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Councilwoman Taylor Addresses Mayor Arceneaux's Decision on Emergency Declaration

SHREVEPORT, LA– December 21, 2023– In response to Mayor Arceneaux's decision not to declare an emergency despite the unanimous vote by the council, Councilwoman Taylor expressed her concerns regarding the ongoing high crime rates in specific areas of the city.

Councilwoman Taylor commended the proactive stance of the council in providing essential resources to first responders. She also noted the persistence of violent crime is at an all-time high in certain areas of the city giving rise to the urgency of the situation.

"As you highlight what instruments are taking place, Mayor Arceneaux, crime in these areas is still at an all-time high. This speaks to the emergency itself and underscores the need for additional support for our officers," remarked Councilwoman Taylor. She emphasized the need for increased support for the city's dedicated officers who work tirelessly to maintain public safety.

The councilwoman reaffirmed her unwavering commitment to working collaboratively with first responders and the community to address ongoing crime in the city. She stressed that public safety remains the government's top priority, and the alarming numbers related to gun violence, crimes against women and children reflect the emergent nature of the situation.

"It is clear, indicative, and factual that combating crime against gun violence, women, and children is emergent. Our numbers reflect it. Public Health reflects it. It shall remain emergent and eminent for this council because the numbers in these areas have not declined," stated Councilwoman Taylor.

Councilwoman Taylor expressed her continued dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of the citizens and thanked her colleagues for seeing the urgency in this matter. Continued collaboration to address the pressing issue of crime remains a **PRIORITY**. Councilwoman Taylor stands boldly and unwavering on her support for this declaration.