

DA CANDIDATE PRAISES ACTION

Landrieu's Endorsement

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Harry Connick, candidate for district attorney, said Wednesday that Moon Landrieu's endorsement of him shows that he recognizes a mayoralty candidate must take a stand on crime in all its aspects.

Expressing his appreciation to Landrieu, Connick said the mayoralty candidate has "faced the problem."

"It is gratifying that Mr. Landrieu is confronting the crisis," Connick said, "and it strengthens the conviction of the people in this city that law enforcement must begin at the top."

Connick said Landrieu's endorsement was a distinct contribution to the cause of law enforcement in New Orleans.

The candidate for district attorney said that Landrieu's action acknowledges the fact "that the election of a forceful, experienced and fulltime D.A. is the first step New Orleans must take to rid itself of crime."

Connick said he would continue to campaign for district attorney as an independent candidate.

Connick said Landrieu's endorsement showed the mayoralty candidate "is aware that I have a realistic vigorous program for the suppression of crime through swift and fair prosecution and for the control of flagrant abuses of the bail bond system which has cost the taxpayers of New Orleans over \$1 million while unleashing over 1,100 dangerous criminals onto our streets."

He said Landrieu's endorsement, in effect, says that "a vote for Connick is a vote against the bail bond jumpers, the narcotics pushers, the burglars and holdup men who menace our citizens."

Councilman John Petre, also running for mayor of New Orleans, endorsed Connick last week.