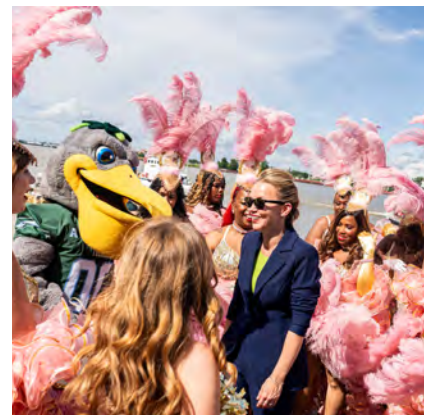




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BUILDING A STRONGER NEW ORLEANS

*The First Six Months of the
Moreno Administration*

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A FOUNDATION FOR PROGRESS

In just six months, the Moreno Administration has focused on restoring fiscal discipline, rebuilding core City services, modernizing government operations, strengthening neighborhoods, and laying the foundation for long-term economic growth.

Despite inheriting significant financial challenges — including virtually no available cash, a projected \$223 million budget gap, depleted reserves, years of deferred maintenance, and structural budget imbalances — the Administration has stabilized City finances while delivering measurable improvements that residents can see across New Orleans. Through disciplined financial management, strategic investments, and a relentless focus on execution, City Hall is restoring confidence and building momentum for the future.



INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

Our Goal: Build a modern, reliable infrastructure system that improves quality of life while supporting economic growth for decades to come.

The Moreno Administration has made rebuilding New Orleans' core infrastructure a top priority by improving service delivery, strengthening coordination, modernizing utilities, and investing in the workforce needed to sustain long-term progress.



LIGHTS ON INITIATIVE

The Administration launched the Lights On Initiative to aggressively repair broken streetlights across New Orleans. To date, more than 5,100 streetlights have been restored, improving neighborhood safety, visibility, and quality of life.



POTHOLE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Infrastructure repair crews have significantly expanded maintenance efforts, repairing more than 15,000 potholes and completing over 1,300 linear feet of sidewalk improvements, addressing long-standing quality-of-life concerns across the city.



EXPANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WORKFORCE

The Administration began hiring 50 new Department of Public Works employees dedicated to repairing streets and sidewalks. Over 20 employees have already joined the department, increasing the City's ability to perform more infrastructure work in-house.



BUILDING IN-HOUSE ELECTRICAL CAPACITY

The City has hired two electricians and two inspectors dedicated to electrical work to rebuild its internal electrical workforce, reducing dependence on outside contractors while improving response times for repairs and maintenance.

5.1K

STREETLIGHTS
RESTORED



15K

POTHoles
REPAIRED



TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION

The Administration launched a citywide assessment and repair initiative for traffic signals while developing a comprehensive long-term modernization strategy to improve reliability, reduce congestion, and create a smarter transportation network. Phase II of the assessment will focus on full system upgrades to traffic signals.



INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Recognizing the success of the Super Bowl preparation model, the Administration established the Infrastructure Coordinating Council (ICC) as a permanent weekly coordination effort among City departments, utilities, and infrastructure partners. The ICC improves communication, reduces duplication of work, and accelerates project delivery throughout the year.



SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD MODERNIZATION

The Administration successfully led passage of state legislation providing the City greater oversight of the Sewerage & Water Board (SWBNO). The Administration also established the Public Utility Modernization Process Subgroup (PUMPS) to develop governance and operational reforms that improve accountability, efficiency, and long-term performance.

The Moreno Administration, in partnership with the SWBNO, successfully secured \$122,000 to advance a parcel fee, which combines a stormwater fee and right-of-way improvement fee, to capture revenues from non-contributing entities. This policy, if successful, will secure a new funding-source for drainage and right-of-way improvements, and deliver the first recurring source of revenue for nature-based solutions in the City of New Orleans.



SECURING FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

The Moreno Administration secured an extension of the Joint Infrastructure Recovery Request (JIRR) Program through 2028, preserving hundreds of millions of dollars in federal recovery funding and ensuring critical infrastructure projects can continue moving forward.



SAFE AND THRIVING CITY: PUBLIC SAFETY

Our Goal: *Protect the safety and security of all residents, without letting up, to continue positive crime reduction trends.*

HISTORIC VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION

Public safety progressed significantly during the first six months of the Moreno Administration, particularly in violent crime reduction. Sustained coordination among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, combined with continued strategic operations, has helped drive violent crime to its lowest level since the 1960s. Compared to the same period last year:

- **Murders have decreased by 9%**
- **Nonfatal shootings have decreased by 19%**
- **Homicides have decreased by 22%**

The progress in the first 6 months of the Moreno Administration is more significant when considering the substantial safety gains already achieved since 2022. According to the Metropolitan Crime Commission, when comparing 2026 with 2022, following the COVID-19 pandemic:

- **Homicides have been reduced by 73%**
- **Nonfatal shootings have been reduced by 65%**
- **Carjackings have been reduced by 78%**

19%

DECREASE IN
NONFATAL
SHOOTINGS



22%

DECREASE
IN
HOMICIDES

The New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Homicide Section has achieved a 98% clearance rate, solving 42 homicide cases this year.

There have been no violent criminal incidents at special events during the Administration's first six months, demonstrating the effectiveness of public safety planning, preparation, and deployment by NOPD, New Orleans Office of Coordination and Emergency Management (NOCEM), and the Moreno Administration.

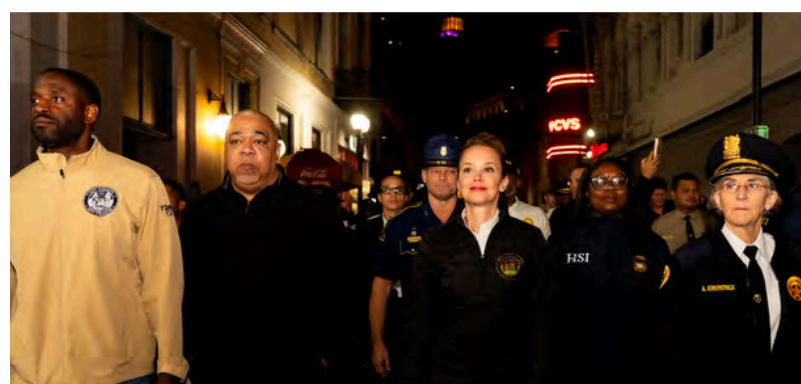
The Office of Violence Prevention, under the Department of Health and Human Services, is focusing on high-risk schools affected by youth violence to implement conflict resolution and de-escalation before situations escalate.

Traffic enforcement efforts have also expanded, resulting in a 50% increase in vehicle stops and a 37% increase in traffic citations. Recruitment within NOPD has strengthened, with applications increasing by 77.5% and hiring rising by 35.7% compared to the same period last year.

The Administration reconvened the Sandy Krasnoff Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which continues to build the governance framework needed to improve efficiency and promote just and equitable outcomes across the criminal legal system. In addition, the hiring of the NOPD Fiscal Comptroller reflects the Administration's commitment to fiscal integrity, with the position playing a critical role in monitoring overtime spending.



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“BRYAN’S CALL” ENDANGERED MISSING PERSONS ALERT SYSTEM FOR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

The Moreno Administration announced the implementation of the new "Bryan's Call" Endangered Missing Persons Alert to locate missing vulnerable adults and children. This initiative began under then-Council Vice President Moreno as a direct response to the heartbreaking situation concerning Bryan Vazquez, who went missing in New Orleans, but whose case did not meet established requirements for an AMBER alert to be issued.

SPECIAL EVENTS: EXCEPTIONAL PREPARATION AND RAPID RESPONSE

Tropical Storm Arthur tested New Orleans' hurricane season readiness in mid-June. Coordinated communication and rapid response from City officials meant New Orleans weathered the storm well. NOCEM activated the Emergency Operations Center to unify the response across City departments and partner agencies, while the Joint Information Center used NOLA Ready to keep residents informed with timely weather updates and safety guidance. Tropical Storm Arthur provided the Public Safety Team, and all City departments and agencies, with the opportunity to demonstrate collaboration and communication across the entire City infrastructure, serving as a vital exercise in emergency planning.

Seven major drainage pump stations lost power for nearly an hour in the early morning hours due to an electrical equipment failure at the Sewerage and Water Board's Power Complex, centered on an Entergy New Orleans substation. This incident highlighted the need for increased local oversight of Sewerage and Water Board operations to prevent similar system failures in the future.

New Orleans hosted a string of major 2026 events that showcased both cultural vitality and public safety coordination. Heightened cross-departmental and agency coordination resulted in increased emergency response capacity and sharper preparedness, helping ensure the success of major events and economic drivers.

- **The 31st Essence Festival of Culture** drew roughly 51,000 daily visitors over the Fourth of July weekend, generating an estimated \$300 million in local economic impact. NOCEM, NOPD, New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD), Entergy, and EMS worked seamlessly together, including using unmanned aerial system technology to respond to an underground transformer explosion, ensuring no injuries occurred.

\$300M

ECONOMIC
IMPACT

From the 31st
Essence Festival
Celebration



\$500M

ECONOMIC
IMPACT

From the 51st
Jazz & Heritage Festival
Celebration

- **The 51st Jazz & Heritage Festival** drew a record 475,000 attendees across two four-day weekends, featured over 600 musicians (85% Louisiana-based), and generated an estimated \$500 million in economic impact, with NOCEM deploying for the first time to an on-site Incident Command Post at the Fairgrounds.
- **French Quarter Festival** saw its largest turnout yet, with about one million visitors and 75 vendors reporting \$4.3 million in sales. Real-time coordination between NOCEM and the U.S. Coast Guard was strengthened, leading to a secure and safe festival.
- **Mardi Gras 2026**, planned and executed within the first month of the Administration, was one of the safest in recent history.

The safety and success of these marquee events are primary examples of the Moreno Administration's ability to ensure the safety of residents and visitors alike, and the importance of coordination across agencies at all levels of government.

New Orleans also made history as the inaugural host city for SAIL250, welcoming seven international tall ships and U.S. military vessels and drawing roughly 125,000 visitors to the riverfront (454,000 downtown overall). The event underscored the city's strategic and commercial legacy as a Mississippi River port, with local public safety officials embedded in the U.S. Navy's unified command center to align federal and local response efforts.



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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & GOVERNMENT REFORM

Our Goal: Restore long-term financial stability while protecting essential City services and rebuilding public trust.

FROM DEFICIT TO DISCIPLINE

The Administration inherited one of the most challenging fiscal situations in recent City history — including virtually no available cash, a projected \$223 million budget gap, depleted reserves, and an overreliance on one-time funding.



RESTORING FINANCIAL STABILITY

The Administration repaid the City's \$125 million Revenue Anticipation Note (RAN) in a timely manner, submitted the 2025 Annual Audit on time, only the second on-time audit since 2019, and implemented stronger financial controls that have restored confidence in City finances.



INCREASING CITY REVENUES

Working across departments, the Administration secured approximately \$125 million in additional revenues through improved parking enforcement and collections, strategic funding reclassifications, one-time transfers from outside agencies, and stronger fiscal management.



REBUILDING FINANCIAL RESERVES

The Administration strengthened the City's emergency reserves by more than \$100 million through the strategic monetization of Caesars lease revenues, rebuilding the City's financial safety net while generating additional investment earnings. This deal will strengthen the City's credit rating with national rating agencies.

\$223M

**INHERITED
BUDGET GAP**

*From the prior
Administration.*



\$125M

**IN ADDITIONAL
REVENUES**

*Created in the first 6
months of the Moreno
Administration.*



REDUCING GOVERNMENT SPENDING

The Administration implemented significant cost-saving measures while protecting essential services by:

- Reducing overtime spending by nearly 50%.
- Cutting unnecessary travel expenditures by approximately 90%.
- Consolidating positions and reducing personnel costs.
- Reducing overall General Fund spending while maintaining core City services.
- Eliminating MPERS Liability.
- The Administration successfully led legislation eliminating approximately \$41 million in disputed MPERS obligations, saving taxpayers an estimated \$2.5 million annually.



HIRING PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

Established by [Executive Order HM 26-18](#), the Hiring Process Improvement Task Force began rolling out six reforms: digitized hiring-freeze approvals, online-only applications, requisition delay visibility, expedited eligible-list certification, standardized offer letters, and mandatory digital onboarding. These reforms, and continued work of the Task Force, will deliver common-sense efficiencies that reduce hiring timeline and administrative costs.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our Goal: Create jobs, expand opportunity, and strengthen New Orleans' economy for generations to come.

The Moreno Administration is focused on creating jobs, attracting investment, and strengthening New Orleans' role as the economic engine of the Gulf South.



REGIONAL COLLABORATION

The Administration has embraced a new era of regional collaboration with neighboring parishes, economic development organizations, ports, universities, and business leaders to attract investment, create jobs, strengthen workforce opportunities, and improve regional competitiveness.



NEW ORLEANS EAST JOB AND INVESTMENT CORRIDORS

The Administration launched the New Orleans East Job and Investment Corridors, a strategic initiative to position eastern New Orleans as the City's next major center for job creation, logistics, advanced manufacturing, technology, and private investment. Leveraging assets such as the Port of New Orleans, Michoud Assembly Facility, Interstate 10, rail infrastructure, and proximity to the airport, the initiative is designed to attract employers, prepare strategic sites for development, and create quality jobs. As investment grows, the initiative will also support new restaurants, retail, housing, and neighborhood services throughout New Orleans East.





CANAL STREET REVITALIZATION

Planning is underway for a comprehensive Canal Street revitalization initiative designed to restore the city's historic commercial corridor through retail activation, improved public spaces, and new investment.



BUSINESS STABILIZATION FUND PILOT

The Moreno Administration established the Business Stabilization Fund, a pilot program designed to assist businesses located along two economically vibrant corridors: Lower Decatur and St. Peter Streets, which have experienced prolonged disruption due to construction projects. The Administration identified a starting \$200,000 for the fund and will award impacted businesses a one-time payment determined by the size of the business. The fund will deliver stabilization and continuity of historic, vibrant commercial corridors that generate sales tax revenue, which is reinvested, sustain pedestrian activity that contributed to public safety, and preserve the historic character integral to New Orleans' tourism economy.



MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The administration has advanced several transformational projects, including:

- Charity Hospital Redevelopment
- Omni Hotel Expansion
- NSA Site Redevelopment



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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our Goal: Strengthen neighborhoods through strategic investment, quality public spaces, and community-driven redevelopment.

The Moreno Administration is investing in neighborhoods by reducing blight, strengthening community assets, and planning for long-term growth.



ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TASK FORCE

The Administration established, through [Executive Order HM 26-20](#), a dedicated task force to accelerate redevelopment of adjudicated properties. The Task Force will begin with a pilot program in the Lower Ninth Ward to reduce blight and return vacant properties to productive use.



NORD ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE

The Administration launched the NORD Reform Task Force through [Executive Order HM 26-16](#) to improve parks, recreation facilities, athletic fields, and programming throughout New Orleans, ensuring residents have access to safe, modern, and vibrant public spaces.



CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLANNING

Long-term planning is underway for the Civic Center District, a new municipal complex district to better utilize public assets while creating opportunities for housing, mixed-use development, economic investment, and enhanced public spaces.



MAYOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS

- Desire Square Redevelopment
- DeGaulle Manor Redevelopment
- Morris F.X. Jeff Community Field Renovation
- Mercy Hospital site development, lease advancing

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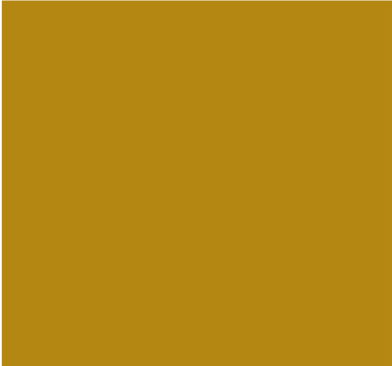
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HM-26-16

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Our Goal: Support residents' well-being, stability, and quality of life, especially most vulnerable populations.

Restructuring the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is central to the Moreno Administration's vision for New Orleans. Key services prevent illness and reduce crises like substance abuse and homelessness, benefiting the whole community.



PREVENTION: HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

HHS is partnering with NOCEM to prepare for hurricanes and extreme heat this summer, hosting planning meetings ahead of the season and monitoring vulnerable residents. During Tropical Storm Arthur, the department distributed water to unhoused residents and coordinated with emergency medical services outside Orleans Parish. HHS also works with local organizations to identify cooling centers and support unhoused residents.



ESSENTIAL SERVICES DELIVERED

The Administration remains committed to residents' health through expanded access to care, including a new WIC site on the Westbank, which is seeing increased monthly usage.

1K

**RESIDENTS
SURVEYED**

*Via the Community
Health Assessment*



1.2K

**INDICATORS
ANALYZED**

*To help the
Administration identify
key health trends and
disparities*



Rx KIDS

HHS has planned the Rx Kids New Orleans pilot and is organizing an August 2026 summit bringing together philanthropists, elected officials, community organizations, and leaders from cities already running Rx Kids programs aimed at securing funding for a 2027 New Orleans launch. Rx Kids is a prenatal and infant economic security program that provides payments to all families in a particular area during pregnancy and throughout the first 6 to 12 months of their infant's life.

The chronic disease team is also launching a Healthy Brain campaign with community partners to prevent dementia, building a unified awareness effort and a framework connecting residents to care.



COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

The Department of Health and Human Services has successfully launched and concluded the Community Health Assessment survey meant to gather input from community members, organizations, and stakeholders to understand perceptions of community health, identify strengths and gaps, and assess the capacity and collaboration of partners to address health issues. The Community Health Assessment gathered over 1,000 survey responses across all 18 New Orleans zip codes and input from six focus groups on priority population needs. Analysis of roughly 1,200 indicators continues to help the Administration identify key health trends and disparities citywide.



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BY THE NUMBERS

SIX MONTHS OF PROGRESS
ACROSS NEW ORLEANS!

\$125 MILLION

IN ADDITIONAL
REVENUES SECURED

RESULTS THAT MATTER



INFRASTRUCTURE &
PUBLIC WORKS



PUBLIC
SAFETY



FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



NEIGHBORHOOD
INVESTMENT &
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

\$100

MILLION

restored to
emergency
reserves

98%

CLEARANCE

Rate for NOPD's
Homicide
Section

\$41

MILLION

MPERS
obligation
eliminated

5K+

STREETLIGHT

Repairs
completed in 6
months

22%

REDUCTION

In homicides
vs. this time
last year

90%

REDUCTION

In unnecessary
travel spending

21%

REDUCTION

In General
Fund spending

15K+

POTHOLE

Repairs
completed in 6
months

77%+

INCREASE

In job
applications for
city jobs

\$125

MILLION

Revenue
Anticipation
Note repaid

1.3K+

LINEAR FEET

Of sidewalks
improved

19%

REDUCTION

In nonfatal
shootings

INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

- 5,139 streetlights repaired
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- Infrastructure Coordinating Council established
- Public Utility Modernization Process Subgroup (PUMPS) established
- JIRR extended through 2028

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 9% reduction in murder, 19% reduction in nonfatal shootings, and 22% reduction in homicides when compared to this time last year
- Sustained coordination across local, state, and federal law enforcement leadership, paired with continued operations, has driven violent crime to its lowest level since the 1960s
- NOPD Homicide Section's clearance rates are at 98%, with 42 cases solved this year
- No violent criminal incidents have taken place at special events in the first 6-months of the Administration, providing evidence that public safety planning, preparation, and deployment for world-class events is top tier at NOPD, NOCEM, and across the Moreno Administration
- Traffic enforcement and directed safety initiatives this year continue, with a 50% increase in vehicle stops and 37% increase in traffic citations
- Recruitment has increased, with a 77.5% increase in applications and a 35.7% increase in hiring, both compared to this time last year
- The Moreno Administration reconvened the Sandy Krasnoff Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which continues to meet and build the governance foundation needed to enhance efficiency and drive just and equitable outcomes across the criminal legal system
- Hiring of the NOPD Fiscal Comptroller aligns with the Moreno Administration's commitment to fiscal integrity and responsibility, and this position serves an essential role for monitoring overtime spending

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- \$125 million in additional revenues secured
- More than \$100 million restored to emergency reserves
- \$41 million MPERS obligation eliminated
- \$125 million Revenue Anticipation Note repaid on time
- 2025 Annual Audit submitted on time
- 21% reduction in General Fund spending
- Nearly 50% reduction in overtime spending
- Approximately 90% reduction in unnecessary travel spending
- \$28 million in overdue grant reimbursements recovered

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DELIVERING THE FOUNDATION OF PROGRESS



Over the past six months, the Moreno Administration has demonstrated that disciplined leadership, sound financial management, and a relentless focus on execution can deliver meaningful results for the people of New Orleans. While much work remains, the foundation has been laid for a safer, stronger, and more prosperous city, and this Administration remains committed to building on that momentum every day.





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