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The Sewerage and Water Board Announces Permanent Executive Director Ghassan Korban

The Engineer and Project Management Expert will Take Command on September 3rd

NEW ORLEANS— The Sewerage and Water Board voted Wednesday for Ghassan Khorban to lead the agency as permanent executive director. Khorban will leave his post as Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for the City of Milwaukee to join the Board in New Orleans on September 3rd.

“Gaining permanent leadership is an important step in the continued rehabilitation of this agency,” said Acting Executive Director Jade Brown-Russell. “I have full confidence that Mr. Korban will provide the innovative and steadfast leadership to take the Board to the next level.”

“Today is a great day for the City of New Orleans as it welcomes Mr. Korban as the permanent executive director of this important agency,” said Mayor LaToya Cantrell. “This administration is looking forward to working with him to ensure the safety and health of all New Orleanians as it pertains to drinking water, the sewerage system, and managing the drainage of the city. We are

also confident that together, we will advance green infrastructure, successfully implement the urban water plan, and ensure a more sustainable future for generations.”

Ghassan Korban serves as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for the City of Milwaukee. He began his career in the Department of Public Works as a Project Engineer in 1987. His first 20 years were spent in the Infrastructure Services Construction Section as Project Engineer, Testing Laboratory Manager Assistant, Construction Supervisor, District Manager, and Chief Construction Engineer. During that era, he managed a \$60 million construction budget. He was also responsible for one of two Design and Construction Districts in the City of Milwaukee, managing a staff of 50 engineers, technicians, and administrative staff.

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