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Hon. LaToya Cantrell, Mayor
City of New Orleans
1300 Perdido St.
New Orleans, LA 70112

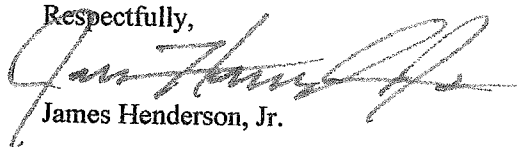
Dear Mayor Cantrell:

The Krewe of NOMTOC is in the process of planning for the 2021 Parade, including considering the possibility of cancellation. As it has been widely advertised, the COVID-19 Pandemic has taken its toll on citizens of all stripes, but, more particularly among African Americans. As such, the ridership of the Krewe of NOMTOC, which is close to 98% African American is extremely cautious of participating in a Mardi Gras parade. Couple this with the reality that many are facing extreme economic hardship for which we have absolutely no control. For this reason we are seeking consideration regarding cancellation of the NOMTOC Parade for 2021.

Our reading of Chapter 34 of the City of New Orleans' Municipal Code, specifically paragraph 34-6(f), any parade that did not participate in the preceding year due to circumstances beyond their control shall be deemed to have paraded. Thus, we are requesting that we be allowed to cancel for 2021 and return in 2022 with no loss of seniority, in our traditional position, date and time. In the event this cannot be achieved with official guarantees from the City of New Orleans, we will have only one alternative: to parade in 2021 and absorb the associated financial loss. We are hoping for a favorable response so that we can officially announce the outcome to our membership at our next meeting and avoid a financial hardship.

Thank you in advance for any consideration given this matter. If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at (504) 214-2455 or by email at jhend2930@cox.net. Looking forward to a favorable response from your office!

Respectfully,



James Henderson, Jr.

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