Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'm proud to endorse Mayor Tom Arceneaux for re-election. For the last four years, I've worked side by side with the Mayor on the issues that matter most to our city. We haven't agreed on everything, and there's still plenty of work ahead, but I've seen firsthand the results we've delivered together for Shreveport.

Public safety. I spent my career as a Shreveport police officer, so this one is personal to me. We invested in our police: department spending is up about 21.7% under Mayor Arceneaux. Crime is coming down, including homicides, thanks to our officers and smart investments in technology. And we took care of our first responders. The Council and I passed the Mayor's plan for significant pay raises for police officers and firefighters, because that's how we recruit and keep the best.

Streets, drainage, and infrastructure. Mayor Arceneaux led the fight to win voter approval of a $256.1 million bond program in 2024, including $125 million for streets and drainage. Projects from the 2021 and 2024 bonds are now moving all over the city, and we've kept investing in repairing our aging water and sewer lines.

Cleaner and stronger neighborhoods. Funding to demolish dangerous and abandoned buildings has nearly doubled. The City is picking up litter, mowing, and cleaning up neighborhoods more often. And the Mayor's Block-by-Block program brings together cleanup, code enforcement, demolition, and reinvestment, one neighborhood at a time.

Economic development and jobs. We've helped bring in major private investment that's creating thousands of good-paying jobs, new construction, and new revenue. We've also worked to make permitting faster and City Hall more responsive to people trying to build here.

Fiscal management and accountability. We've kept healthy reserves while still funding infrastructure and public safety. The City built an online dashboard so you can track every bond-funded project. And none of this happens alone: it took the Mayor, the Council, our city employees, and our community partners pulling in the same direction.

This is real progress, but I won't pretend the job is done. Shreveport still faces serious challenges: public safety, crumbling streets, aging water and sewer systems, and neighborhoods that need renewed investment. Mayor Arceneaux has the experience and the record to keep us moving forward, and I'm asking you to join me in re-electing him for the next four years.

Sincerely,



Jim Taliaferro
Shreveport City Council, District C.