

# A Community Voice

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## ***We have an important message for you about an effort to Take Back the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans...***

Dear Religious and Community Leaders:

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans continues to abuse average New Orleanians with high rates and an inequitable rate structure that places undue hardship on the poor and elderly, inadequate infrastructure repairs and maintenance, increased flooding risk, lead in our drinking water and an appeal process that is impossible to navigate.

With SWBNO run like any other city department, we the people would have a chance to have a more accountable and transparent SWB that would work for the people instead of against them.

Some of the changes the Take Back SWBNO is advocating for are as follows:

1. A fair rate structure with reduced rates for elderly, disabled and others who meet the poverty guidelines.
2. A fair billing dispute system with a separate 3rd party arbitrator
3. A calendarized plan to remove all lead lines, including SOLID lead whip lines to homes.
4. A program for residents to have certified filters that remove lead and other harmful matter for kitchen faucets, at no charge to the elderly, disabled or poor people.
5. An employment program – END all privatized work and directly hire residents of New Orleans.
6. Place SWB under Citizen Control, under the city council, as a more accountable governance body. Establish a community participation program to develop transparency, accountability, community benefits, healthy water and infrastructure that serves the community.

Please join with the Take Back SWBNO Coalition by filling out the enclosed registration form and returning it to us as soon as possible. We are looking forward to working with you and your members for a positive change in our community.

On behalf of low/moderate income people,

Debra Campbell  
Rev. Richard Bell  
Jo Jackson  
A Community Voice

# Take Back Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans

## COALITION REGISTRATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name) (title)

of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of organization)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(street address and zip code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(work phone) (fax) (home phone)

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(e-mail)

do hereby endorse the **Take Back SWBNO campaign** to win citizen control over the SWB so we can have a fair SWB.

I commit to doing the following to support the effort (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Passing out the petition and flyers to my congregation or group meeting
- ☐ Having a speaker from the coalition come to a meeting/service to present to our members
- ☐ Having a meeting or forum on SWB
- ☐ Attending a press conference in support of taking back SWBNO
- ☐ Helping to get others to sign on to the campaign

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) (date)

Please return this form to:

Call 504.941.2852

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## Tired of Sewerage & Water Board's Endless Scams?

1. Bring Under City Government/Citizen Control
2. Lower Rates
3. Stop Discounts to Big Users (hotels & industry)
4. Remove all Lead Lines



***Join A Community Voice***  
Fight for a Fair SWB



Get a

- Letter a for your Reverend/Church or Organization to Sign
- Pass a Petition
- Hold a Forum (we will help)



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504 941-2852

## **Warning: Our Neighborhoods are Lead Poisoned!**

Lead is in the Water – *Lead Service Lines are in every Parish in Louisiana*

### Lead in the Soil

- Most Bare Soil has lead

### Lead in the Home

- Dust
- Tile
- Ceramic Mugs
- Toys
- Jewelry

### Protect Your Pets from



- Lead dust
- Lead in the soil
- Lead in the water

### Lead at Your School/ Day Care & Church

- Drinking Fountains
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Playgrounds

Lead Causes Permanent  
Damage to Every Organ  
in the Body

Hearing problems &  
deafness  
Learning problems  
Aggressive behaviors  
ADHD  
Death  
Autism  
Alzheimer's  
Parkinson's  
Intellectual disabilities  
Violence  
Anemia  
Hypertension  
Brain Damage  
Kidney Failure  
& More!



*Join* A Community Voice & Fight Lead Poisoning!

Call ACV 800-239-7379

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## ***Want to Prevent Lead Poisoning at Home?***

1. Join ACV, help Fight Lead
2. Use a **CERTIFIED** Water Filter on your faucet. Use this water for brushing your teeth. Use it for cooking, making coffee, tea, etc. The Certified LIST is of filters that cost from \$30 to \$100 is on [acomunityvoice.org](http://acomunityvoice.org) or look for the NFS logo.
3. Tap water is ok for Bathing and dishwashing.

### **Helpful RESOURCES:**



People can get testing kits for water:

<https://www.hbbf.org/test-kits-start>

Bring or Mail a plastic baggie of soil to  
ACV 2221 St. Claude Avenue for testing.  
Label it with address, phone and name.

Check Your Home for  
Home Health Hazards with the Healthy Homes Checklist  
[www.southernunitedneighborhoods.org](http://www.southernunitedneighborhoods.org).

Get a list of Lead Detox Foods

[www.acomunityvoice.org](http://www.acomunityvoice.org).

Lead Safe Louisiana for blood tests [leadsafelouisiana.org](http://leadsafelouisiana.org)  
504-535-5323

**Fight Back**  
**Join ACV at 800-239-7379**

We DEMAND positive changes at NO  
Sewerage and Water Board:

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