

2022 District E
Louisiana General Election
Orleans Parish Voter Guide



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MIDTERMS 2022

**FALL 2022
OPEN CONGRESSIONAL
PRIMARY ELECTION**



Important Dates

October 25–November 1, 2022 (excluding Sunday, October 30)	Early voting 8:30AM–6:00PM CT
November 4, 2022 4:30PM CT	Deadline to request a mail-in ballot
November 7, 2022 4:30PM CT	Deadline for a registrar of voters to receive a voted mail-in ballot
November 8, 2022 6:00AM–8:00PM CT	Election Day

Mail-In Voting

Request a Mail-In Ballot

Applicants must have a reason to be eligible for an Mail-in ballot. Visit www.tinyurl.com/LouisianaVoteByMail for instructions.

Deadline

November 4 by 4:30PM CT

Turn in Completed Mail-In Ballot

Completed mail-in ballots may be hand delivered to *City Hall* or *Algiers Courthouse*. Hand delivery certification form must be completed if returning a ballot for someone other than yourself.

City Hall

1300 Perdido St. Room 1W24
New Orleans, LA 70112
(504) 658-8300

Algiers Courthouse

225 Morgan St. Room 105
New Orleans, LA 70114
(504) 658-8323

Deadline

Registrar of voters must receive a voted mail-in ballot by November 7, 4:30PM CT

Vote In-person

Bring one of the following to vote in-person:

- Driver's license
- Louisiana Special ID
- LA Wallet digital driver's license
- General recognized picture ID that contains your name and signature

Early Voting Locations

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- **Algiers Courthouse**
225 Morgan St., Room 105, New Orleans, LA 70114
- **Lake Vista Community Center**
6500 Spanish Fort Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70122 (2nd Floor Meeting Room)
- **Chef Menteur Voting Machine Warehouse**
8870 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans, LA 70127
- **LSU Health Science Center**
2020 Gravier St. 70112 (1st Floor, Lions Eye Rm)

Election Day

November 8, from 6:00AM–8:00PM CT

Find your polling site:

- Using the Louisiana polling locator (<https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/>) or
- Calling the Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters office at (504) 658-8300



Trigger Warning

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Civic Vocab Breakdown

US SENATE



Each state elects two senators with staggered six-year terms. the US Senate is a group of 100 elected officials who decide federal (national) laws and policies. Senators evaluate presidential nominees for executive and judicial posts and provide oversight of federal government operations.



Election Candidates

US Senate Candidate Responses

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1. Assuming your victory, choose a single issue you would prioritize in the coming term—name it and describe what you want to accomplish.

Xan John

First off: The only person who WILL win is John Kennedy and no one has raised more money than him, approx. 40 million. He was the States Treasurer at one point, no one will come close to beating him this year and you can bet on that and save this prediction for your records.

Second: The single issue you would prioritize in the coming term would be election integrity and how the 2020 presidential election was rigged. It is quite obvious with the low person turn out at Biden events, the movie "2000 Mules" by Dinesh D'Souza lays out all the ballot harvesting, and never were there so many blinders put up in key counties and pipeline breaks to keep people away from vote tallying places.

Devin Lance Graham

For Louisiana, I would call it PLACE, Protection of Louisiana Attrition Coastal Environment.

We must save our coast to protect the inland communities, salvage our marsh lands and storm protection, preserve our culture, history and traditions. The people are being pushed away from their homes and heritage because of the failure of Army Corp of Engineers and the starvation of river sediment for the last 80 years.

Bradley McMorris

I want all high school students to graduate with a certificate degree. This can be in cyber security, medical assistant, cosmetology, welding, etc.

MV Vinny Mendoza

THE ECONOMY: At this time, we have a technical recession where unemployment is low and corporations are making money but the low income and middle class families are dealing with the inflation that was created by Exxon Mobile and other Big Oil companies that pulled the trigger on the economic WAR on America by stopping oil production and gasoline price gauging which increased transportation, food and utility prices hurting all low income and middle class families. I work on the following solutions:

- A. Sponsor legislation that regulates big oil and prevents them from manipulating gasoline prices and/or stop oil production.*
- B. Sponsor the "Agriculture Reform Act" that will create 25 million new jobs and increase the national GDP from 1.8% by 0.5 % each year thus reducing inflation and recession.*

2. Regardless of belief in the cause of climate change, how do you envision safeguarding Louisianians from coastal erosions, increased flooding, and the increased effects of extreme weather events?

Xan John

Sending out construction workers to remediate the marshland

Devin Lance Graham

We must open the Mississippi River's Levee system up in the south to allow the sediment to rebuild the starving delta and coast line. We must build rock lined islands outside of the natural island landscape. We must place "S Curves" and have the industry that uses the coast for profit redesign the channels and canals to have hard "S Curves" in several locations to prevent the inflow of salt water. We must allow the wash of the lands to build in the marshes and form the lands of the coastal line back.

To do this, we must get the government out of the way in the form of Army Corp and allow the locals to begin working on the issues that are harming their parishes. There is no one solution. All the ideas need to be in play to solve Louisiana's manmade greatest threat.

Bradley McMorris

We need to just think about what we can do to help those that are being effected by these events.

MV Vinny Mendoza

There is always a cause and effect for everything. Climate change is the effect of several factors that need to be addressed in order to properly safeguard Louisianians from coastal erosions, increased flooding, and the increased effects of extreme weather events. Therefore, it is necessary to invest in scientific research to identify the roof of the cause of climate change and find ways to reduce the risk. Funding for FEMA will also be required to preposition generators and supplies for flooding victims as well as creating a new construction code that enables people to build new homes with ecological materials that can be reused after a flood.

3. With the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade and Louisiana's near total abortion ban, how will you ensure equitable reproductive health for women in the state of Louisiana? Especially when some cities, like New Orleans, have declassified rape from being a priority emergency response situation.

Xan John

I will never ensure the right to abortion. Terms like "equitable" and you sending me an email with your signature stating your pronouns tells me you are not conservative, that you do not support the 1st and 2nd Amendment and that you believe men can be women – got a dose of reality for ya: XX and XY chromosomes!

Devin Lance Graham

I am a pro life candidate. I personally support the ideas of protecting the unborn. However, I do not consider it a federal responsibility. I will leave this to the State's Rights part of government.

In Louisiana, an ideal legislation would consist of the requirements of voluntary procedure to be based on term and length of pregnancy, a minimum of two pre-procedure counseling sessions and one post procedure; for mental health and non-guilt based.

In situational cases, legally reported rape pregnancy is a non questionabe situation and the procedure shall be allowed. Any life threatening health defects to the mother and the fetus shall permit the procedure to be performed at any stage.

Bradley McMorris

I would vote to ban abortion nationwide.

MV Vinny Mendoza

I will sponsor legislation that provides women with healthcare access regardless of the circumstances. Additionally, to solve the declassification of rape in New Orleans, I will sponsor the "Lorena Bobbitt PeeWee Axe Act" where all rapists will get their penis cut off and that includes child molesters.

4. Last year, VAYLA New Orleans launched a petition, “Other is Not My Identity,” to highlight data invisibility within the city and state to call for further representation and inclusion of the AAPI community and all BIPOCs. Do you support this effort? How will you use your office to ensure that AAPIs are not just counted in local and state-level data collection but also have meaningful access to government resources?

Xan John

No I do not support this effort. I will not even dignify this.

Devin Lance Graham

The fact that we still have racism in this century is a crime on all people. The truth is I do not support the ideas of any division of people based on anything except their character as a human being. For Census data, I understand the “want for knowledge” of the background of a community. I do not believe it should define a community based on first generation or tenth generation, mixed heritage, or the ideas of race. I base communities on the overall well being of safety, education, employment status, opportunity, and the esteem of the community.

Would I support a group being proud of their heritage? Yes.

Would I support legislation that provides any group special treatment based on their heritage, race or nationality? No.

Do I believe all people in this country deserve respect, ability, and opportunity? Yes. Character of the person shall be considered, nothing else.

Bradley McMorris

What type of access are you being denied would be my question?

MV Vinny Mendoza

I support your efforts, however, recognizing one ethnic group would require the recognition of all other groups in Louisiana. The Houma Nation Tribe, are Louisiana natives as well as other tribes which have not been recognized by the state and/or the federal government which are worthy of recognition at all levels of government as well as AAPI and all BIPOCs.



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US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Elected to a two-year term, each rep. serves the people of a specific congressional district by introducing bills and serving on committees, among other duties. As per the Constitution, the U.S. House of Representatives makes and passes federal laws.



US House of Representatives

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Daniel Lux

Assuming your victory, choose a single issue you would prioritize in the coming term—name it and describe what you want to accomplish?

There are many, many issues on the District, State, and Federal levels that must be addressed. One of the more critical is the rampant crime. Tourism in New Orleans acts as an economic engine helping to drive other industries in the state. We are now the murder capital of America, with carjacking, robberies, and violent crime surging, people are afraid to visit, businesses are taking conventions to safer cities, and locals are staying away. I will push to bring in federal support so the city can hire the necessary police, work with local offices to boost police morale and assure we have their backs, and pressure DA's to prosecute and enforce the law. Getting crime under control so streets and neighborhoods are safe again will foster economic growth and ease challenges in other areas.

Regardless of belief in the cause of climate change, how do you envision safeguarding Louisianians from coastal erosions, increased flooding, and the increased effects of extreme weather events?

Louisiana's wetlands are in critical danger. We are losing them at a rate higher than any other state, making up about 80% of the nation's total loss. The wetlands act as a natural flood protection from hurricanes and storm surges and help balance the ecosystem. We need to engineer the Mississippi River to allow for the free flow of economic commerce yet doing so unintentionally contains river sediment and contributes to the problem. It's vital to ensure the Coastal Restoration Protection Authority continues its great work in restoring Louisiana's coastline. This issue has drawn much attention and my focus would be to make

certain its funding continues unabated, and milestones are achieved without delay.

With the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade and Louisiana's near total abortion ban, how will you ensure equitable reproductive health for women in the state of Louisiana? Especially when some cities, like New Orleans, have declassified rape from being a priority emergency response situation.

Unfortunately, this has become a controversial issue enflamed by distorted facts and reporting. In general, opposition to abortion is not about misogyny, advancing patriarchy, or forcing women to have babies they don't want, but different beliefs in the precious nature of life within the womb. Most abortions are elective procedures for the purposes of birth control, not women's reproductive health. While many can turn a blind eye and sympathize with first trimester abortions, even if not in support of it, the recent movement in late-term abortion has gone far astray of "legal, safe, and rare." This is truly the issue that has engendered a revisiting of Roe v. Wade. Legalizing the termination of a fully developed infant moments before it takes its first breath is without conscience. The gleeful celebration of it is even more horrific. Since I have a conscience, I can't support the abhorrent practice of late-term abortions.

Last year, VAYLA New Orleans launched a petition, "Other is Not My Identity," to highlight data invisibility within the city and state to call for further representation and inclusion of the AAPI community and all BIPOCs. Do you support this effort? How will you use your office to ensure that AAPIs are not just counted in local and state-level data collection but also have meaningful access to government resources?

The ideal is to have a society where government resources are provided to those in need, regardless of ethnicity, gender, or any other characterization. We are all humans and need, not ethnicity, should be the determining factor. Since we haven't reached that point of utopia, government regulations and guidance are required. For me to accurately address this issue there needs to be more specific reference to what resources are being denied or not made available due to ethnicity. Most demographic data I examine that is used to determine government resources is very specific with Asian-American, Hispanic, Indian, and various ethnicities broken out. I don't mean to be ambiguous on this question, it's simply that different circumstances of discrimination require different types of action.



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MUNICIPAL AND TRAFFIC COURT

The Municipal and Traffic Court is a limited jurisdiction court that administers hearings regarding traffic violations and some misdemeanor citations.



Municipal and Traffic Court Judge, Division D

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Mark J. Shea

What is your general judicial policy?

As a judge of a limited jurisdiction court, I must apply the law to the case presented daily before me. My oath requires that I disregard personal opinions on social and political issues and follow the letter of the law as it concerns the violations of Orleans Parish ordinances. The majority of cases which are heard are because an adult has been arrested for driving under the influence; or maybe they were abused at home by someone they trusted; or they are involved with human trafficking. These are situations where men and women find themselves at a very low point in life, maybe out of desperation, and when they come before my court, I'm there to treat the case fairly, impartially and based on the evidence and law

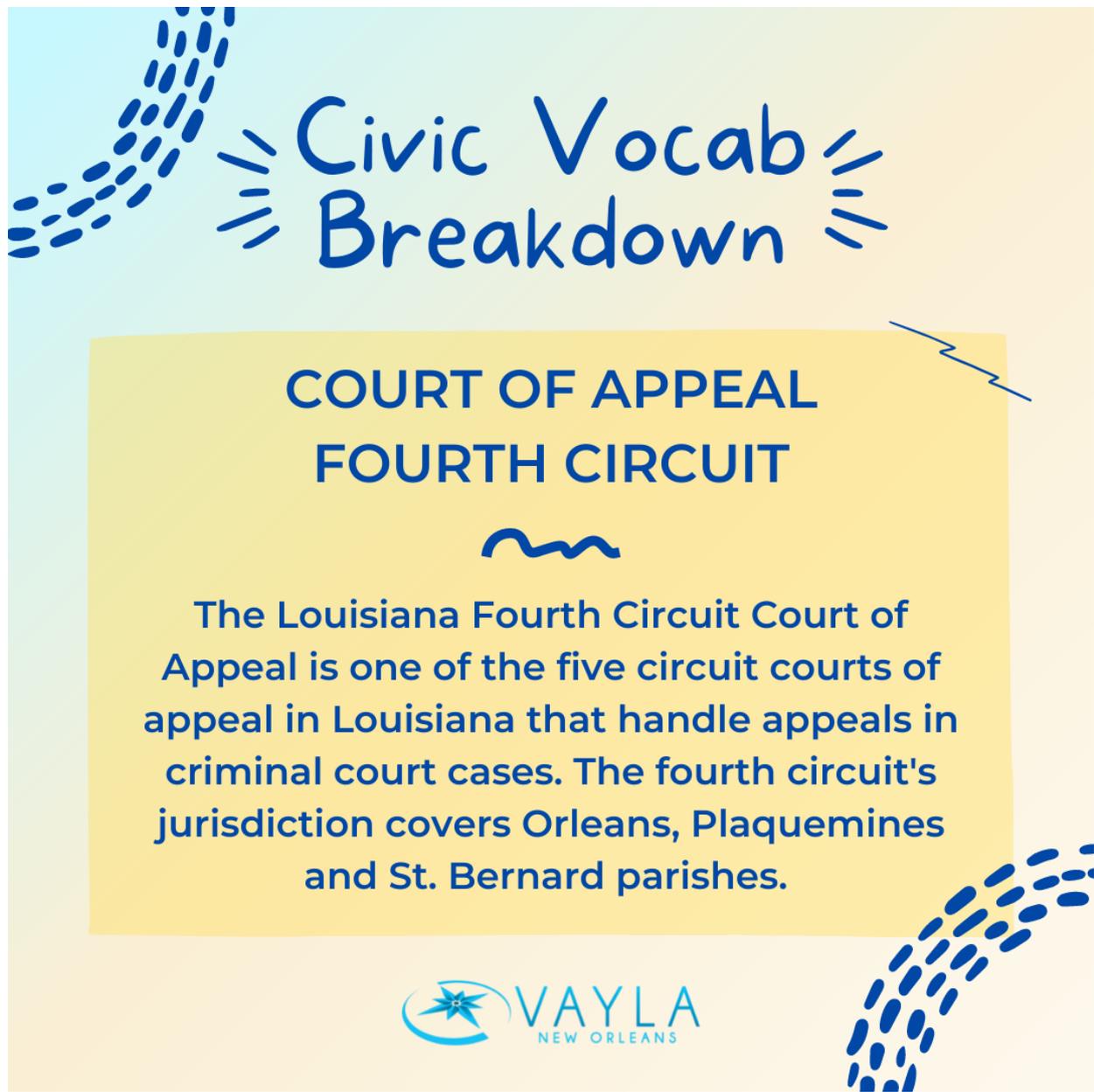
What are your views on whether the court, as a whole, deals effectively with racial and gender bias?

My court staff is one of the most diverse offices, so that all people feel comfortable coming before me. When you visit my court, you come first because at the end of the day, this job is about service. If there was a situation in which my previous or present relationship or my impartiality would be called into question, I would recuse myself or entertain a recusal motion as the law requires. Judicial impartiality demands that the rule of law prevail, no matter how strongly a judge holds a personal view or how vehemently a judge disagrees with the law. Decisions in my court are not influenced by friendships, public outcry or politicians. The evidence for racial or other types of disparities in the judicial system is well documented by the higher rates of arrest and incarceration of minorities such as African Americans. As a judge, I allow myself ample time, emotional calm and mental energy to remain neutral to defend against implicit bias. I strive daily to have the willingness to be careful to not allow bias to affect my decisions. I

endeavor to decrease discriminatory practices and organize my behavior accordingly. I am driven by my internal motivation to be fair and neutral and to reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic disparities personally and more importantly, as a judge.

Why should voters support you rather than your opponent?

I have been a judge on this bench for 13 years and was a public defender for 23 years in Municipal and Traffic Court before retiring in 2007 to run for judge. In my current re-election effort, I am the only choice with experience sitting on the bench and this experience is vitally important, just as are my years as a public defender and private practitioner in the court where I serve. All these opportunities laid the foundation of my knowledge of the laws that pertain to my court and my ability to serve the families of this community. While serving as Judge, I have been driven to improve transparency, efficiency, accountability, and accessibility to justice, as well as to make decisions which are founded on impartiality, fairness, the law, and the evidence. I helped consolidate Municipal and Traffic Courts, reduce the backlog of old cases by more than 50 percent, lead efforts to add more virtual services, move to a paperless system, and achieve efficiencies and accountability in fiscal and operational management—efforts praised by the State Justice Institute. Recently, my efforts to add Online Case Resolution or Virtual Court were finally funded and the process will be added to our services next year, so that individuals do not have to come to the court to resolve their cases. I grew up in New Orleans East, I am a graduate of Brother Martin High School and Southern University Law Center, and I've raised my family here. I am a member of the Louisiana State Bar, the New Orleans Bar, and St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, as well as multiple Judge Associations. I am endorsed by the AFL-CIO, both the local Democratic and Republican parties, the Alliance for Good Government, the Independent Women's Organization, New Orleans Coalition, Forum for Equality, and our Congressman Troy Carter among others. I ask for your vote and support on November 8. Early voting starts Tuesday, October 25 for this election.



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COURT OF APPEAL FOURTH CIRCUIT



The Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal is one of the five circuit courts of appeal in Louisiana that handle appeals in criminal court cases. The fourth circuit's jurisdiction covers Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes.



Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit Judge

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Karen Herman

What do you perceive as the greatest obstacles to justice, if any?

A lack of engagement by the community with the criminal justice system. Attorneys, judges and police officers are the pivotal actors in the system and if they are not qualified, there is no one to hold them accountable.

To what extent have you practiced in the area of criminal law?

I worked as a prosecutor for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office for almost ten years. While there, I handled thousands of cases, particularly murders and sex offenses as a member of the Violent Offender Strike Force. I have been a criminal court judge for almost 14 years and have handled thousands of cases as a jurist. I've been a part of over 300 jury trials as an attorney and judge. I've argued in front of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal and the Louisiana Supreme Court on criminal cases

Violent crime, particularly youth violence, is perceived to be at a crisis level by many. What, if any, do you believe is the appropriate role for the judiciary in addressing this perceived crisis?

I take great pride in handling every case that comes before me on a case by case basis. I recognize the seriousness of these offenses and the tremendous impact they have on members of my community. I examine the facts and circumstances of each and every case and make determinations of bond amounts based on the seriousness of the offenses and the risk of future harm to the community against an individual's ability to pay. I take my role in the criminal justice system extremely seriously and do not shirk my responsibilities.

What are your views on whether the court, as a whole, deals effectively with racial and gender bias?

Unfortunately, the effects of systemic racial and gender discrimination can be seen in many different ways. But I am committed to ensure that everyone who comes before me, whether plaintiff, defendant, victim or the State, is treated fairly, equitably and with respect.

What is your vision for the future of our judicial system? What changes would you advocate and why?

There is a growing trend for specialty courts and rehabilitation of offenders. I have been the sole mental health court judge for Criminal District Court for 14 years. I also have a Drug Court for 10 years. These 2 specialty courts provide individualized, wraparound treatment for offenders who have been diagnosed with either a mental illness or a drug addiction. Getting these offenders treatment, home placements and jobs keeps them from re-offending and makes them contributors to our society. The recidivism rate for my Mental Health Court is extremely low-at last audit only 8%. This has had a positive impact on society as a whole and is worth expanding.



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SCHOOL BOARD

Comprised of seven elected officials, each of whom represent a portion of Orleans Parish. This board meets both as a full board and in smaller committees that make recommendations to the full board. These meetings are free and open to the public.



School Board

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Leila Eames

What issues do you believe your district needs to address in academic programs and offerings? What changes would you recommend?

We must address developing early skills which is critical for our students to read on grade-level by 3rd grade. We must also want to make sure that ALL students get what they need to be good readers.

As a district, I have asked the superintendent to ensure that all schools are compliant to Acts 438 and 107 focus on literacy. This means that all Prek through 3rd grade teachers must complete early literacy classes that focus on the science of reading. I have asked the superintendent to develop a comprehensive literacy plan to include early literacy, struggling readers, and adult literacy.

What is your vision for education in this community?

My vision for education in my community is to have high quality schools with highly qualified teachers and leaders in every building. A district that provides quality professional development opportunities for teachers, leaders, and parents. Where we are meeting students needs where they are. Providing career pathways to students not planning on attending college. Doing all of this while focusing on the main task of striving for the highest level of academic and rigor possible. This is the vision I want for ALL children including my two grandchildren who attend two NOLAPS.

What changes should be made on the state and local level regarding public education?

At the state level I would appreciate them allowing us to run our schools without interference from them. Let's give the newly appointed superintendent an opportunity to lead our schools out of the trouble we are in presently.

A graphic titled "Civic Vocab Breakdown" with a yellow background and blue decorative elements. The title is in a blue, hand-drawn font. Below it, the text "PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A blue wavy line separates the title from the definition. The definition is in a blue, sans-serif font and describes the commission's regulatory jurisdiction over public utilities in Louisiana. At the bottom, the logo for VAYLA NEW ORLEANS is displayed, featuring a blue starburst icon and the text "VAYLA NEW ORLEANS" in blue.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Exercises regulatory jurisdiction over public utilities providing electric, water, wastewater, natural gas and certain telecommunications services in Louisiana. (Along with other regulatory authority).

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Public Service Commissioner

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Gregory Manning

How do you view the role of the Public Service Commissioner? What are some changes you would like to see implemented and why?

The role of the Public Service Commissioner is to hold utility companies accountable. I've been leading in that role for years as an advocate and community leader. I now hope to continue that work as an elected representative.

If elected to the PSC, I want to accomplish four things:

- 1) Lower utility bills, by expanding access to free home weatherization services and requiring that utility companies shift to less expensive, cleaner fuels.*
- 2) Establish grid reliability standards for Entergy, backed by stiff, enforceable penalties, so we face fewer outages both in hurricanes and on normal days.*
- 3) Pass a Clean Energy Standard requiring utility companies to transition to 100% renewable fuel sources for electricity by 2040.*
- 4) Prohibit any Commissioner from accepting campaign donations from any regulated entity or entity with business before the Commission.*

When managing public agencies, is it better to have more employees at a modest wage or few employees at a wage high enough to attract quality candidates?

The only way we improve our public services is to have both competitive pay and sufficient staffing. This is true for public agencies as it is for any other organization or business.

The PSC has the resources it needs to be much more responsive to our constituents. What's needed is leadership and a willingness to hold utility companies accountable.

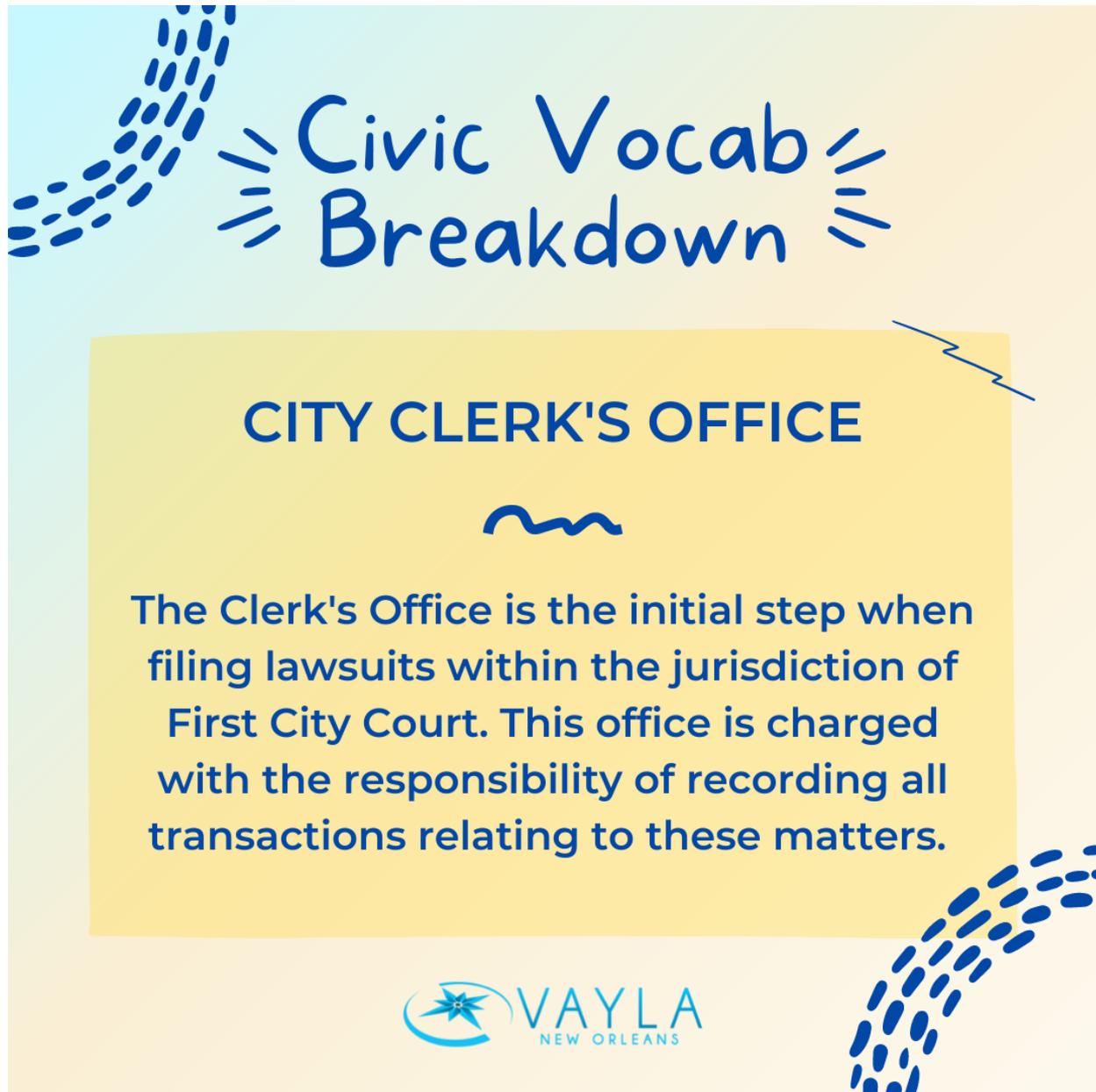
New Orleans is one of the most energy burdened cities in America with over 18,000 households giving over 20% of their monthly income to Entergy. Do you believe enough is being done to address the concerns of residents? If not, what options would you explore?

Utility bills have doubled for Louisiana families, at a time when power companies have had record profits.

To lower bills, we need to:

- *Overhaul energy-efficiency and weatherization programs, taking them out of the hands of the utility companies and vastly expanding their scale. There's federal money that's supposed to help you fix your home so you use less electricity. We've put those programs in the hands of the power companies, which don't want it to succeed.*
- *Shift to wind and solar which have become the cheapest fuel-sources — about 50% cheaper than gas, 200% cheaper than coal and 375% cheaper than nuclear.*
- *Prevent Entergy and other utility companies from using "storm recovery riders" to pay for already funded deferred maintenance investments.*
- *Begin a Community Solar program statewide, to expand access to solar savings to everyone, not just people who can afford to put solar panels on their rooftops.*

If we take these steps, we can substantially reduce bills over the short and long term.



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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

The Clerk's Office is the initial step when filing lawsuits within the jurisdiction of First City Court. This office is charged with the responsibility of recording all transactions relating to these matters.



1st City Clerk

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Donna Glapion

Why are you interested in this position?

My career has been dedicated to service to children and families in New Orleans and across Louisiana.

How would you manage confidential information?

I would manage confidential information by being careful and private. It is essential that elected leaders respect their constituents and treat this information with a high level of privacy.

How would you communicate with people to help them stay calm?

I would communicate simplistically and make sure the information is not being conveyed too quickly, to make sure the individuals do not feel overwhelmed.

How would you ensure court records stay up to date?

Making sure all information is recorded and filed properly would ensure that court records stay up to date.

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MILLAGE



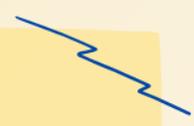
Noun.

***a rate (as of taxation)
expressed in mills per dollar**

**definition courtesy merriam-webster.com*



IN OTHER WORDS



For every \$1,000, an amount is determined that will represent a tax value. One mill is equal to 1/10th of a cent, or 1/1000th of a dollar. This is how property taxes are calculated.



Constitutional Amendments Amendment Summaries

1. Do you support an amendment to increase to 65% the cap on the amount of monies in certain state funds that may be invested in stocks? (Amends Article VII, Sections 10.1(B), 10.8(B), 10.11(D), and 14(B))

Increases the maximum amount of money from certain state funds the State Treasurer can use to invest in the stock market

***Yes-** Authorizes the treasurer to invest a maximum of 65% of the money in the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, a maximum of 65% of the money in the Artificial Reef Development Fund, as well as a maximum of 65% of the money in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund and the Russel Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund in stocks. Will additionally authorize a maximum of 65% of the money in the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund to be invested in stocks.*

***No-** The treasurer retains the authority to invest a maximum of 35% of the money in the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund and the Artificial Reef Development Fund in stocks. The treasurer will not have authority to invest the money in the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund in stocks.*

2. Do you support an amendment to expand certain property tax exemptions for property on which the homestead exemption is claimed for certain veterans with disabilities? (Amends Article VII, Section 21(K))

Expands property tax exemptions for homestead exemption property for veterans with disabilities scaled to the veteran's level of disability.

***Yes-** Authorizes, in addition to the \$7500 homestead exemption, for veterans with a disability rating of 50% to 70% the next \$2500 of the assessed property value will be exempt. For veterans with a disability rating of 70% to 99% the next \$4500 of the assessed property will be exempt. For veterans with a disability rating of 100% unemployability or totally disabled, the total assessed property value will be exempt. These rates shall apply to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran with the required disabilities, if the property was owned prior to the death of the veteran. The assessment of the property claiming the exemption shall not be treated as taxable property for purposes of any following reappraisals and value for millage adjustments. The decrease*

in tax revenue that this may create, shall be born by the agency and not passed on to other taxpayers in the taxing district.

No- *Will keep the current constitutional amendment which applies a homestead exemption to the first \$7500 of the assessed property value for property owned and occupied by a veteran with a service-connected disability rating of 100% unemployability or totally disabled by the US Dept. of Veteran Affairs.*

3. Do you support an amendment to allow classified civil service employees to support the election to public office of members of their own families? (Amends Article X, Sections 9 and 20)

Allows classified civil service employees to support their family members running for election to public office—does not apply to registrars of voters or employees of the election division.

Yes- *Provides an exception to the present constitution to allow people in these positions to support (attend campaign events, appear in campaign ads, and photos) the election of an immediate family member—such as parent, step-parent, grandparent, spouse, child and child's spouse, grandchildren, siblings, and in-laws. Does not apply to registrars of voters or employees of the election division of the Dept. of State who are in classified service.*

No- *Keeps the current constitutional prohibition in place.*

4. Do you support an amendment to allow local governments to waive water charges that are the result of damage to the water system not caused by the customer? (Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))

Authorizes a political subdivision (municipal government) to waive charges for water under certain circumstances when the water lost is not the result of the customer's actions.

Yes- *Provides that the current state constitution does not prevent a local government from waiving charges for water if the charges are the result of water lost due to damage to the water delivery infrastructure and not a result of any damage, act, or failure to act by the customer*

No- *Prohibits local government from waiving charges for water.*

5. Do you support an amendment to allow the levying of a lower millage rate by a local taxing authority while maintaining the authority's ability to adjust to the current authorized millage rate? (Amend Article VII, Section 23(C))

Provides relative to property tax millage rate adjustments and maximum authorized millage rates

Yes- Allows taxing authority to increase its millage rate to the maximum authorized millage rate approved by the constitution and the taxing authority until the authorized millage expires, rather than the current constitution's maximum authorized rate in effect the previous year.

No- Will not allow taxing authority to increase its millage rate to the maximum authorized millage approved by the constitution and the taxing authority.

6. Do you support an amendment to limit the amount of an increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption in Orleans Parish following reappraisal at ten percent of the property's assessed value in the previous year? (January 1, 2023) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(F)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and Adds Article VII, Section 18(F)(3))

Limits the increase in assessed value of certain residential properties following reappraisal in Orleans Parish Only

Yes- Keeps current constitution but limits, in ORLEANS PARISH ONLY, the amount of the increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption to no more than 10% of the property's assessed value in the previous year. Further, any decrease in the total amount of tax collected shall be absorbed by the taxing authority and not passed on to other tax payers in the taxing district. Prohibits implementation of the cap on the amount of increase in assessed residential property value from triggering or causing a reappraisal of property or millage according to Article VII, Section 23(b) of the current state constitution.

No- Keeps current property tax scheme in Orleans Parish.

7. Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of involuntary servitude except as it applies to the otherwise lawful administration of criminal justice? (Amends Article I, Section 3)

Prohibits the use of slavery and involuntary servitude except for the lawful administration of criminal justice.

Yes- Changes the present law to provide that slavery and involuntary servitude is prohibited except for the lawful administration of criminal justice.

No- Keeps the present constitution, which prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, except for allowing involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime.

8. Do you support an amendment to remove the requirement that homeowners who are permanently totally disabled must annually re-certify their income to keep their special assessment level on their residences for property tax purposes? (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(iv))

Removes the requirement for annual certification of income for homeowners who are permanently totally disabled.

Yes- Excludes from the annual certification requirement owners who are permanently totally disabled. Removes unnecessary language referring to multiple assessors in separate districts in Orleans Parish.

No- Totally disabled homeowners will have to annually recertify their income to keep their special assessment level on their residential property for tax purposes.



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