

RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-126

CITY HALL: March 26, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MCCARRON, WILLARD, HARRIS, KING AND GREEN

WHEREAS, West End, New Orleans was originally built on land reclaimed from Lake Pontchartrain and originally served as a renowned resort built in the 1800s, but slowly developed into a hub of economic, cultural, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the West End served as a major economic focal point for Orleans and Jefferson parish communities; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Georges destroyed significant portions of West End in 1998, forcing several restaurants to relocate along the waterway; and

WHEREAS, West End was devastated by high winds and storm surge from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, forcing the permanent closure of most businesses; and

WHEREAS, Orleans Parish, together with Jefferson Parish, the State of Louisiana, and the U.S. Corp of Engineers, have partnered to re-establish this once-vibrant economic driver; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana House Bill 892 creates the West End Economic Development District in Orleans and Jefferson parishes for the primary purpose of encouraging and promoting economic and commercial development opportunities, and renewing industry, commerce, and tourism along the once-vibrant commercial corridor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed district encompasses a portion of publicly owned lakefront property and water bottoms along the Orleans-Jefferson Parish border, and would be governed by a board of five commissioners from both parishes; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the City Council of New Orleans endorses and supports Louisiana House Bill 892 of the 2026 Regular Session, which authorizes the creation of the West End Economic Development District in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Orleans Parish Legislative Delegation.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.