

ADVOCACY FOR OPEN, EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

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New Orleans

CBNO works tirelessly to ensure open, effective and accountable local government. Campaigns, activities and coalitions include:

The Neighborhood Participation Plan: CBNO's leadership and advocacy for a formal citizen participation process that ensures residents have a voice in city planning decisions that affect them led to the passage of the City Planning Commission's Neighborhood Participation Plan in 2013.

This plan:

- Establishes an "early notification system" that ensures applicants meet with neighborhood residents to discuss developments before presenting to the City Planning Commission.
- Helps residents and neighborhood groups preserve the character of their communities while bringing in quality economic development.
- Enables business owners and developers to discuss and get support for their projects from their neighbors at the beginning of the process; this expedites city approvals and provides some protection against special interests arising later in the process.

Public Education: CBNO co-founded the Orleans Public Education Network (OPEN), an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring public engagement as a foundation for excellence, equity and sustainability in New Orleans' public education.

"Thank you for your leadership and tenacity [on the NPP]. From the beginning, CBNO was there...finding ways to make it all work together. [The NPP] will enhance economic development and neighborhood integrity. We wouldn't be close without CBNO."

- CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JACKIE CLARKSON UPON PASSAGE OF THE NPP



CBNO President Keith Twitchell presenting at the August 2013 City Council meeting where the City Planning NPP was adopted.



