



## State Representative Candidate Questionnaire

*The Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) has crafted a #PutHousingFirst Platform of policy recommendations for State Representative candidates for Louisiana's 102nd District to commit to, based on seven key pillars that we believe to be the most effective solutions towards alleviating our city's affordable housing crisis.*

### **Goal #1: Preserve existing and expand the total supply of affordable rental and homeownership opportunities throughout the City of New Orleans.**

1. If elected, will you commit to identifying and securing additional funding sources for affordable housing, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund?
2. If elected, will you commit to securing remaining short-term rental taxes for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund?
3. If elected, will you commit to increasing oversight of housing issues by the Louisiana legislature into the administration of federal housing and disaster fund?
4. If elected, will you commit to advancing and supporting the creation of an office of planning that would coordinate long term issues like housing and report directly to a cabinet member or the governor?
5. If elected, will you commit to advancing and supporting reforms to ensure that the Department of Corrections funds short housing opportunities for the formerly incarcerated?

## **Goal #2: Prevent future displacement through development activities and continued study and policy review.**

6. If elected, will you commit to proposing a public development protocol that dedicates vacant public school property for affordable housing development?
7. If elected, will you commit to developing a strategy that actively combats displacement under a Right to Stay or Return initiative that would include tax relief for long-term residents and supportive services (including legal aid for evictions) to stabilize vulnerable populations?
8. If elected, will you commit to supporting legislation that ensures the assessor abide by the rules and regulations outlined by the Louisiana Tax Commission (LTC)?

## **Goal #3: Enforce and promote fair housing policies throughout New Orleans.**

9. If elected, will you commit to proposing additional property tax relief for low-income homeowners facing increases in property assessments based on how long they have lived in their home and their income?

## **Goal #4: Encourage sustainable design & infrastructure for all New Orleanians.**

10. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) must be appropriately funded in order to insure sustainability. The NFIP is currently authorized until September 30, 2021. If elected, will you commit to reforming legislation that will give the NFIP a long-term authorization?

## **Goal #5: Increase accessibility for all walks of life, including special needs residents.**

11. If elected, will you commit to securing housing program funding for people who were formerly incarcerated?

## **Goal #6: Promote transparency and utilize community input in decision-making.**

12. ***As part of a Just Recovery***, if elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?
13. If elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?

## **Goal #7: Improve quality of life in New Orleans neighborhoods.**

14. If elected, will you commit to incentivizing the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?
15. If elected, will you commit to supporting and advancing efforts to increase support for transit opportunities that support Louisianans in their communities and across the state?