



## #PutHousingFirst Platform Candidate Questionnaire

*If elected as Clerk of Second City Court, will you commit to...*

### **1. Advocating for the implementation of a Healthy Homes Ordinance?**

The purpose of a “Healthy Home Ordinance” or initiative is to ensure that rentals provide a minimal quality standard of living to tenants. I would proudly advocate for these standards to be set, and strictly enforced.

### **2. Supporting legislation that would require landlords to hold security deposits in separate bank accounts?**

Security deposits are exactly that, deposits. Those funds should not be spent as if they are discretionary funds, and I will support legislation that would require landlords to hold security deposits in separate bank accounts.

### **3. Promoting homebuyer training and landlord education as mitigating measures in both eviction reduction and foreclosure prevention?**

Increasing community outreach and educational programming at the Algiers Courthouse is part of the two campaign promises that I’ve made in my candidacy for Second City Clerk of Court. I would very much support homebuyer training and landlord education in Algiers.

We also need to make data electronically accessible in Second City Court so that it’s consistent with First City Court. Records for essential eviction matters are not available electronically in Second City Court, putting West Bank residents on an unequal footing from the residents of the East Bank.

When eviction records are unavailable, housing conditions go under-reported. When housing conditions go under-reported, renters are usually taken advantage of, and landlords continue to experience unevolved and low-quality court processing services.

There needs to be transparency in eviction reporting so that New Orleans can fully assess and defend against the violence of evictions and displacement. We know there are city-funded programs, like the newly funded Eviction Right to Counsel program, that depend on access to eviction data in order to function. It's unjust for the residents of the East Bank to have easier access to those programs, while the people of Algiers are facing some of the worst housing insecurity in the city.