



CITY OF SHREVEPORT  
MAYOR TOM ARCENEUX

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**MAYOR APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mayor Tom Arceneaux announced today that he has appointed Verni Howard to serve as Shreveport's new Director of Community Development. Howard will replace long-time Community Development head Bonnie Moore, who retired last month.

Howard currently serves as the Executive Director of Providence House. She holds a master's degree in public administration from LSU and has more than twenty-five years of experience in the banking and non-profit sectors. She is deeply involved in many parts of Shreveport's civic life and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, is a participant in the Harvard Bloomberg City Leadership Initiative and is active in the work of the LSUS Institute for Non-Profit Administration. With decades of experience in nonprofit leadership, fundraising, and program development, she brings a deep commitment to improving the quality of life for Shreveport residents.

"Verni Howard has already demonstrated the kind of commitment and passion that it takes to be a successful advocate for the programs Community Development leads," said Mayor Arceneaux. "She knows our community and its needs and will be a fantastic addition to our leadership team. I have no doubt she will continue to make a significant impact in Shreveport."

Howard's nomination requires City Council confirmation. She plans to begin work on April 16.

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