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## Percentage Grades

Office Title	Candidate		Grade
District 102 State Representative	Delisha	Boyd	91% A
District 102 State Representative	Jordan	Bridges	0% F
Sheriff	Quentin R.	Brown	0% F
Sheriff	Marlin	Gusman	72% C
Sheriff	Janet	Hays	76% C
Sheriff	Susan	Hutson	96% A
Sheriff	Christopher	Williams	86% B
Assessor	Anthony	Brown	68% D
Assessor	Andrew (Low Tax)	Gressett	88.5% B
Assessor	Carlos J.	Hornbrook	80% C
Assessor	Erroll G.	Williams	24% F
Mayor	Joseph	Amato	0% F
Mayor	Eldon Delloyd 'El'	Anderson	71% C
Mayor	Belden 'Noonie Man'	Batiste	84% B
Mayor	Douglas	Bently	0% F
Mayor	Manuel 'Chevrolet'	Bruno	61% D
Mayor	LaToya	Cantrell	0% F
Mayor	Byron Stephan	Cole	0% F
Mayor	Luke	Fontana	86% B
Mayor	Leilani	Heno	0% F
Mayor	Matthew	Hill	0% F
Mayor	Nathaniel 'Nate'	Jones	86% B
Mayor	Reginald	Merchant	N/A
Mayor	Vina	Nguyen	0% F
Mayor	Johnese Lamar	Smith	63.5% D
Councilmember at Large (Division 1)	Kenneth	Cutno	83% B
Councilmember at Large (Division 1)	Helena	Moreno	88% B
Councilmember at Large (Division 2)	'Bart'	Everson	91% A
Councilmember at Large (Division 2)	Kristin	Gisleson Palmer	89% B
Councilmember at Large (Division 2)	Jean-Paul 'JP'	Morrell	94% A
District A Councilmember	Joseph 'Joe'	Giarrusso	0% F
District A Councilmember	Amy	Misko	0% F
District A Councilmember	Robert 'Bob'	Murrell	94% A
District B Councilmember	Jay H.	Banks	80% C
District B Councilmember	Lesli	Harris	84% B
District B Councilmember	Rosalind 'Roz'	Reed-Thibodeaux	0% F

District B Councilmember	Rella	Zapletal	<b>82% B</b>
District C Councilmember	Stephanie	Bridges	<b>91% A</b>
District C Councilmember	Freddie	King	<b>90% B</b>
District C Councilmember	Alonzo	Knox	<b>96% A</b>
District C Councilmember	Vincent	Milligan	<b>0% F</b>
District C Councilmember	Stephen	Mosgrove	<b>90% B</b>
District C Councilmember	'Frank'	Perez	<b>97% A</b>
District C Councilmember	Barbara	Waiters	<b>0% F</b>
District D Councilmember	Chelsea	Ardoyn	<b>0% F</b>
District D Councilmember	Chantrisse	Burnett	<b>94% A</b>
District D Councilmember	Morgan	Clevenger	<b>94.5% A</b>
District D Councilmember	Anthony	Doby	<b>0% F</b>
District D Councilmember	Troy	Glover	<b>94% A</b>
District D Councilmember	Eugene	Green	<b>84% B</b>
District D Councilmember	Kevin	Griffin-Clark	<b>0% F</b>
District D Councilmember	Mark 'Johari'	Lawes	<b>0% F</b>
District D Councilmember	Mariah	Moore	<b>94% A</b>
District D Councilmember	Robert 'Bob'	Murray	<b>71% C</b>
District D Councilmember	Keith 'KP'	Parker	<b>0% F</b>
District D Councilmember	Timolynn 'Tim'	Sams	<b>95% A</b>
District D Councilmember	Dulaine Troy	Vining	<b>0% F</b>
District D Councilmember	Kourtney	Youngblood	<b>71% C</b>
District E Councilmember	John	Bagneris	<b>0% F</b>
District E Councilmember	Michon	Copelin	<b>0% F</b>
District E Councilmember	Vanessa 'Gueringer'	Johnson	<b>0% F</b>
District E Councilmember	Aaron	Miller	<b>0% F</b>
District E Councilmember	Cyndi	Nguyen	<b>0% F</b>
District E Councilmember	Oliver M.	Thomas	<b>90% B</b>

## *What do our grades mean?*

Our finalized grades are calculated based on the responses we received from our questionnaires as well as an interview score given to each candidate. Final grades are not an endorsement. Rather, our scorecard is meant to inform voters of where candidates stand on affordable housing issues.

A potential total of **71 points** can be earned from questionnaire responses. The remaining **29 points** come from an averaged interview score from interview participants – a panel consisting of local residents, voters, affordable housing advocates, and #PutHousingFirst Platform Committee representation. Letter grading is based on a 10-point scale.

100 – 91 (A)

90 – 81 (B)

80 – 71 (C)

70 – 61 (D)

60 – below (F)

Candidates who submitted completed questionnaires but did not participate in an interview could not surpass a maximum of a 71% C based on their questionnaire responses. **Candidates who failed to respond or complete their questionnaires received a 0% F.** Candidates marked as 'N/A' had no accessible contact information available.

Incumbents who completed their questionnaires and interviews were also held to a review of how their time in office either promoted or hindered the preservation and production of affordable housing in Orleans Parish.

## *District 102 State Representative – Candidate Delisha Boyd*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
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?	Yes
2	If elected, will you commit to securing remaining short-term rental taxes for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
6	If elected, will you commit to proposing a public development protocol that dedicates vacant public school property for affordable housing development?	Yes
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?	Yes
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)?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
11	If elected, will you commit to securing housing program funding for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes
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?	Yes
13	If elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
14	If elected, will you commit to incentivizing the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?	Yes
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?	Yes

Questionnaire Score: 71/71

Interview Score: 20/29

Final Grade: 91/100

## Orleans Parish Sheriff – Sheriff Marlin Gusman

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing a public development protocol that dedicates vacant property owned by the Sheriff's department for affordable housing development?	The Sheriff's Office has a limited inventory of vacant surplus property, but that property is available for redevelopment for affordable housing. The Sheriff's Office is interested in investigating strategies to incentivize and support development of affordable housing.
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to efforts that decriminalize and destigmatize our city's unhoused populations?	Yes. I believe it is inhumane and immoral to criminalize poverty and houselessness. Our public policies must respect the dignity and humanity of every person.
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing stability for the formerly incarcerated by securing affordable housing resources with supportive services upon release?	Yes. Case managers assigned to each person at the Orleans Justice Center (OJC) assist each inmate in discharging planning, including housing assistance and referrals. The Sheriff's Office also relies on partnerships with community and faith-based organizations to provide housing support and services to people formerly held at OJC. The Sheriff's Office made land available for The First 72 transitional housing facility on Perdido Street that recently broke ground, and we are looking to building on this partnership to provide support and essential services to formerly incarcerated people.
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to working with local shelters and advocates for the unhoused to create and promote sustainable alternatives to encampment sweeps?	Yes. These "sweeps" are inhumane disruptions that exacerbate the struggles of unhoused people to survive, and are counterproductive for all parties involved. We should prioritize direct services, and housing assistance for unhoused people, and public policies that support living wage and affordable housing.
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing a non-police crisis response team, particularly for the unhoused experiencing severe mental illness?	Yes. We need behavioral health professionals who are trained to safely respond to these incidents and more effectively provide the appropriate interventions and services that people in crisis may need. We will ensure better outcomes with



	appropriately trained professionals responding to these situations.
6	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to pursuing alternatives to the Phase III psychiatric facility, including the creation of a community-based crisis stabilization center outside of the carceral system?</p> <p>I fully support creation of effective community based crisis stabilization services outside of the criminal justice system. We need community access to robust health services, and especially stabilization services and appropriate interventions to keep all of us safer, and to prevent people from entering the criminal justice system. The Special Needs Facility is an essential element of the Orleans Justice Center and includes a secure clinical environment and medical infirmary, and is required for us to meet the constitutional standard of care for those remanded by a judge to the custody of the Sheriff's Office. It was approved by the City Council and 2 mayoral administrations, and is principally funded by FEMA. The Federal Court has on several occasions dismissed as insufficient any retrofit of current facilities to meet the constitutional requirements and minimum standard of care requires. The Special Needs Facility also includes a laundry to serve the OJC and a large visitation center with appropriate facilities for families, and for confidential attorney client conferences. <b>There is no alternative to the Phase III Special Needs Facility that meeting the approval of the court, so I support the Special Needs Facility the Court has approved.</b></p>
7	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring safe, habitable, and humane living conditions in carceral facilities?</p> <p>Yes, I have demolished or decommissioned the 13 decrepit, makeshift facilities of Old Parish Prison holding 6000 mostly state prisoners and replaced it with the Orleans Justice Center (OJC), a modern, safer, more secure supervision facility that holds on average about 900 people daily who have been remanded by a judge. Upon arrival each person receives a medical screening and behavioral health evaluation, and is assigned a case manager to develop a program schedule and assist each inmate and their families. Case managers work with inmates on a program of supervised behavior-based, educational and job skills programs, and medical and behavioral health services, as well as discharge planning, including housing assistance. These programs have been expanded to help make our community safer by reducing repeat offenders and prevent recidivism. Our goal is to return the men and</p>

women sent to the Orleans Justice Center back into the community as productive citizens ready to work and support their families.

*Questionnaire Score: 61/71*

*Interview Score: 11/29*

*Final Grade: 72/100*

## *Orleans Parish Sheriff – Candidate Janet Hays*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing a public development protocol that dedicates vacant property owned by the Sheriff's department for affordable housing development?	That's a great idea. I am in support of that.
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to efforts that decriminalize and destigmatize our city's unhoused populations?	Yes, that is the main reason I'm running. Note: I prefer the word discriminatization to stigma when referring to under-served and vulnerable populations. "Stigma" is the black hole of advocacy.
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing stability for the formerly incarcerated by securing affordable housing resources with supportive services upon release?	Yes I am also committed to prioritizing housing stability for people reentering the community that includes people who need 24/7 on site clinical and residential support in long-term (secured and unsecured) housing that heals.
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to working with local shelters and advocates for the unhoused to create and promote sustainable alternatives to encampment sweeps?	Yes

5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing a non-police crisis response team, particularly for the unhoused experiencing severe mental illness?	No. I am in favor of a co-responder model of crisis intervention. That includes a three pronged approach consisting of CIT, 911 Integrated Response, and a Homeless Outreach Team - all elements we already have but need to scale up.
6	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to pursuing alternatives to the Phase III psychiatric facility, including the creation of a community-based crisis stabilization center outside of the carceral system?	Yes, I will continue to implement a phase III hospital for people who have been forced into the CJS by laws that require dangerousness and grave disability. We already have a community-based crisis stabilization center at UMC. I always include a diverse group of stakeholders (including community) in decision making.
7	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring safe, habitable, and humane living conditions in carceral facilities?	Without question.

*Questionnaire Score: 61/71*

*Interview Score: 15/29*

*Final Grade: 76/100*

## *Orleans Parish Sheriff – Candidate Susan Hutson*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing a public development protocol that dedicates vacant property owned by the Sheriff's department for affordable housing development?	Yes. Vacant buildings are a liability and a drain on government resources. The Sheriff is responsible for bearing the cost of maintaining, administering, and/or demolishing any vacant and abandoned properties owned by the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (OPSO). However, increasingly vacant properties are also being viewed as opportunities for productive reuse. As the Sheriff, I will work with the City, community organizations, and residents to create a plan that works for our community. Housing stability is a huge part of true public safety. More housing for people who need it is a priority for this community. All you have to do is drive by any intersection or under the interstate near downtown to see the effects of housing insecurity.

2	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to efforts that decriminalize and destigmatize our city's unhoused populations?</p>	<p>Yes. The ACLU and its nationwide affiliates, have led the way in documenting the laws around the country "that create clear barriers to performing life sustaining activities and legalize the unfair and harmful treatment of unhoused communities." It has been recognized that "Laws that criminalize poverty and homelessness punish individuals and families for systemic inequities. This punitive approach is counterproductive, costly, and devastating to a person's health. It stalls progress by failing to address root causes and fueling stereotypes and prejudices that divide housed and unhoused communities." I agree. Now that we have acknowledged these inequities, we have an "opportunity to course correct" and I pledge to be part of the solution. As the police monitor, I worked with the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center to educate the community about how policing can unfairly impact renters in the city. As the Sheriff, I use the political power of the office to support these important reforms and resist efforts to detain people for these types of offenses.</p>
3	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing stability for the formerly incarcerated by securing affordable housing resources with supportive services upon release?</p>	<p>Yes. Leading progressive organizations around the country note that if we want to end our country's reliance on mass incarceration, we have to acknowledge the correlation between lack of housing and public safety. They note that a significant percentage of people in jail reported that they were homeless in the year before they were incarcerated. As I noted in the prior question, there are numerous laws that criminalize homelessness, which we must eliminate. As the Sheriff, I promise to assess incarcerated persons upon entry at the jail to understand all of their needs which contribute to becoming arrested and incarcerated. It is my goal as the Sheriff to partner with city government and the New Orleans community to help eliminate the deficits that people face, whether associated with unjust laws, education, employment, medical needs, or mental health needs. I agree with the Justice Police Institute which notes that an increase in public funding of housing and decrease in public funding of corrections is related to lower crime rates and lower incarceration rates.</p>

4	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to working with local shelters and advocates for the unhoused to create and promote sustainable alternatives to encampment sweeps?</p>	<p>Yes. As the Police Monitor, a position I held for 11 years, I objected to these various types of “sweeps” and worked with NOPD monitoring the policing of persons in the encampments. The harm that these sweeps produced was unbelievable. As noted previously, as the Sheriff, I will work with city government and the New Orleans community to help eliminate the deficits that people face, whether associated with unjust laws, education, employment, medical needs, or mental health needs</p>
5	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing a non-police crisis response team, particularly for the unhoused experiencing severe mental illness?</p>	<p>Yes. In 2020, while running the Office of the Independent Police Monitor, I began a project to collect data and information on the policing of community members living with mental illness. The project was started with the idea of alternative response to mental health crises that occur on a daily basis, and which are almost exclusively handled by armed police officers with some training. That project is ongoing and has now reached the phase of working with the Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition and the City Council to create and provide alternative responders with a high degree of training, instead of police, to calls that are mainly about mental health. I will also support this project as the Sheriff and it is a main part of my platform.</p>
6	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to pursuing alternatives to the Phase III psychiatric facility, including the creation of a community-based crisis stabilization center outside of the carceral system?</p>	<p>Yes. My opposition to Phase III is a main part of my platform. Close to 80 percent of those currently incarcerated at the Orleans Justice Center have mental health care or substance abuse treatment needs. Opposing the construction of a new facility, known as Phase III, for the mentally ill is fundamental to providing “help, not handcuffs” to those who need it and to begin erasing the trend of prisons and jails being the largest providers of mental health services in America. I have spoken with Council Members about repurposing the FEMA funds to build a mental health and substance abuse treatment facility that anyone outside the jail can use. Our community should not have to go to jail to get help. I am speaking with social workers and other mental health providers that the Sheriff’s Office will partner with to provide services.</p>

<p>7</p> <p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring safe, habitable, and humane living conditions in carceral facilities?</p>	<p>Yes. My platform and my commitment to this city includes: ensuring gender-confirming housing; utilizing de-escalation tactics to manage the use of force; providing skills training, education programs and therapeutic measures to occupy the time/minds of incarcerated persons; preventing in-custody deaths; utilizing violence trained civilian professionals to serve as crisis interrupters; and developing a more robust strategy for suicide prevention. We should also strive to make it as easy as possible for those incarcerated to stay connected to family, stay supported, and stay out of jail. I have also been speaking with artists about the power of art to transform lives. Psychology Today notes that “Art breaches the walls, providing a message to those outside. Specifically, art therapy allows the [incarcerated person] to express him or herself in a manner acceptable to both inside the prison and the outside culture.” As Sheriff, I will utilize artists to provide this therapeutic opportunity to those who have been marginalized and overlooked, which will help them to be healed. Our community will lead this effort.</p>
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*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 25/29*

*Final Grade: 96/100*

## Orleans Parish Sheriff – Candidate Christopher Williams

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing a public development protocol that dedicates vacant property owned by the Sheriff's department for affordable housing development?	Yes, but <b>*Incomplete answer; marked as a 'No'</b>
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to efforts that decriminalize and destigmatize our city's unhoused populations?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing stability for the formerly incarcerated by securing affordable housing resources with supportive services upon release?	Yes
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to working with local shelters and advocates for the unhoused to create and promote sustainable alternatives to encampment sweeps?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing a non-police crisis response team, particularly for the unhoused experiencing severe mental illness?	Yes
6	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to pursuing alternatives to the Phase III psychiatric facility, including the creation of a community-based crisis stabilization center outside of the carceral system?	Yes
7	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring safe, habitable, and humane living conditions in carceral facilities?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 61/71*

*Interview Score: 25/29*

*Final Grade: 86/100*

## Orleans Parish Assessor – Anthony Brown

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	No
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 63/71*

*Interview Score: 5/29*

*Final Grade: 68/100*



## Orleans Parish Assessor – Andrew (Low Tax) Gressett

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
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?	I most emphatically promise to prioritize property tax relief for residential homeowners. They have unfairly and disproportionately carried the tax burden in recent years. Last year in response to the COVID shutdown, the Assessor gave tax breaks to hotels and businesses, but failed to give the same relief to unemployed citizens who lost income.
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?	The Assessor's office has a lack of will to address the issue of gentrification. Under the Louisiana law, he has three methods to assess residential property. He has chosen the easiest method for his office, but the mostly costly for the long-term home owner. The Louisiana Legislative Auditors Office Report determined the Orleans Parish Assessor was "Chasing Sales" in violation of the law in order to place an assessment value on property. He has converted the office from an "Assessor Office" to a "Tax Collection" office for the City. He is a bureaucratic bookkeeper with a bad set of books. There is a "quality of life premium" that homeowners are not given credit for in their assessments.
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?	I will make the commitment to "avoid reliance on an individual property's most recent sales price when determining its assessed value." Using better appraisal analysis is critical to providing equity in assessments.
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?	Per the Louisiana Auditor's March 2020 report of the Orleans Parish Assessor's office, I pledge to appraise each residential homeowner's property as outlined in my answer to #2, thereby abiding by the international appraisal guidelines. No "equalized assessments" as the current bookkeeping assessor is doing.
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?	Per my detail answer in #2, I commit to not "sales-chase" in assessing property values.

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?	The Assessor's Office should make certain energy efficient and green construction costs and benefits are included in appraisal metrics. We should look to incentives through the permitting process to inform the Assessor's office as well.
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?	Yes, people with disabilities should have their tax freeze made permanent.
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?	I will commit to GNOHA and Lower 9th Ward Homeownership to make proposed changes as requested so communities will have transparency and input in decision-making in the Assessor's office. They should see how the taxes are collected.
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?	Owners need to put vacant land in commerce as soon as possible. We should not give vacant landowners a tax break to keep land undeveloped, but put extra tax burdens on owners who are developing vacant land. Too often, owners are forced to play tax games to avoid paying burdensome, antiquated taxes causing dysfunction in developing or rehabilitating residential and multifamily housing. With a sane tax assessment system, we will have equity, fairness, transparency and with an improved economy, more taxes to collect to address other social needs in our society. It starts with the Assessor's office. The time is now.

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 17.5/29*

*Final Grade: 88.5/100*

## Orleans Parish Assessor – Carlos J. Hornbrook

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
		Yes. Currently, the current assessor has individual homeowners assessed at 20-30% over fair market value. He has reduced the large-scale hotels' assessment by 57%, costing the city \$90 million. Total reduction for businesses are \$300 million and increasing individual homeowners by \$200 million. La. R.S 47:1978(1) reads that all property owners are entitled to a reduction in property assessment by a disaster declaration by the governor.
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?	
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?	Yes. La. R.S. 47:2323 provides a solution for this issue.
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?	Yes
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?	N/A <i>*Could not fully commit</i>
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?	La R.S. 47:2323 provides the answer for this issue. There two other methods to appraise property that the current is not using or does not care to use.
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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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?	N/A <i>*Could not fully commit</i>

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?

9 Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 55/71*

*Interview Score: 25/29*

*Final Grade: 80/100*

## *Orleans Parish Assessor – Assessor Erroll G. Williams*

\*Assessor William’s Questionnaire Analysis can be found at [www.puthousingfirst.org/elections](http://www.puthousingfirst.org/elections)

## *New Orleans Mayor - Eldon Delloyd ‘El’ Anderson*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a revision of our city’s affordable housing production goals within a reasonable timeline, including policy changes that increase production efficiency and organizational capacity among government partners?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to increasing the amount of tax revenue from short-term rentals dedicated to affordable housing production?	Yes
5	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes

6	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
7	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to reappropriating funds to improve the disbursement of federal housing assistance by strengthening our city's administrative capacity to process tenant, landlord, and homeowner applications?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that address low voucher utilization rates and cost-burdened HCVP participants?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to updating the Urban Water Plan and NORA's Community Adaptation Program and reviewing the impacts of the current implementations of said programs?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that change the language in the Stafford Act to allow for buildings to receive enough funding to be built to modern codes?	Yes
13	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to developing language access policies for every city department?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to directing HANO to reinstitute voucher set-asides for survivors of domestic violence and survivors transitioning to independence?	Yes
15	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to amending the Redevelopment Framework to assure that the pre-development committees include community representation as written into the CEA agreement?	Yes

17	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
18	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 0/29*

*Final Grade: 71/100*

## *New Orleans Mayor – Belden ‘Noonie Man’ Batiste*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a revision of our city's affordable housing production goals within a reasonable timeline, including policy changes that increase production efficiency and organizational capacity among government partners?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to increasing the amount of tax revenue from short-term rentals dedicated to affordable housing production?	Yes
5	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including	Yes

	a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	
6	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
7	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to reappropriating funds to improve the disbursement of federal housing assistance by strengthening our city's administrative capacity to process tenant, landlord, and homeowner applications?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that address low voucher utilization rates and cost-burdened HCVP participants?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to updating the Urban Water Plan and NORA's Community Adaptation Program and reviewing the impacts of the current implementations of said programs?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that change the language in the Stafford Act to allow for buildings to receive enough funding to be built to modern codes?	Yes
13	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to developing language access policies for every city department?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to directing HANO to reinstitute voucher set-asides for survivors of domestic violence and survivors transitioning to independence?	Yes
15	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes

16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to amending the Redevelopment Framework to assure that the pre-development committees include community representation as written into the CEA agreement?	Yes
17	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
18	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 13/29*

*Final Grade: 84/100*

## *New Orleans Mayor - Manuel 'Chevrolet' Bruno*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes, lets quit diverting funds to crooked city inspectors and put the money where it belongs. Low income housing should still be a priority for citizens -- and not just rentals -- but homeownership opportunities.
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a revision of our city's affordable housing production goals within a reasonable timeline, including policy changes that increase production efficiency and organizational capacity among government partners?	Yes, kick out all the cronies and cut back the incentives for the real estate developers who are getting too rich. Too many apartment complexes are being built with little low-income housing units, and the financial benefits are going to the wrong people. As far as a reasonable timeline, this great city thinks 25 years is a reasonable timeline.
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Sure, why not?



4	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to increasing the amount of tax revenue from short-term rentals dedicated to affordable housing production?</p> <p>Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p>
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6	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?</p> <p>As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to reappropriating funds to improve the disbursement of federal housing assistance by strengthening our city's administrative capacity to process tenant, landlord, and homeowner applications?</p>	<p>Yes, I will. Like I said, I used to live in a pothole.</p> <p>Ok. Where's the money coming from?</p>
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8	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?</p>	Yes.
9	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that address low voucher utilization rates and cost-burdened HCVP participants?</p>	<p>I don't know what this means. <b>*Could not fully commit</b></p>

	<p>HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Surburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?</p>	I will do everything in my power bring our great city into the melting pot that it should be.
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	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to updating the Urban Water Plan and NORA's Community Adaptation Program and reviewing the impacts of the current implementations of said programs?	
11		I don't know what this means. <i>*Could not fully commit</i>
	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that change the language in the Stafford Act to allow for buildings to receive enough funding to be built to modern codes?	
12		I love to explore.
	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to developing language access policies for every city department?	
13		Si
	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to directing HANO to reinstitute voucher set-asides for survivors of domestic violence and survivors transitioning to independence?	
14		100%
	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	
15		N/A <i>*Could not fully commit</i>
	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to amending the Redevelopment Framework to assure that the pre-development committees include community representation as written into the CEA agreement?	
16		N/A <i>*Could not fully commit</i>

17	<p>The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?</p>	N/A <i>*Could not fully commit</i>
18	<p>Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?</p>	I will try

*Questionnaire Score: 51/71*

*Interview Score: 10/29*

*Final Grade: 61/100*

## *New Orleans Mayor – Luke Fontana*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a revision of our city's affordable housing production goals within a reasonable timeline, including policy changes that increase production efficiency and organizational capacity among government partners?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to increasing the amount of tax revenue from short-term rentals dedicated to affordable housing production?	Yes

5	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
6	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
7	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to reappropriating funds to improve the disbursement of federal housing assistance by strengthening our city's administrative capacity to process tenant, landlord, and homeowner applications?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that address low voucher utilization rates and cost-burdened HCVP participants?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Suburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to updating the Urban Water Plan and NORA's Community Adaptation Program and reviewing the impacts of the current implementations of said programs?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that change the language in the Stafford Act to allow for buildings to receive enough funding to be built to modern codes?	Yes
13	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to developing language access policies for every city department?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to directing HANO to reinstitute voucher set-asides for survivors of domestic violence and survivors transitioning to independence?	Yes

15	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to amending the Redevelopment Framework to assure that the pre-development committees include community representation as written into the CEA agreement?	Yes
17	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
18	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 15/29*

*Final Grade: 86/100*

## *New Orleans Mayor - Nathaniel 'Nate' Jones*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a revision of our city's affordable housing production goals within a reasonable timeline, including policy changes that increase production efficiency and organizational capacity among government partners?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to increasing the amount of tax revenue from short-term rentals dedicated to affordable housing production?	Yes

5	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
6	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
7	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to reappropriating funds to improve the disbursement of federal housing assistance by strengthening our city's administrative capacity to process tenant, landlord, and homeowner applications?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that address low voucher utilization rates and cost-burdened HCVP participants?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Suburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to updating the Urban Water Plan and NORA's Community Adaptation Program and reviewing the impacts of the current implementations of said programs?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that change the language in the Stafford Act to allow for buildings to receive enough funding to be built to modern codes?	Yes
13	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to developing language access policies for every city department?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to directing HANO to reinstitute voucher set-asides for survivors of domestic violence and survivors transitioning to independence?	Yes

15	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to amending the Redevelopment Framework to assure that the pre-development committees include community representation as written into the CEA agreement?	Yes
17	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
18	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 15/29*

*Final Grade: 86/100*

## *New Orleans Mayor - Johnese Lamar Smith*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	The Mayor appoints a nine member housing advisory committee to the NHIF (must be approved by the Council). Each council member can also appoint three nominees to the Mayor. The Mayor then selects one appointee from each council member, however the seven must be nominated to the advisory committee, along with two appointed by the Mayor (9). These funds can be appropriated only after the mayor appoints this committee. I will protect it of course, if it follows its due diligence as described in Sec. 70.415.4.

<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a revision of our city's affordable housing production goals within a reasonable timeline, including policy changes that increase production efficiency and organizational capacity among government partners?</p>	<p>According to Sec. 415.5, all revisions or recommendations are supported publicly and a hearing must be set to receive the public's input. In addition, there is a City Master Plan and any changes I make as Mayor must be voted on by the Council before August 1st. Next, there are large amounts of housing being built that are using the NHIF, but the funds are not being used to minimize the gaps in affordable housing. These houses are being sold to families who are not low income but are in the higher salary brackets. These builders are using the funding from NHIF, as they should, but with the intent written in Section 414.4 and 415.5. Finally, I cannot comment on government partners because the Code is there for a reason and this latter question is too ambiguous.</p>
<p>2 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?</p>	<p>If the ordinance would allow such appropriation of funds. It will come under review by my Administration within 100 days in office. <b><i>*Could not fully commit</i></b></p>
<p>3 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to increasing the amount of tax revenue from short-term rentals dedicated to affordable housing production?</p>	<p>I believe I read that it currently is adjusted to \$1.00. Since these homes are closely resembling all things in the hotelier enterprise, I will review it within 200 days in office.</p>
<p>4 Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?</p>	<p>Yes, this Smart Housing Mix policy will come under review by my Administration.</p>
<p>5 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?</p>	<p>There are many avenues I would like to explore because this situation has become one of my deepest concerns. We must review all aspects involving the homeless.</p>



7	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to reappropriating funds to improve the disbursement of federal housing assistance by strengthening our city's administrative capacity to process tenant, landlord, and homeowner applications?	<p>Good leadership should not cause more red tape involving this Just Recovery policy. It's a relationship between the landlord, the tenant and what is best for both in that relationship.</p> <p>This policy has a two-edge sword. One, it benefits the elderly who only source of income is their social security retirement benefits and the other population who are receiving disability benefits. Some housing programs with income-base housing helps individuals who need this policy to keep them housed in decent and assisted living arrangements. Next, it benefits those developers who are making profits to pay off investors and shareholders.</p>
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that address low voucher utilization rates and cost-burdened HCVF participants?	<p>Yes. There are families and individuals I know personally that lost their housing and their vouchers because of those landlords who are listed on these HUD Voucher 8 programs are adding astronomical rent payments in addition to what they are receiving as a participant. This is in direct opposition as to why these individuals applied for Section 8, they need help with (affordable) housing.</p>
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	<p>The "Surburban American Dream" is under hardship due to climate change. Neighborhoods once held pristine and privileged are basically being destroyed due to extreme weather and while the multi-family housing is seen as the adversary. The "Not-in-My-Backyard rhetoric" (as you asserted) are often experiencing toxic flood waters, sink holes in the middle of their gulf course, total destruction of homes worth hundreds of thousand even millions of dollars right in their back yards. Beautiful homes sitting on top of immaculate landscapes are burned to rubble as they drive by those multi-family houses, untouched. I am almost sure, those houses they despised and have quarreled in public concerning there development appears beautiful, homely, cozy, safe, blessed and inviting. We must be careful how we treat each other moving towards the future, love</p>

is the key to a progressive and prosperous future. *\*Could not fully commit*

11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to updating the Urban Water Plan and NORA's Community Adaptation Program and reviewing the impacts of the current implementations of said programs?
12	<p>Yes!!!</p> <p>In 2021 (February) FEMA amended the cost-sharing arrangement regarding Federal Funds under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 for all of the COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declaration. Under Section 403, are authorized at 100 % of total eligible costs for work performed from January 20, 2020 through September 30, 2021. This Act includes direct assistance for CFDA for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas, et al. This Administration will definitely have a team whose job would be to lobby the legislators in Baton Rouge and apply for this assistances, each time our state receives a Presidential Declaration. Senator Stafford was a man thoughtful enough to understand how important it was for the government to act and give relief to Americans due to natural disasters, and today, I am grateful for his push to pass this law</p>
13	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that change the language in the Stafford Act to allow for buildings to receive enough funding to be built to modern codes?</p> <p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to developing language access policies for every city department?</p>

If you are implying language access policies to accommodate our multi-facet of citizens and cultures that live in our city, of course. We should also consider those who are

		legally blind and have restrictive cognitive disabilities.
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to directing HANO to reinstitute voucher set-asides for survivors of domestic violence and survivors transitioning to independence?	Yes!!!
15	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Most definitely.
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to amending the Redevelopment Framework to assure that the pre-development committees include community representation as written into the CEA agreement?	Yes. Community involvement should be quintessential in all public discussion concerning plans for our city.
17	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	I will not reenact this registry. My thoughts are that there are landlords who are committed to maintaining their properties to a higher standard and this Healthy Home Ordinance would add distress in situations where there are none. There are good and bad apples in all enterprises.
18	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	As your next Mayor, I am committed to lobbying for a wage increase to \$21.00 an hour. This act of compassion will lead to stimulating our economy with wages above the Federal Adjustment of Rate Income that the Biden Administration has proposed a 2.7% increase for civilians. We must lift this bond of poverty from off our people, otherwise, we can expect woes, more homelessness, food insecurities and other unnecessary pilferages that are consistently before us today.

*Questionnaire Score: 43/71*

*Interview Score: 20/29*

*Final Grade: 63/100*

## Division 1 Councilmember-At-Large – Kenneth Cutno

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes, my vision for New Orleans is to ensure that everybody has a clear pathway to prosperity.
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes, affordable housing for NOLA residents and \$40 million for affordable housing programs, loans, and grants, soft seconds, along with \$40 million for rental assistance from the \$388 million American Rescue Act funds.
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes, I played a key role in building the River Garden Affordable Housing development, as community director for HANO, I put up the first Mix Income in New Orleans. And the second one in the State of Louisiana. We invested \$366 millions of dollars from Wal Mart sales taxes back into the St. Thomas Housing Development. <b>*Points marked off for overestimation of investment.</b>
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes, with the \$388 million American Rescue Plan Act funds, \$20 million from the ARPA funds. Please look at my campaign plan, Progress over Politicians.
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to	Yes

employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?

7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes, now is the time to focus on fixing the basic. To invest in housing and the low-income residents of New Orleans
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes, as the community development and project management director for HANO. I will support policies that encourage more vouchers.
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes, I played a key role in building the River Garden Affordable Housing development, as community director for HANO, I put up the first Mix Income in New Orleans. And the second one in the State of Louisiana. We invested \$366 millions of dollars from Wal Mart sales taxes back into the St. Thomas Housing Development. <b><i>*Points marked off for overestimation of investment.</i></b>
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes, with the \$388 million American Rescue Plan Act funds, \$50 million for the sewage & water board "Smart Meter" program to improve billing accuracy for the residents of New Orleans.

12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes, and look for another energy company.
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes, Entergy seeks \$25 per month rate increase while pandemic rages, and Hurricane Ida leaves residents without power, New Orleans City Council must freeze rates to protect ratepayers today.
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes, we have the money and tools for the solar program, we need a council person with the experience and qualifications that care about the people and not the next election in Division 1.
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes, with the CDBG funds, I have over 30 years in writing grants and grant management. The city is not using the CDBG funds for weatherization.
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes, with CDBG funds
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes, the New Orleans City Council must invest in the people.
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes, we must reform our criminal justice system to abolish unnecessary background checks for employment, housing and help individuals convicted of non-violent crime find meaningful employment. How can we build a strong family and community when many of our kids father, sons, and brothers are in jail or have been arrested for non-violent crimes, and when released they cannot find jobs to help support their families. This is very personal for me. Yes, all applications for housing, employment and credit applications, and delete

or seal records of evictions for rentals in New Orleans.

19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes, I will prioritize legislation that makes critical investments in economic equality, affordable housing, blight eradication, city infrastructure, flood protections, and opportunity with the \$388 million American Rescue Plan funds. All budgeting plans and procedures will have public input.
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes, Equality and Opportunity should not discriminate.
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes, big corporations' political money is destroying our community and quality of life. We need politicians that care about the people and not the next elections.
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes, Entergy and council at large person, is controlling this election with legal and technical campaign contributions to her in Division 1.

23	<p>The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?</p>	Yes, we need new leadership to bring the voice of the people back to the residents.
24	<p>Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?</p>	Yes, a city wide minimum wage \$20.00/hr and \$25.00/hr in 2025.

*Questionnaire Score: 65/71*

*Interview Score: 18/29*

*Final Grade: 83/100*

## *Division 1 Councilmember-At-Large – Councilmember Helena Moreno*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	<p>Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-</p>	Yes, I supported smart housing mix this term.



examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?

5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes, essential
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes, fully support transit-oriented development! <i><b>*Points marked off for vote in support of University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay</b></i>
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Suburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes, definitely
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	YES ABSOLUTELY

12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	I authored, fought for, and passed the RCPS as Utilities Chair. You can bet I will fight to implement it
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes, absolutely
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes, support Community Solar 100%
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes, I authored a letter to IRP supporting behind-the-grid battery storage and am actively supporting battery-storage incentives.
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes, engaged in the MISO process to support LTRP.
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes, I am part of the City's ARP steering committee and 100% support this effort for transparency and accountability.
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes, 100% supportive of fair, nonpartisan, equitable redistributing process
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes, wrote resolution saying so and support codification of such a resolution
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes, doing this

23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes, I will continue to protect renters and fight for the relief - like rental assistance - they need during this pandemic.
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes, 100%. I co-authored a change to \$15/hr for city workers and support continuing to raise the wage to keep raising standards of living for working people.

*Questionnaire Score: 68/71*

*Interview Score: 20/29*

*Final Grade: 88/100*

## *Division 2 Councilmember-At-Large - 'Bart' Everson*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes

5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes

17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 20/29*

*Final Grade: 91/100*

## Division 2 Councilmember-At-Large -

### Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes *Points marked off for voting in support of University Off-Street Parking Overlay
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes

	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Suburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
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11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Not sure what this is, but open to it. <b>*Expressed commitment in interview</b>
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes

21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 68/71*

*Interview Score: 21/29*

*Final Grade: 89/100*

## *Division 2 Councilmember-At-Large – Jean-Paul 'JP' Morrell*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes



<p>Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?</p>		
4		Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes

13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 23/29*

*Final Grade: 94/100*

## *District A Councilmember – Robert ‘Bob’ Murrell*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city’s budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes

	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Surburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
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11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes

21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	I'm not sure #24 can work without removing state restrictions on municipal authority that passed in 97.

*Questionnaire Score: 68/71*

*Interview Score: 26/29*

*Final Grade: 94/100*

## *District B Councilmember – Councilmember Jay H. Banks*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes

	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes. My office already implemented the policy with the passage of several pieces of legislation. One of the final instruments required not only the mapping re-examination (Ordinance 28,546 MCS), but also expedited the effective date. These regulations are in place as of July 1, 2021.
4	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
5	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes <i>*Points marked off for voting in support of University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay</i>
6	If elected or re-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?	Yes
7	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
9	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
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11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes

23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 68/71*

*Interview Score: 12/29*

*Final Grade: 80/100*

### *District B Councilmember – Lesli Harris*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes



<p>5 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?</p>	<p>Absolutely. The Biden Administration has doubled the federal budget dedicated to fixing housing insecurity. As Councilmember, I will fight for our share of those funds so that we can repurpose City-owned properties for affordable housing and low-barrier homeless shelters. These funds can also be used to prevent homelessness by providing grants to low-income homeowners to make essential house repairs so their homes do not fall into blight and increasing first-time home buyers' training, financial programs, and soft second mortgage assistance programs.</p>
<p>6 Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?</p>	<p>Yes <i>*Backtracked in interview</i></p>
<p>7 If elected or re-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?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>8 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?</p>	<p>Yes. The City's Home Rule Charter allows the City to regulate businesses on the issue of discriminatory practices through the Human Rights Commission ("HRC"). HRC has an administrative process to hear discrimination complaints. City Council must fully support the work and ensure that it has appropriate authority and budget for a functional and effective office.</p>

9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications	Yes, as long as any changes ensure that we are protecting children and communities.

to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?

19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Absolutely!
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	As Councilmember, I will draft an ordinance to establish a centralized office for the coordination of public and private services for low-income citizens, including affordable housing opportunities and resources for renters. That office would include a process for renters to report unsafe living conditions with adequate staff to investigate complaints and follow up with landlords.
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 65/71*

*Interview Score: 19/29*

*Final Grade: 84/100*

## *District B Councilmember – Rella Zapletal*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes

	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Surburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes <i>*Points marked off for contradictory actions</i>
10	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
12	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
13	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
17	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
18	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
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20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	No
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 65/71*

*Interview Score: 17/29*

*Final Grade: 82/100*

## *District C Councilmember – Stephanie Bridges*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes

	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart	
4	Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Suburban	Yes

American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?

11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	The ordinance currently does not gov. employers from asking about past criminal history on a job application. But it does not prevent an employer from asking about it during an interview or doing a criminal background check, which is required for certain positions. I need to study the law.
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and	Yes



	procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	The Council passed a non-binding resolution regarding accepting donations from Entergy and its associates. I don't see anything wrong with accepting donations from companies/individuals who support legitimate progressive ideas.
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes, but I need to access the feasibility of 3 <sup>rd</sup> party inspectors
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 65/71*

*Interview Score: 26/29*

*Final Grade: 91/100*

## District C Councilmember – Freddie King

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Absolutely, District C is littered with illegal dumping and blighted properties and I know that the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund can help solve these pressing issues facing District C.
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	I am committed to making sure that the residents of District C have a safe and reliable roof over their head at night. Right now there are serious economic challenges in our community due to the pandemic and my hope is that housing is not sacrificed because of it. *Vague response, not a direct commitment to prioritizing in the budget
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes, I know the value in building a strong future. As a small business owner I know strategic planning is crucial to survival and success.
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	I will commit to ensuring that we tackle the affordable housing crisis by enacting policy like the Smart Housing Mix. Our city is in need of solutions and for years a common-sense solution to affordable housing has been in front of us and I am happy to advocate for the Smart Housing Mix.
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	I cannot imagine what it is like to not have a place to come home to at the end of the day and I do not want anyone in our community to have to imagine what that is like either. I am committed to finding creative solutions to house residents who are faced with the realities of homelessness.

6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes, our public transportation system in New Orleans is vital for those that do not have access to their own means of transportation. I am committed to advocating that residents of New Orleans have access to a public transportation system that gives them access to employment opportunities and access to essential neighborhood resources.
7	If elected or re-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?	As a homeowner and small business owner in District C I know that I want my roots to be in District C and I want them to stay there for generations to come. I am committed to providing means for the people of New Orleans to stay in the neighborhoods that they love and have developed roots in.
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Access to housing should not be a question in our community and I will work with my colleagues on the city council once elected to codify this right.
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes, I am committed to exploring policies that entice landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment.
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Absolutely, I believe that we have to combat these stereotypes through education of our community on the reality of scattered sites and multi-family housing. On the city council I will be an ally of affordable housing projects that can have a positive impact on our community as a whole.

11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes, we have to explore ways that we can work with the Sewage & Water Board to cut the cost burden on hard-working families in New Orleans.
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	I am wholeheartedly in support of common-sense clean energy policy and I believe that we have to work with Entergy to develop policies to lead us to a green future because when nobody is on board with green policies then no progress is being made.
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	We have to hold Entergy accountable and help develop ways that Entergy can drive down costs for consumers. Everyone knows that this is not something that can be done overnight but together we can set a course towards lower rates in the future.
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Green energy has to be our future and I support any measure that allows us to work towards a green future
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	We should be establishing means for residents to solve their energy bill problems. I will support efforts to partner with community organizations to offer weatherization and efficiency funding.
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	This is definitely something that we should work to bring to reality as a city. However, right now I believe there are more pressing issues facing our community that we have to solve so we can develop policies like a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries.
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes, I will always support common-sense green energy in New Orleans. I am hopeful that we can defeat the economic problems brought on by the pandemic to free up room to introduce

		programs like low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans.
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	I am committed to using the power of the city council to allow formerly incarcerated residents to find a home in their community. I know that District C will greatly benefit from a policy like this.
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes, my constituents should know where we are investing funds that we have available to the city council. As the former director of constituent services for District C I am happy to commit to transparency in the budgeting process.
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes, I serve in a plethora of community organizational roles and I am proud to fight for a fair and equitable redistricting process as District C's city council representative.
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	I am committed to exploring options to improve the city's relationship with Entergy and the efficiency of said relationship
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	I am committed to protecting the rights of renters and landlords. However, I am also committed to ensuring that New Orleans residents feel comfortable in their homes. *Clarified stance in interview

Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?

I support raising the minimum wage for New Orleanians, but it is going to take policy changes at the state and federal level to see real and meaningful wage increase. I will work with partners on these levels to bring this kind of policy change to our community.

*Questionnaire Score: 65/71*

*Interview Score: 25/29*

*Final Grade: 90/100*

## *District C Councilmember – Alonzo Knox*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes

Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?		
6		Yes
If elected or re-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?		
7		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?		
8		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?		
9		Yes
HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?		
10		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?		
11		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?		
12		Yes
More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?		
13		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?		
14		Yes

15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Undecided - Changed to Yes in Interview
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 25/29*



## District C Councilmember – Stephen Mosgrove

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes

9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Suburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes

19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	No. My goal is to stress improvements in City government performance (including improving resources/capacity for departments). So, I would expect Code Enforcement to perform these functions better; and I will continue to be an advocate for proactive inspections as I have been since I was a neighborhood leader in Algiers
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 68/71*

*Interview Score: 22/29*

*Final Grade: 80/100*

## District C Councilmember - 'Frank' Perez

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes. This program is vital to keep property owners in their homes, and prevent blight.
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes. We need an inclusionary zoning policy that truly mandates and incentives developers to meet our housing needs.
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes. I support a "housing first" approach that is proven to reduce crime, address public health, and joblessness.
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes. We should increase development of affordable housing in areas with access to jobs and transit.
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes. Especially in the aftermath of COVID-19.
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes. Including limiting the use of background checks at the onset of rental and housing applications.

9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Suburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes. Every neighborhood in our city should look as diverse as our city is.
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes. It will be a top priority.
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes. I also want an independent audit.
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes. Rooftop solar reform must benefit residents, not Entergy.
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes

19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes. It will be a top priority since the cost of these contracts is passed on to rate payers.
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes. It will be a top priority.

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*  
*Interview Score: 26/29*  
*Final Grade: 97/100*

## *District D Councilmember – Chantresse Burnett*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes, I will protect the NHIF
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes, I will fight housing discrimination
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes

	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Surburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes I will always support Mix-income neighbors throughout New Orleans
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11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes with annual audits
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes, I will always be fully transparent with funds.
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes



21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes I support the city-wide wage increase

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 23/29*

*Final Grade: 94/100*

## *District D Councilmember – Morgan Clevenger*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like	YES, adequate funding is also needed for implementation and enforcement of existing and new programs that can help citizens achieve housing security.

the City Planning Commission and  
Office of IZ Administrator?

Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?

4 Yes

If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?

5 Yes

Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?

6 YES – this is very important, I grew up in a New Orleans that was incredibly diverse, where neighborhoods were made up of all kinds of people and backgrounds, where Black homeownership and business ownership was more prevalent than today. Where working people lived in the heart of the City – this is where our New Orleans culture was created. We have seen a massive displacement of the people over the years and I believe New Orleans needs to bring back our diversity to revitalize and reculturalize our City.

If elected or re-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?

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YES – As a child growing up in Treme and the French Quarter I remember the destruction of Claiborne, the removal of the trees, businesses and residents to build the I 10. I experienced the decades long trauma of this singular act which destroyed a neighborhood and nearly destroyed the culture, that is still happening today. I witnessed the destruction of hundreds of Treme homes to build a ‘Cultural Center’ . Post Katrina I worked for 3 years as a debris specialist boots on the ground with demolition and debris crews to remove the tons of debris – this work revealed the inequities of displacement, recovery, and return. Post Katrina as a 1st time homeowner, after years of rebuilding, my neighbors (majority longtime Black and White homeowners – working people) and I were being held hostage by a corner liquor store next to our Playground, which had been taken over by an open air drug market, shootings, murder and prostitution. Many families were ready to sell cheap. Instead, we organized and as President of the neighborhood association I led the 10 year effort to prevent what we quickly realized was a massive gentrification effort to “flip” our neighborhood. We succeeded in closing the store, getting the heroin dealers out stopping the murders and shootings – reducing crime by 75%, increasing quality of life for the whole area and creating equity in our longtime residents homes and finally having a safe Playground. We did this by studying and utilizing the Zoning and Alcohol Codes and creating a strategy that enabled us to win in Board of Zoning, Civil Court and 4th Circuit Court of Appeal. We did this without the assistance of the Mayor, Council, NOPD, or NORD. Unfortunately, our hard work was literally punished a few short years later by astronomical increases in our property tax assessments which threatened to displace the very same people who had fought so hard to stay and to make the neighborhood better. We led the fight in 2019 to shine a big light on the Assessor’s Office and the inequities of the policies and procedures of the office which place undue burdens on residents. We did move the needle quite a bit – HR143 passed in the State legislature this year – but much more work needs to be done – we need to address the entire property tax structure and make sure everyone is paying their fair share to reduce the burden on homeowners. We planned to continue the fight in

2020. Unfortunately with COVID, we ended up losing several longtime Black homeowners. In 2021, as a founding organizer of the Coalition to Stop City Hall from moving to Morris FX Jeff Auditorium, Congo Square and Armstrong Park, we successfully stopped ( for now) another assault on neighborhoods, culture and sacred spaces.

8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
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9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
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	<p>HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Suburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?</p>	<p>YES - we need to restore the New Orleans of mixed income and mixed race neighborhoods. We must also make sure affordable housing developments are not just boxes warehousing people... we need smart, attractive, safe, green, and well managed developments that contribute to a neighborhood and do not sunset on affordability because of tax credit limits. To also consider design and financial structuring that can build generational wealth through rent to own and other possibilities of ownership.</p>
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	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage &amp; Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?</p>	
11		Yes
	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?</p>	
12		Yes - Concerns around Entergy are a major plank in my platform.
	<p>More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?</p>	
13		YES – New Orleanians are extremely cost burdened in all areas, particularly when it comes to housing , utilities, and maintenance. Affordable housing includes affordable utilities. Affordable housing includes affordable homeownership.
	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?</p>	
14		Yes

15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes - Solar + storage
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	YES – how we access power, water and internet ( which is now a necessity) must be reimagined, reformed and work for all residents of New Orleans.
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	YES – in collaboration with City Council colleagues, the administration, State and federal delegations and stakeholders
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	ABSOLUTELY YES! We must make sure these funds are spent properly, equitably and transparently.
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	YES – I am committed to ensuring citizens are ALWAYS included on the front end of any process that affects them.
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	YES – I have already publicly stated this since qualifying to run for this office and before the current City Council finally enacted legislation to stop Entergy contributions to the regulatory body ( City Council)
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council’s current, exorbitant “legal and technical advisor” contract?	ABSOLUTELY YES! - Entergy Reform is an absolute necessity to build a better New Orleans. We cannot go on as we are now. Utilities must serve the people.

23	<p>The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?</p>	Yes
24	<p>Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?</p>	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*  
*Interview Score: 23.5/29*  
*Final Grade: 94.5/100*

### *District D Councilmember – Troy Glover*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes

<p>Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?</p>		
4		Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes



13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	N/A
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 68/71*

*Interview Score: 26/29*

*Final Grade: 94/100*

## District D Councilmember – Eugene Green

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes. I would need more details relative to the budgetary impact of such tax relief and supportive services. I would also need to have more discussions on the protectors for both tenant and landlords especially in relation to

		the qualifications of the judges who rule on these matters.
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	I am always against discrimination. However, in the context presented here I would need more details to examine the legalities for tenants and landlords. I strongly support policies that enhance opportunities for people to live in safe and affordable housing.
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Surburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes

14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes. I understand the value of such study. However, it is important that the study be detailed, have realistic goals, and focus on policies that are productive while respecting the rights of all citizens.
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	No. I believe that I can make an intelligent and informed decision on policy while accepting funds from private entities. With all due respect, those are two different issues. Entergy's management and its contract with the Council should be taken into account given that the Council has regulatory authority. I am prepared to conduct a thorough analysis of the best ways to provide citizens with safe and affordable energy. I am very committed to having more interaction between Entergy and the citizens who consume its products.
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	

23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	I favor the protection of rights for both tenants and landlords. My overall goal is to see that our city has abundant affordable and safe housing. I am a strong advocate of the city enforcing its existing legislation. There are tools with the City's Safety & Permits Department to address tenant and landlord concerns.
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes. In addition, there are other measures that can be used including the increased use of public assistance where the renter can qualify.

*Questionnaire Score: 59/71*  
*Interview Score: 25/29*  
*Final Grade: 84/100*

## *District D Councilmember – Mariah Moore*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes

Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?		
6		Yes
If elected or re-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?		
7		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?		
8		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?		
9		Yes
HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Suburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?		
10		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?		
11		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?		
12		Yes
More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?		
13		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?		
14		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?		
15		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?		
16		Yes
If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?		
17		Yes

18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 23/29*

*Final Grade: 94/100*

## *District D Councilmember – Robert 'Bob' Murray*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes

3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes



	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Suburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
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11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes

19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 0/29*

*Final Grade: 71/100*

## District D Councilmember – Timolynn ‘Tim’ Sams

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city’s budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	I will support continued implementation of the Smart Housing Mix, including transformative measures like the PILOT agreements executed among the Louisiana Housing Corporation, the City of New Orleans, and the Finance Authority, which has already resulted in passage of the first of its kind affordable housing financing structure.
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay is intended to combat an issue that neighbors in the Carrollton Neighborhood are facing with Doubles to Dorms. I will work closely with the Council to address that issue while preserving housing affordability and access to multi-family housing. *Clarified stance in interview
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes

8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes
10	HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The "Not-in-My-Backyard" rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the "Suburban American Dream" by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?	Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City's Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal	Yes

convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?

19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes
22	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract?	Yes
23	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	Yes
24	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 24/29*

*Final Grade: 95/100*

## *District D Councilmember – Kourtney Youngblood*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes
4	Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?	Yes
5	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?	Yes
6	Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?	Yes
7	If elected or re-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?	Yes
8	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?	Yes
9	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?	Yes

<p>HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Surburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?</p>		
10		Yes
11	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage & Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?	Yes
12	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?	Yes
13	More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?	Yes
14	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?	Yes
15	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?	Yes
16	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?	Yes
17	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?	Yes
18	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
19	As part of a Just Recovery, if elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transparency in all budgeting plans and procedures, particularly with American Rescue Plan funds and other federal fund allocations?	Yes
20	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring thorough and intentional community education and outreach strategies to ensure a fair and equitable redistricting process?	Yes
21	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting campaign donations from Entergy or any of its consultants, contractors or affiliates?	Yes

22 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting root-and-branch administrative reform at Entergy, including a comprehensive management audit and turning the page on the City Council's current, exorbitant "legal and technical advisor" contract? Yes

23 The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel? Yes

24 Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase? Yes

*Questionnaire Score: 71/71*

*Interview Score: 0/29*

*Final Grade: 71/100*

### *District E Councilmember – Oliver M. Thomas*

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to protecting the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) from expiring or being reappropriated?	Yes
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing housing within the city's budget process so that funding for housing is identified and allocated in a timely and impactful manner?	Yes
3	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to proposing adequate funding for related departments like the City Planning Commission and Office of IZ Administrator?	Yes



4	<p>Dating back to 2017, affordable housing advocates have urged city officials to implement the Smart Housing Mix, which would require and incentivize private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects throughout New Orleans. Four years later, this mandate has yet to be enacted and has gone through several iterations that threaten to undermine the original intended impact of expanding affordable housing opportunities in our city. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing and supporting inclusionary zoning policies in the future, including a regulated mapping re-examination process for the Smart Housing Mix every two years?</p>	<p>I am committed to incentivizing private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects through New Orleans.</p>
5	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
6	<p>Measures like the parking regulations under The University Area Off-Street Parking Overlay will further segregate neighborhoods and discourage the production of affordable housing in areas with high job prospects and public transit access. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to promoting transit-oriented development that would allow culture bearers, service workers, and everyday citizens to live close to employment opportunities and have access to essential neighborhood resources?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
7	<p>If elected or re-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?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
8	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
9	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to exploring policies that would encourage more landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

	<p>HANO scattered sites and multi-family housing play integral roles in expanding the footprint of affordable housing in New Orleans, but policies that support these measures are normally opposed by wealthy, white homeowner associations over fears of density and disruption of neighborhood character. The “Not-in-My-Backyard” rhetoric normally correlated with these concerns are often voiced at public meetings for scattered site project proposals and zoning ordinance hearings, ultimately contributing to affordable housing developments being stalled or denied altogether. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to combatting negative stereotypes associated with the disruption of the “Surburban American Dream” by promoting the need to establish more mix-income neighborhoods?</p>		Yes
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	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to utilizing regulatory power over the Sewage &amp; Water Board to alleviate the water cost burden for New Orleans residents?</p>		Yes
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	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to rejecting any efforts by Entergy to water down or reinterpret the City’s Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard?</p>		Yes
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	<p>More than 18,000 NOLA households pay 20% or more of their income on Entergy bills, compared to a national median of 3.1%. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to reducing New Orleanians extreme energy burdens by requiring Entergy to develop programs to drive energy cost burdens down to national averages?</p>		Yes
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	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to prioritizing a federally-funded large-scale community solar program that includes buy-in for low-income residents?</p>		Yes
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	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting weatherization and efficiency funding for residents with unaffordable utility bills?</p>		Yes
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	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting a large-scale program of home-based backup batteries?</p>		Yes
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	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to advocating for improved transmission to move low-cost renewable energy to New Orleans?</p>		Yes
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	In 2018, the city passed the Ban the Box Ordinance to fight employment discrimination for the formerly incarcerated. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to drafting and passing a study resolution to remove questions about prior criminal convictions on applications to live in publicly funded housing developments and units operated by private landlords?	Yes
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	The Healthy Homes Ordinance, a rental registry proposal approved by City Council's Community Development Committee in 2017, was withdrawn by the full council on May 3, 2018. This ordinance would have acted as an accountability piece for landlords to maintain their properties and ensure that their units are safe and habitable for tenants through third-party inspections. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?	I am committed to supporting a renter bill of rights and right to counsel. I would like to study the proposed rental registry ordinance and further engage tenants, landlords, and residents. *Couldn't fully commit to rental registry
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	Based on the National Low Income Housing Coalition's 2021 Out of Reach Report, the estimated mean renter wage for New Orleans is \$16.14/hr., but the average housing cost for a 2-bedroom home is \$20.40/hr. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to closing the gap between the local housing wage and federal minimum wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase?	Yes
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*Questionnaire Score: 68/71*

*Interview Score: 22/29*

*Final Grade: 80/100*