, particularly its commitment to musicians and culture bearers.
4. **A strengthened communication protocol** to ensure the Council is notified of major decisions that may affect New Orleans communities, especially where City resources were used.

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My intent is to ensure that residents are protected, that the mission of Musicians' Village remains intact, and that our city continues to work in partnership with Habitat for Humanity to expand and preserve affordable homeownership.

I value Habitat's long-standing contributions to New Orleans and hope this moment can serve as an opportunity to reinforce our shared commitments and improve collaboration moving forward. I look forward to your response and to scheduling a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Lesli Harris

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