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***#PutHousingFirst Candidate
Questionnaire Responses
Fall 2021 Run-Off Election***

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Percentage Grades

Office Title	Candidate		Grade
Sheriff	Marlin	Gusman	72% C
Sheriff	Susan	Hutson	96% A
District B Councilmember	Jay H.	Banks	80% C
District B Councilmember	Lesli	Harris	84% B
District C Councilmember	Stephanie	Bridges	91% A
District C Councilmember	Freddie	King	90% B
District D Councilmember	Troy	Glover	94% A
District D Councilmember	Eugene	Green	84% B
District E Councilmember	Cyndi	Nguyen	0% F
District E Councilmember	Oliver M.	Thomas	90% 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.

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 homelessness. 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 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?

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. **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.**

7 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring safe, habitable, and humane living conditions in carceral facilities?

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 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

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?	<p>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.</p>
2	If elected or re-elected, will you commit to efforts that decriminalize and destigmatize our city's unhoused populations?	<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 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. 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.

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. 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

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. 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.

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. 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.

7 If elected or re-elected, will you commit to ensuring safe, habitable, and humane living conditions in carceral facilities?

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.

Questionnaire Score: 71/71

Interview Score: 25/29

Final Grade: 96/100

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
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. 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.
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 Area 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?

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
19	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
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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

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

4 years?

Yes

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

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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.

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?

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Yes **Backtracked in interview*

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

		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.
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 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, as long as any changes ensure that we are protecting children and communities.
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.

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

24 wage by supporting a city-wide minimum wage increase? Yes

Questionnaire Score: 65/71

Interview Score: 19/29

Final Grade: 84/100

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
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	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
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?	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 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?	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	Yes, but I need to access the feasibility of 3 rd party inspectors

commit to supporting policies that protect renters, including a rental registry, a renter bill of rights, and right to counsel?

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?

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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	<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 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.</p>
5	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to finding and securing resources to specifically house our unhoused populations?</p>	<p>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.</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, 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.</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>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.</p>
8	<p>If elected or re-elected, will you commit to supporting and proposing policies that fight income-based housing discrimination?</p>	<p>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.</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, I am committed to exploring policies that entice landlords to accept vouchers, including mobility counseling and landlord recruitment.</p>
10	<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>	<p>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.</p>
11	<p>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?</p>	<p>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.</p>
12	<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>	<p>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.</p>
13	<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>	<p>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.</p>
14	<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>	<p>Green energy has to be our future and I support any measure that allows us to work towards a green future</p>

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

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 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 in c r e a s e. I will w o r k w i t h p a r t n e r s o n t h e s e l e v e l s t o b r i n g t h i s k i n d o f p o l i c y c h a n g e t o o u r c o m m u n i t y.

Questionnaire Score: 65/71
Interview Score: 25/29
Final Grade: 90/100

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

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
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?	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.

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.

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 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. 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?	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.
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?	

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 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	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 am committed to incentivizing private developers to create a percentile of affordable housing units in their projects through New Orleans.
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	<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>	<p>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</p>
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>	<p>Yes</p>

Questionnaire Score: 68/71
Interview Score: 22/29
Final Grade: 80/100