

RESOLUTION

NO. R-14-180

CITY HALL: May 8, 2014

BY: COUNCILMEMBER ~~BROSSETT~~

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER HEAD

WHEREAS, a Louisiana district court judge has ruled that the SLFPA-East's lawsuit was legal – a judgment that has never been reversed or even appealed, and

WHEREAS, in spite of this court decision, and the overwhelming support for the 2006 reforms creating the SLFPA-East as a politically independent board, there is a set of bills currently pending in the state legislature which, if passed, would undermine the SLFPA-East's political independence and constitute an unprecedented subversion of a final judicial decision by a legislative body – and so, we believe, would be a breach of the separation of powers of state, and

WHEREAS, we believe that access to the courts is such a basic right, one so crucial to our rights as citizens of the State of Louisiana and The United States of America, that any threat to that right should be strongly rebuked, and finally

WHEREAS, we believe it is our duty to make our voices heard not only in our own City, but in the courts, the Capitol, or any other place necessary to protect the lives and property of the people of New Orleans; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, We, the City Council of New Orleans, urge the Louisiana State Legislature to respect the will of the people, the laws of this state, the judgment of a Louisiana state court, and the separation of powers upon which our government is founded. We urge legislators to reject Senate Bills 469, 547, 546, 553 and 531 – all of which are designed to make it impossible for the SLFPA-East to fulfill its critical mission and to bring its lawsuit – and let the courts decide this case.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Brossett, Gray, Guidry, Head, Ramsey - 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Cantrell, Williams - 2

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
Lera W. Johnson
CLERK OF COUNCIL