ACADIANA UNITY

Lafayette Mayor Elton Brown has scheduled a meeting of area municipal leaders to discuss a plan to unify the Acadiana region. The meeting, which will focus on ways to improve economic development and address issues such as education, infrastructure, and tourism, is scheduled for next week.

Brown, who is a strong advocate for regional collaboration, said the meeting is a step toward achieving the goal of a unified Acadiana. "We can no longer afford to have our region divided into separate parts," Brown said. "We need to work together to address the challenges that face us and to capitalize on our strengths."