

PRESS RELEASE

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**RIVER REGION CHAMBER SUPPORTS ST. JOHN BOND ISSUE-JULY 19,
2008 ELECTION**

The St. John Parish Government is proposing to renew an existing 3 mil tax* to fund a \$25 million Bond Issue to finance infrastructure needs of the parish.

The proposed use of this Bond Issue funds is as follows:

1. Levees - \$4,000,000.00
2. Drainage - \$5,500,000.00
3. Roads - \$3,000,000.00
4. Water Treatment - \$5,000,000.00
5. Buildings - \$5,000,000.00
6. Recreational Facilities - \$2,500,000.00

After reviewing these propositions and having received a favorable response to a survey on these renewals sent to all St. John Parish Chamber Members, the Public Policy Committee recommends that the River Region Chamber support these tax renewals and, further issue a press release announcing this support and urging the citizens of St. John Parish vote yes on July 19, 2008.

**Note: Per Parish President Hubbard, 1 mil will generate approximately \$274,000/year*

For more information, please contact Public Policy Chair Henry Friloux at 504-416-0986.