

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 8

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DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Requests a study of the feasibility of establishing the Tremé Economic Development District in New Orleans

1 A STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to study the  
3 advisability and practical effects of establishing an economic development district  
4 in the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans and to report its findings to the House  
5 of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session of the  
6 Legislature.

7 WHEREAS, the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans is generally considered the  
8 oldest African American neighborhood in the United States, and its roots reach back to the  
9 earliest days of the city; the neighborhood was created when the plantation lands of Claude  
10 Tremé were subdivided for development in the late eighteenth century, and it was  
11 incorporated into the city in 1812; and

12 WHEREAS, the early population of the neighborhood was largely comprised of free  
13 persons of color and refugees from Saint Domingue; this resulted in the development of a  
14 very rich and unique cultural heritage, even in a city that is world famous for its cultural  
15 heritage; and

16 WHEREAS, today Tremé is home to several museums that celebrate African  
17 American life, art, and history and of Louis Armstrong Park; and

18 WHEREAS, as is the case with many historic areas, economic development is  
19 important, but it can be difficult for places like the Tremé neighborhood to attract economic  
20 investment that is sensitive to and not destructive of the history and culture of the place; and

1           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the legislature carefully consider numerous factors  
2 before enacting policy intended to assist with the economic development of Tremé.

3           THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests  
4 the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to study the advisability  
5 and practical effects of establishing an economic development district in the Tremé  
6 neighborhood in New Orleans and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior  
7 to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting the study herein requested, the  
9 committee shall solicit testimony and recommendations from entities and businesses  
10 including but not limited to the following:

- 11           (1) New Orleans Downtown Development District.
- 12           (2) Dooky Chase Restaurant.
- 13           (3) Lil' Dizzy's Cafe.
- 14           (4) Charbonnet Family Services.
- 15           (5) Claiborne Merchants and Business Association.
- 16           (6) The Wisdom Reception Center.
- 17           (7) Black Men of Labor/Sweet Lorraine's.
- 18           (8) Tremé Market Branch.
- 19           (9) Broad Community Connection.
- 20           (10) Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club.
- 21           (11) Tremé Market Place.
- 22           (12) Historic Faubourg Tremé Association.
- 23           (13) Greater Tremé Consortium.
- 24           (14) Q. Lee Laundry and Cleaners.
- 25           (15) Circle Food Market.
- 26           (16) Louis Armstrong Park Authority and Historic Jazz District.
- 27           (17) Claiborne Corridor Cultural Innovation District/UJAMAA Economic  
28 Development Corporation.
- 29           (18) Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation.
- 30           (19) New Orleans Office of Economic Development.

- 1 (20) Greater New Orleans, Inc.
- 2 (21) Bayou Road Business Association.
- 3 (22) StayLocal/Urban Conservancy.
- 4 (23) Crazy Plant Bae.
- 5 (24) Candlelight Lounge.
- 6 (25) Canseco's Market.
- 7 (26) Carver Theatre.
- 8 (27) Degas House.
- 9 (28) Sidney's Salon.

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