

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER HM 26-08**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the City’s municipal buildings—City Hall chief among them—belong to the people of New Orleans and serve the needs of the thousands of citizens and visitors who use these facilities daily to engage public officials, attend public meetings, obtain permits, vote, appeal tax matters, seek justice, and conduct public business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s administrative functions are currently dispersed across multiple facilities with aging infrastructure, contributing to operational inefficiencies, inconsistent public access, and avoidable maintenance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, City Hall, which has served as the center of City government since 1951, is plagued by aging infrastructure, which has caused administrative functions to be dispersed across multiple facilities, contributing to inefficiency, inconsistent public access, and avoidable maintenance and leasing costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civil District Court building, which has been in operation since 1955, is similarly plagued by aging infrastructure, operational inefficiencies, inadequate space and the absence of modern technology infrastructure critical to the operation of a modern courthouse;

**WHEREAS**, the City should evaluate whether a new City Hall, new Civil District Court building or a consolidated civic center would improve service delivery, safety, continuity of operations, and long-term fiscal sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, decisions affecting civic buildings and public assets should be informed by meaningful public engagement and the input of subject-matter experts;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENA MORENO**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans by Section 4-206(3) and Section 4-104 of the New Orleans Home Rule Charter and other applicable law, **DO HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Purpose.** The “Municipal Complex Advisory Committee” is hereby created to review matters related to the development of new City Hall and Civil District Court buildings (Municipal Complex) on Duncan Plaza.
2. **Scope.** This Advisory Committee shall:
  - a. Review current conditions of City Hall and Civil District Court buildings;
  - b. Review the previously prepared City Hall Facility Programmatic Study;

- c. Review programmatic studies for the Civil District Court building and for facilities occupied by other City agencies considered for co-location in the Municipal Complex;
- d. Review previously considered options for City Hall and Civil District Court, including renovation of existing facilities, acquisition of existing building(s) for redevelopment, and options to construct new facilities;
- e. Study Duncan Plaza as a possible site on which to construct a new Municipal Complex;
- f. Recommend an appropriate process for development of a new Municipal Complex on Duncan Plaza;
- g. Identify potential financing options for the development and construction of a new Municipal Complex on Duncan Plaza;
- h. Examine the role that development of a new Municipal Complex facility might play within the context of efforts to revitalize and redevelop surrounding downtown properties; and
- i. Perform any other related activities assigned jointly by the Mayor and City Council.

In accordance with Home Rule Charter § 4-104, the function of the Advisory Committee shall be limited to counsel and advice.

**3. Composition.** The members of this Advisory Committee shall number eleven (11). Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Mayor, five (5) members shall be appointed by the City Council (with each City Council District Member appointing one of those five members), and one (1) member shall be appointed by the Judicial District Court Building Commission. Appointees shall have meaningful professional experience or subject matter expertise in areas related to one more of the topics to be covered by the Advisory Committee's scope of review set forth above, with the goal of having committee members with experience or expertise in many relevant topics, including the fields of construction, architecture, legal, public and private project financing, real estate development, city planning, and public-private partnerships.

No appointee shall be a currently serving as an elected or appointed government official. The members of advisory committees shall not be paid. However, City employees appointed to the Advisory Committee may participate in Advisory Committee activities during regular office hours so long as the activities of the Advisory Committee are reasonably related to their public duties.

Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the authority that appointed him or her to the Advisory Committee (i.e., the Mayor, City Council member, or the Judicial District Court Building Commission); and such appointing authority may, in writing, remove and/or replace any of its appointed members of the Advisory Committee at any time. Appointments, removals and replacements shall be made by written letter to the appointed or removed member and the other appointing authorities.

**4. Meetings and Governance.** At its first meeting, the Committee shall, by majority vote, elect one chair and one vice chair, who shall be subject to removal and replacement by majority

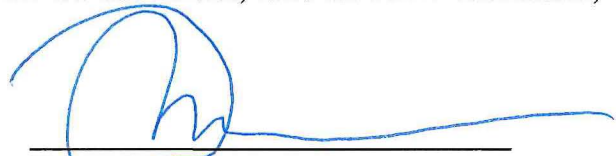
vote of the Advisory Committee at any time. The chair, in collaboration with the vice chair, shall set Advisory Committee meeting dates, agendas, and locations, and preside at meetings.

5. **Administrative Support.** The New Orleans Building Corporation shall provide all necessary staffing support for Advisory Committee meetings, including the provision of meeting materials, space reservations, technical support, posting of agendas, etc.

6. **Report and Findings.** The Municipal Complex Advisory Committee shall provide a report of its findings to the Mayor and New Orleans City Council within 180 days of the date of the Advisory Committee's first meeting. This deadline may be extended by the Mayor.

7. **Duration.** In accordance with Home Rule Charter § 4-104, the Advisory Committee shall be constituted for a term of not more than one year from the date of appointment, but may be reappointed from year to year.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026 AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.**



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**Helena Moreno**  
**Mayor**  
**City of New Orleans**