

RESOLUTION

NO. R-25-600

CITY HALL: December 4, 2025

BY: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS

SECONDED BY:

A **RESOLUTION** urging the port of New Orleans and the Harbor Police Department to produce a formal report on the status of the investigation into the disappearance of Darius Clement.

WHEREAS, the New Orleans City Council is committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and collaboration among all public safety and governmental agencies operating within the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 21, 2025, Port of New Orleans employee, Darius Clement, was reported missing, prompting concern from family members, community advocates, and the public regarding his safety, the circumstances of his disappearance, and the progress of efforts to locate him; and

WHEREAS, the Port of New Orleans, through its law-enforcement arm, the Harbor Police Department, has jurisdiction over certain areas and waterways that may be relevant to the investigation into Mr. Clement's disappearance; and

WHEREAS, family members and community members have expressed the need for clear communication and timely updates regarding investigative steps taken by agencies with relevant jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the effective coordination of investigative information is essential to building public trust and supporting families affected by missing-person cases; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Orleans City Council formally urges the Port of New Orleans and the Harbor Police Department to produce a written report, within 30 days of adoption of this resolution, on the status of the investigation into the disappearance of Darius Clement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this report shall include, to the extent permissible by law and without compromising any active investigative steps:

1. A summary of the Harbor Police Department's investigative actions to date;
2. Any coordination or information-sharing with other agencies;
3. An outline of next steps or ongoing investigative priorities; and
4. Any recommendations for interagency support or resources that may aid in resolving the case.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council extends its continued concern, support, and solidarity to the family and loved ones of Darius Clement and affirms its commitment to ensuring that every missing-person case is addressed with diligence, transparency, and urgency.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.