



Former Kenner Councilman-At-Large & Former Interim Jefferson Parish Councilman Keith Conley to Seek Kenner Police Chief Job

KENNER, LA. – Former Kenner Councilman-At-Large and former interim Jefferson Parish Councilman Keith Conley today announced his decision to run for Chief of Police in Kenner in the Spring of 2022.

Conley, 58, recently stepped down from his position as a top aide to Jefferson Parish Councilman-At-Large Ricky Templet to begin his campaign for the seat being vacated by term-limited Chief of Police Mike Glaser. Conley was elected to the Kenner City Council and served as an At-Large member from July 2014 to January 2016. He became Jefferson Parish's Chief Operating Officer (COO) in January of 2016 and served in that position until January 2019. **As COO, Conley oversaw 54 departments and more than 3,500 employees. He helped manage a \$650 million budget and over \$2.2 billion in parish assets.**

Said Conley, "Everything in my work history has prepared me to lead a major law enforcement division. From serving as Kenner's city prosecutor to helping lead the \$2.2 billion government of Jefferson Parish as Chief Operating Officer, I have gained invaluable administrative experience. As both a former elected and appointed official, I valued the distinctiveness of serving a community. But across my varied career, I have mostly treasured the 21 years I spent as a Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Officer. Protecting our people and property was always a gratifying experience to me. **The responsibility of protecting lives is an awesome one that requires complete dedication. I love the city of Kenner and have deep admiration for the men and women of the Kenner Police Department.** While I will miss the parish government, if it is the will of the voters, **I will be honored to protect one of our state's greatest cities."**

Conley served as a Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Deputy from May 1982 to March of 2003. During that time, Conley served in the Special Investigations, Vice Squad and Narcotics Divisions. **He rose to Sergeant during his 21-year career with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.** Shortly after his time with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Conley served as Kenner's City Attorney, Clerk of Court and City Prosecutor.

Conley, a Republican, is a graduate of Loyola University where he earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is an elected member of the Republican State Central Committee. Conley served as President of the Woodlake Playground Booster Club and as President of the Grand Lake Estates Civic Association. He is a former board officer for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society, and a former board member for the Hospital Service District No. 2 Board overseeing East Jefferson General Hospital. Conley dedicated much of his free time coaching at Jefferson Parish playgrounds. He is married to Barbara Johnson Conley, and they have four children: Stacey, Kimberly, Chad, and Kelsey.

Conley has retained campaign consultant Greg Buisson (Buisson Creative) to lead his campaign. Buisson will be joined by pollster/demographer Greg Rigamer and campaign manager Christy Cannella for Conley's election.

