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## MAYOR SHARON WESTON BROOME HOLDS COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT MEETING AHEAD OF ALTON STERLING DOJ DECISION

**(Baton Rouge, LA)** – Mayor Sharon Weston Broome’s first official day on the job began with a meeting Mayor Broome called to bring community leaders and local law enforcement officials together to discuss police and community relations. Following a course of action Mayor Broome detailed in her inaugural address on Monday evening, Broome called the meeting ahead of the anticipated Department of Justice decision on Alton Sterling.

Broome said police relations and rebuilding trust between police officers and the community are a top priority for her administration and she will be proactive in leading the discussion. “The meeting and conversation yesterday was insightful and honest. All parties were respectful and agreed changes must be made in order to move our community forward.” Mayor Broome said that in the near future she will convene additional meetings to achieve the goal of building confidence and trust in the community.

Attending were a wide range of community leaders and law enforcement representing various entities including faith-based organizations, Together Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge Police Department, Louisiana State Police, 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge and others. Participants included District Attorney Hillar Moore, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Col Mike Edmonson, Major Doug Carson, Jared Sandifer, Casey Hicks, Murphy Paul, J.B. Slaton, Mark Dumaine, L. McKneely, Jonny Dunnam, ; Community Leaders: Kelvin Cryer, Michael AV Mitchell, Rev. Charles Wallace, Michael Victorian, Cleve Dunn, Jr., Tonja Myles, Emanuel Milton, Rene Brown, Dr. Joyce Plummer, Alfreda Bester, Broderick Bagert, Fr. Richard Andrus and others.

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