



December 14, 2005

Honorable Members of the Metropolitan Council:

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year, in accordance with the provisions of our local charter, I presented to you my proposed spending plan for the year 2006. After discussions with several of you that represent the unincorporated areas of the Parish, I have offered a reduction of the Consolidated Garbage Service District property tax millage from 4.55 mills to 2.55 mills. This results in revenue reduction of \$1,788,030 and expenditure reductions of \$93,640 from the proposed budget. The net reduction of \$1,694,390 will be offset from funds available in Fund Balance-Undesignated for the District.

Through the continued partnership of the Metropolitan Council and the Administration, we will continue to answer challenges and develop opportunities for the citizens of America's next great city and parish throughout the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin L. 'Kip' Holden".

Melvin L. "Kip" Holden  
Mayor-President