Mayor LaToya Cantrell &

New Orleans City Council

City of New Orleans

1300 Perdido St.

New Orleans, LA 70112

Dear Mayor-Elect Cantrell and Honorable Councilmembers:

We, the undersigned organizations, businesses, community groups, and associations write to express our full support for the one half-mile extension of the Lafitte Greenway to the planned Canal Boulevard Trailhead in Lakeview, as a needed improvement to the area where we live, work, play, and pray.

*The Greenway Master Plan*, approved by City of New Orleans City Council in 2013 and developed with extensive community input, illustrated and planned a full extension of the Lafitte Greenway from Basin Street at the French Quarter’s edge to Canal Boulevard in Lakeview. However, due to construction costs and the unforeseen hurdle of land acquisition, the Lafitte Greenway currently ends abruptly at N. Alexander Street in Mid-City--one half-mile short of planned Lakeview trailhead.

We ask for your support and leadership to complete the Lafitte Greenway to Lakeview, so that our communities and constituents can enjoy the extraordinary benefits that this City asset provides:

* A safe path for people on bicycles and on foot to travel to schools, grocery stores, playgrounds, businesses, and job opportunities.
* A space for healthy physical activity that increases recreation options.
* Sustainable stormwater management features.
* Stimulating investment in- and activation of- adjacent former industrial spaces and brownfields.

It is paramount that we as a community continue our momentum into a future that advances health, community connections, equity, environmental sustainability, and economic development. Therefore, we ask for your leadership and partnership to complete the Lafitte Greenway to Lakeview.

Thank you,

*Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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