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SPD and Downtown Development Authority to Host Stakeholder Meeting Focused on Downtown Issues

SHREVEPORT DDA, SHREVEPORT POLICE, AND CADDO PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE

DOWNTOWN TOWNHALL MEETING



The Shreveport Police Department, Shreveport DDA, and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office invite you to a Downtown Townhall Meeting. This important event will address a range of topics and challenges that matter to the downtown community including:

- Public safety and law enforcement response
- Homelessness, panhandling, and mental health and the impact on businesses and residents
- Cleanliness, beautification, and infrastructure
- Business support and retention strategies

Location:
Wheless Auditorium
Regions Tower
333 Texas St.

Date:
Wednesday, June 18th

Time:
9:00 A.M.

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The Shreveport Police Department, in collaboration with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), is inviting downtown property owners, business leaders, and community stakeholders to participate in a Downtown Stakeholder Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at Wheless Auditorium, located inside the Regions Tower at 333 Texas Street in downtown Shreveport.

This important gathering is designed to bring together key voices from across the downtown area to discuss challenges, share perspectives, and identify solutions that support business growth and community revitalization. The goal is to create an open and productive dialogue around the issues that continue to impact development and day-to-day operations for those who live, work, and invest in downtown Shreveport.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from the Shreveport Police Department, the Downtown Development Authority, and other city partners. Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to:

- Public safety and law enforcement response downtown
- Homelessness, Panhandling, and mental health issues and their impact on businesses and residents
- Cleanliness, beautification, and infrastructure
- Business support and retention strategies

"We recognize the importance of a thriving downtown for the economic health and overall image of Shreveport," said Chief Wayne Smith of the Shreveport Police Department. "This meeting is part of our commitment to building partnerships, addressing concerns head-on, and working collaboratively to improve conditions for everyone who calls downtown home."

The DDA echoed the importance of stakeholder involvement. "Downtown Shreveport is rich with history, culture, and potential. But like many urban centers, we face challenges that must be addressed collectively. We encourage all downtown property owners and stakeholders to attend and lend their voices to the conversation," said Cedric B. Glover, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority.

This meeting is open to the public, and all stakeholders with a vested interest in the success of downtown Shreveport are strongly encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact the Shreveport Police Department at (318) 673-7300 or the Downtown Development Authority at (318) 222-7403.