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PETITION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

St. Charles Parish Council Chairman Today's Date:

P. O. Box 302

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Dear Chairman:

Please place my name to address the Council on:

DATE: June 6, 2005 June 20, 2005SPECIFIC TOPIC: Council Resolution 2004-0370

(*see specific Resolution Supporting The St Charles Assessors Office in
 guidelines on their challenges against tax exemptions & the need to
 reverse and protect the Parish from unforeseen events.
 refer to

Parish Charter-

Article VII., Sec. I.)

DOCUMENTS, IF ANY: YES / NO

NAME: Henry Enloux - Chairman Public Policy Committee - River Region Chamber of CommerceADDRESS: RR CC - P.O. Box 1443 LaPlace LA 70069Home - 13538 River Rd Destrehan LA 70047PHONE: RR CC - 359-9777 Home 764-6431SIGNATURE: Henry Enloux

Dear Constituent:

Thank you for your active participation. Your views and comments will be considered by the Council in making our decisions. The Council has a considerable amount of business to conduct in a limited amount of time, therefore, please note the following items that are expected of you:

The Home Rule Charter provides for citizens to address the Council. It makes no provision for initiating debate, discussion, or question and answer sessions with Councilmembers or Administration Officials. Your right is also guaranteed to examine public documents as you prepare your presentation. Should you have any questions for Councilmembers and/or Department Heads as you prepare, please forward such inquiries to the Council Office to insure a timely response. Should you wish to speak to any Official or Department personally, a complete list of contact information will be furnished at your request.

Please be brief and limit your comments to the specific subject matter on which you have requested to address the Council.

Please forward supporting documents to the Council Secretary for distribution to the Parish Council before your scheduled appearance in order for the Council to prepare themselves, if necessary.

Upon completion of your allotted time to address the Council, please respect the time given to Councilmembers to respond to your comments by not interrupting or interjecting remarks.

Slanderous remarks and comments will not be tolerated. If slanderous remarks or comments are made, your opportunity to address the Council will end, regardless of the remaining time left to address the Council.

Repetitious comments and subject matter will be strictly limited.

A confirmation letter will follow when your name is placed on the agenda.

Sincerely,

DESMOND J. HILAIRE

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

RIGHT TO DIRECT PARTICIPATION COUNCIL GUIDELINES

No person shall be denied the right to observe and, within Council guidelines, to address the Council provided that the person has submitted a written request containing the nature of the subject to be discussed. All requests and pertinent information must be received by the Council Secretary at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting. (Home Rule Charter, Article VII, Section 1.)



St. Charles Parish has become one of the most vital, growing and sought after places to live in Louisiana. We have taken the lead in addressing social, educational and economic issues and have emerged as a model for the state. Please keep this progress ongoing.

These Tax Incentive plans have worked very well, benefiting industry and all taxpayers in St. Charles Parish. That's why we urge you to continue to be pro Economic Development, jobs and prosperity by rescinding Council Resolution 2004-0370 at the earliest opportunity.

In addition to this letter, I request an opportunity to address this issue to the Council at your next regularly scheduled meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Briloux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Henry Briloux
Public Policy Chairman
River Region Chamber of Commerce



May 20, 2005

Councilman Lance Marino
660 Pine Street
Norco, LA 70079

RE: Parish Council Resolution 2004-0370, "A resolution supporting the St. Charles Parish Assessor's Office in their challenges against tax exemptions and the need to protect the Parish from unforeseen events."

Dear St. Charles Parish Council Members,

The River Region Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its serious concern regarding Council Resolution 2004-0370, that was adopted in September of 2004, and requests that the Council take immediate action to rescind this resolution.

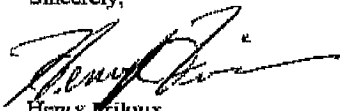
While challenging tax exemptions may sound like a worthy cause, we believe it is a "quick fix" solution that could result in a long-term economic disaster for the parish and its citizens. Industrial Tax Exemptions are at the heart of the State's Economic Development program and have assisted in creating billions of dollars in industrial investments over the years and ten's of thousands of permanent jobs. In St. Charles Parish alone, these investments total over a billion dollars and created several thousand permanent jobs.

Your resolution suggests that St. Charles Parish favors minimizing this program and adding additional layers of bureaucracy that would make the program cumbersome at best and impossible to execute at worst. This message will have a very negative impact on the efforts of the State and Parish to attract new industry or convince existing industry to expand their facilities.

The State of Louisiana is in competition with other states in attracting new businesses to our area. Tampering with these exemptions could put Louisiana in a competitive disadvantage. Businesses considering a location in Louisiana may get the impression that St. Charles Parish is only interested in them for the taxes they will pay.

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Sincerely,


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