

City of Kenner
House of Reps

On Motion of Councilmember Stagni, seconded by Councilmember Branigan, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. B-16090

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATIVE HOUSE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND LOUISIANA HOUSE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO RE-DISTRICT TWO STATE REPRESENTATIVE SEATS REPRESENTING THE CITY OF KENNER

WHEREAS, the House Governmental Affairs Committee and the Louisiana House of State Representatives will start a re-districting process for all State Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenner is the sixth largest city in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, currently District 79 covers almost all the precincts North of West Esplanade with the exception of K011 and District 92 covers all of Kenner precincts below West Esplanade including the Louis Armstrong International Airport and K011 North of West Esplanade in the City of Kenner; and,

WHEREAS, the Louis Armstrong International Airport comprises about 25% or 3.75 square miles of Kenner's 15 square mile boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Louis Armstrong International Airport produces revenues for the City of Kenner and jobs for Kenner citizens as well as revenues for nearby Kenner small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Kenner have been impacted by airport noise, past tragedy and possible future tragedy due to their proximity to the Louis Armstrong International Airport; and

WHEREAS, any suggestion of three or more State Representative Districts covering Kenner with a majority of precincts outside the City of Kenner could produce a non Kenner-resident Representative and negatively impact the City of Kenner and our citizens; and

WHEREAS, any State Representative redistricting plan should include contiguous representation by representatives who are elected by a large number of the City of Kenner voting citizens; and

THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENNER HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION ONE: That the Council for the City of Kenner requests the State Legislature to re-district in such a manner which would allow two State Representatives in contiguous precincts represent in the City of Kenner.

SECTION TWO: That any re-districting plan includes the Louis Armstrong International Airport in a Kenner district which is elected by a majority of Kenner voters.

SECTION THREE: Directs the Clerk of the Kenner City Council to forward this Resolution to Chairman Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr. and all other Representatives serving on the House and Governmental Affairs Committee.

SECTION FOUR: Nothing in this resolution is suggesting to diminish any requirements set forth in the Federal Voting Rights Act.

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

YAYS:	6
NAYS:	0
ABSENT:	Councilmember Denapolis
ABSTAINED:	0

This resolution was declared adopted on this, the 3RD day of February, 2011.

Stacie Hall
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Maria DeArcauch
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael S. Yenne
MAYOR

DESIGNATED AREA: Citywide
SUBMITTED BY: Councilman Joseph Stagni, District 2