

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-068

A resolution expressing the support of the elected officials of the City of Gretna, Louisiana for the West Jefferson Levee District's proposition, placed on the November 21, 2015 ballot, which creates a 5.5 Mills Ad Valorem property tax mill levy for thirty years, ending in 2045.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, the West Jefferson Levee District (the "WJLD") has been operating off of the same level of mills of the general ad valorem tax since its' founding in 1980; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the West Jefferson Levee District, Resolution No. 081215-01, a special tax of 5.50 mills for thirty years will be placed on the November 21, 2015 general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Westbank and Vicinity Projects ("WBV") are now complete and have been ceded to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority- West (the "Authority"), the governing authority of the WJLD, for Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has transferred the West Closure Complex ("WCC") to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA"); and

WHEREAS, the WCC is a major feature of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System ("HSDRRS") for southeast Louisiana which reduces risk for residences and businesses in three parishes on the west bank of the Mississippi River, including Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, the West Jefferson Levee District is apportioned with the operations and maintenance cost of the WCC with Plaquemines Parish and CPRA; and

WHEREAS, the revenues of the proposed special levee tax will be dedicated and used for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection and for all other purposes incidental thereto, as well as a portion of the operation and maintenance of the West Closure Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna, Louisiana elected officials fully support the proposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Gretna, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City that:

The elected officials of the City of Gretna, Louisiana hereby express their support of the West Jefferson Levee District proposition placed on the November 21, 2015 ballot, which creates a 5.5 Mills Ad Valorem property tax mill levy for thirty years, ending in 2045.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

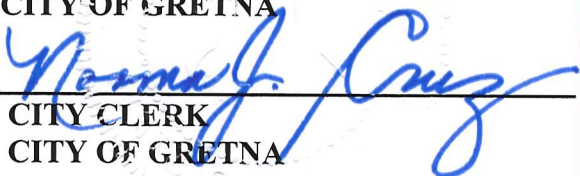
Yeas: **Councilmen Rau, Crosby, Marino, Miller and Berthelot**

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 10, 2015

/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GRETNA

/S/ BELINDA C. CONSTANT
MAYOR
CITY OF GRETNA

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