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The Honorable LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans
1300 Perdido Street, Suite 2E04
New Orleans, LA 70112

Lynes R. Sloss
President Pro Tem and Finance Committee Chair
Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
625 Saint Joseph Street
New Orleans, LA 70165

Dear Mayor Cantrell and SWBNO Member Sloss:

We are writing in response to your March 18 and 19 letters. The Council led on the SWBNO substation, ensuring the agency received \$52 million to start the project and to have it online by June 1, 2025. This deadline is incredibly important to all residents.

As a body who has significantly contributed to this project, we want the substation to stay on track. The Council – at the same time – is obliged to ask the following questions that need to be answered publicly: (1) explain in detail why the current bid was \$20 million more than what SWBNO originally anticipated; (2) what steps SWBNO has taken to ensure there will not be another multi-million dollar surprise with this part or other parts of the substation project; and, (3) what are the proposed City sources to cover this shortfall and, most importantly, to avoid any unnecessary delay.

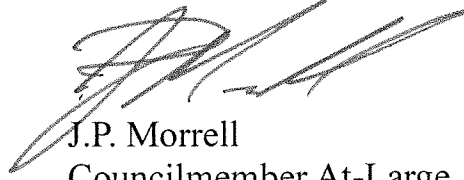
There is a Budget Committee meeting on April 2 at 10 am. We ask the knowledgeable SWBNO representatives to attend that meeting with the answers to those questions.

Please call or email with any questions.

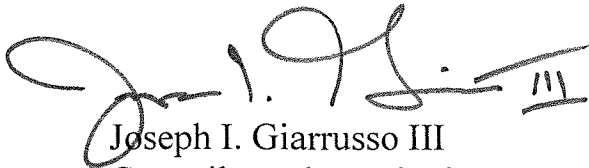
Sincerely,



Helena Moreno
Councilmember At-Large



J.P. Morrell
Councilmember At-Large



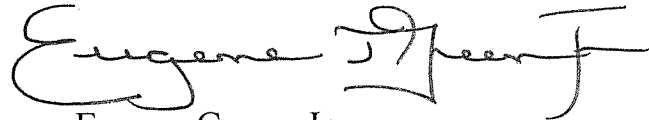
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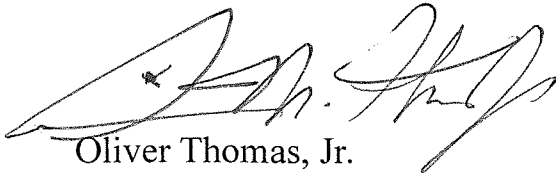
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