



Assessor Candidate Questionnaire

The Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) has crafted a #PutHousingFirst Platform of policy recommendations for Assessor candidates 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. ***As part of a Just Recovery***, if elected or re-elected, will you prioritize property tax relief for struggling homeowners over large-scale hotels and restaurants?

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

2. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring that new investments in neighborhoods likely to gentrify include protections for existing residents, such as property tax relief for long-term, lower-income homeowners?

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

3. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to strengthening the appraisal processes to ensure all properties are appraised every four years as required by state law, increasing the accuracy of property appraisals, and avoiding reliance on an individual property's most recent sales price when determining its assessed value?
4. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to meeting international appraisal guidelines for variability for each individual residential property to ensure accurate appraisals?
5. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to not engage in "sales-chasing," or appraising individual residential and commercial properties that recently sold based on their sales price?

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

6. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing appraisal metrics that reflect energy efficient and green construction investments as directed by existing Louisiana law?

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

7. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting property tax reform measures including, but not limited to, making the tax freeze for people with disabilities permanent?

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

8. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to adopting the proposed changes for the tax year 2022 Rules and Regulations, as outlined by the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) and Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association? [Reference](#)

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

9. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring that vacant land is not undervalued in the appraisal process so that non-vacant land owners do not pay disproportionately more in taxes?