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Rest in Peace Larry Ferdinand

Mayor Tom Arceneaux and the City of Shreveport are deeply saddened by the passing of former Councilman Larry Ferdinand, a dedicated public servant, community leader, and dear friend to many. Ferdinand passed early last week. His legacy of service, leadership, and commitment to the people of Shreveport will not be forgotten.

Ferdinand served on the Shreveport City Council for six and a half years and as the Director of Community Development for the City of Shreveport for four and a half years. He was appointed by multiple Governors of the State of Louisiana to serve on several key boards and commissions, including the Southern University Board of Supervisors, the Red River Waterway Commission, the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, and the Louisiana Board of Housing. Additionally, Governor Kathleen Blanco appointed him as the Louisiana Statewide Solutions to Poverty Coordinator, a role he served in for 21 months. He also served as President of the Shreveport NAACP.

Ferdinand was an active member of the League of Women Voters. His commitment to education was evident through his tenure as the Director of Continuing Education at Southern University Shreveport for two years.

Ferdinand earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Southern University, reflecting his dedication to education and lifelong learning. He was a Member of the Board of Trustees of Galilee Baptist Church and the Owner and CEO of Larry Ferdinand & Associates Realty Company for 32 years, with offices in Shreveport and Port Allen.

“Larry and I served on the Shreveport City Council together for six and a half years. He was not only a great leader but also a true friend,” said Mayor Tom Arceneaux. “His wisdom, kindness, and deep love for this city made him a remarkable leader and an even better person.”

The City of Shreveport extends its deepest condolences to Larry Ferdinand's family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched. His contributions will be remembered, and his impact will continue to be felt throughout our community.

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