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LRA COMMUNITY MEETING DRAWS RECORD CROWD

The latest of a series of community meetings sponsored by State Representative Nita Rusich Hutter drew a standing room only capacity. The St. Bernard Chamber co-hosted this event with Representative Hutter. Mrs. Claudette Reuther, President of the St. Bernard Chamber, represented the Chamber in the panel discussion. Mrs. Reuther informed the attendees about the activities of the Chamber, their ongoing efforts to assist the business community and their goal to create opportunities for those who want to return, expand or establish a business in St. Bernard Parish.

Nunez Community College auditorium, the site of the August 12th meeting, overflowed with over 600 people in attendance. Dr. Tommy Warner, who participated in the panel discussion as well, updated everyone about the positive progress of the college.

Walter Leger and Donna Fraiche, Board Members of the Louisiana Recovery Authority and Perry Franklin of ICF International, made presentations and then answered the inquiries of the residents for several hours. Perry Franklin discussed preparation for residents' meeting with the Road Home counselors. Walter Leger and Donna Fraiche provided up-to-date information regarding LRA

policies. A FEMA representative provided literature to the attendees, but was not a part of the panel discussion.

This was the fifth community meeting that Representative Hutter has sponsored for the residents and business owners of St. Bernard.