

New Orleans Civil Service Commission Meeting Public Comment Form

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I am opposed to Mayor Cantrell's request to exceed the number of allowed unpaid leave days that can be imposed on an employee. Civil Service Rule 12, Section 9.1(b) states "The number of work hours reduced for an employee shall not exceed the equivalent of twelve (12) leave days in any consecutive 12-month period without approval of the Civil Service Commission and only after a declaration from the Mayor that extraordinary circumstances exist."

It is bad enough that NOPD has never been able to meet its minimum staffing goals set by Chief Serpas at 1,525 officers. Imposing 32 unpaid leave days over the course of 15 months will just amplify the NOPD's staffing problems. Imposing 32 unpaid leave days over the course of 15 months will have potential employees looking elsewhere. Consistency is an important consideration for potential employees and the NOPD still needs to be recruiting.

I implore the Civil Service Commission to deny the Mayor's request to impose 32 unpaid leave days, 20 more than she is allowed.