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Don't Forget to Vote, Saturday October 20th

Who will be the next Governor Decision '07



Republican Congressman Bobby Jindal makes his second run at the Governor's seat. Jindal lost in the last election against current Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

By Edwin Buggage

The big race across the state for Governor, early in the election cycle this race took a bizarre turn even by Louisiana standards. As it began the shocking news that the incumbent Kathleen Blanco would not seek re-election as early polling showed she trailed U.S. Congressman Bobby Jindal who she bested in a run-off election in 2003 by double digits. As she left the race, Jindal continues to be the candidate to beat in a crowded field, but as the days grow closer to the election this field

has been narrowed as four candidates continue to debate and make headlines as the states highest elected position is at stake. The frontrunner Bobby Jindal presently serves as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a Republican who has served in an appointed position in the administration of former Louisiana Governor Mike Foster as the Secretary of Health and Hospitals of the State of Louisiana. He also was appointed by President George W. Bush as the Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning

and Evaluation. In 2003 he ran an unsuccessful bid for Governor against Kathleen Blanco losing the runoff election in a close race. He says if elected he will bring a new diversified and growing economy to the state, improve education to give communities more choice over how to best manage their schools, more accountability in government and healthcare reform. Walter Boasso is a life long resident of neighboring St. Bernard Parish that lies outside of New Orleans Lower Ninth Ward. Boasso is a longtime business owner, and is

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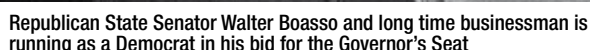
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Georges platform includes supporting increased funding for fighting crime, including a database to track career criminals. He also proposes a public-private partnership to provide healthcare to all citizens of Louisiana. And he is in favor of reforming insurance in Louisiana by following Florida's model of a state disaster fund and a federal disaster fund to subsidize the risk of locating in New Orleans or other flood prone areas. Foster Campbell is from Northern Louisiana and is a registered Democrat, he is owner of several business, and is a former member of the Louisiana State Senate, and is a member of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the statewide regulatory agency in charge of public utilities and the oil industry. If elected he pledges to eliminate the state income tax on citizens and businesses, and he also pledges to help the ailing New Orleans healthcare industry by making the LSU Academic Medical Center a reality.



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City Council-at Large

With the shocking resignation of longtime councilmember Oliver Thomas has left this race a wide open contest with over a dozen candidates competing to fill the vacant seat. The race has a drawn a pool of candidates that run the gamut from long time elected officials, people from the business sector, community activist and everyone in between. Jackie Clarkson is a business woman and has previously served on the New Orleans City Council and also was a Louisiana State Representative. Throughout her political career she has passed legislation regarding issues ranging from child protection, women's healthcare, education, fiscal reform, and neighborhood preservation. Cynthia Willard-Lewis is presently a member of the city council representing District E. After Hurricane Katrina Willard-

Long Term Revitalization of New Orleans. If elected she pledges to continue to identify state resources to assist in the rebuilding of New Orleans and help bring citizens back to the crescent city. Tommie Vassel is a certified public accountant who made a bid for a council at large seat in 2002, he served as the President Pro Tempore on the Sewerage and Water Board a post he recently resigned from to seek a seat on the council. He says his experience as an accountant qualifies him because proper accounting of monies coming from the government is necessary as the city recovers post Hurricane Katrina. Malcolm Suber is a communi-



Dyan French



Left to right are Candidate Diana Bajoie chairs the Select Committee on Disaster Planning, Crisis Management and Long Term Revitalization of New Orleans and candidate Attorney Virginia Boulet who is the director and chair of the corporate governance committee CenturyTel Inc., and a former candidate for Mayor of New Orleans.

Lewis has been an advocate for the citizens of her district which comprises of the Lower Ninth Ward and New Orleans East, and she pledges to continue to be the voice of those whose voice are often not heard. Diana Bajoie has been a powerful member of the Louisiana State Senate serving as President Pro Tempore now she is making a run for a seat on the city council. She presently chairs the Select Committee on Disaster Planning, Crisis Management and

ty activist who over the years has been a fixture in the chambers of the city council fighting for the rights of the dispossessed. He has run on the slogan No More Sell-out Politicians, and his platform includes ending police brutality, rent control and the re-opening of public housing, quality public schools for all children, and the re-opening of Charity Hospital. Another from the activist community is Dyan French who has been a fixture in the Treme Community and involved in many of the fights that the citizens of New Orleans have been involved in throughout the years. She has won numerous awards for her community work and has been featured in newspapers, magazines, and she is

one of many New Orleanians profiled in Douglas Brinkley's book The Great Deluge. Kimberly Williamson Butler is a native of Buffalo, New York who came to New Orleans in 1999 as the Executive

Director of the Downtown Development District. In 2002 she was chosen to serve as CAO in the administration of Mayor C. Ray Nagin a position she held for one year before successfully running for Clerk of Court. In the recent Mayoral election Williamson-Butler made an unsuccessful bid for Mayor. Butler is touting her credentials an effective administrator who has worked in several cities across the country and feels as the city rebuilds her expertise would best fit what the city presently needs. Virginia Boulet is a lawyer who is the director and chair of the corporate governance committee CenturyTel Inc., a New York Stock Exchange company. Ms. Boulet first run for elected office came in 2006 when she ran for mayor. Her platform includes reducing crime by placing more funds into community policing program, diversifying the economy, cutting down bureaucracy at city hall and lowering millage rates to make housing more affordable.



Pictured are, Tommie Vassel is a certified public accountant served as the President Pro Tempore on the Sewerage and Water Board a post he recently resigned from to seek a seat on the council and Cynthia Willard-Lewis is presently a member of the city council representing District E the Lower Ninth Ward

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Shawn On the Issues

Personal Safety & Security

Increased resources to local District Attorney's for more prosecutors, better pay for prosecutors, and staff for community outreach.

- Increase supplemental pay for police officers, provides grants for equipment, and funds for training.
- Secure funding for Jefferson Parish Sheriff's office for more patrols
- Require videotaped interrogations
- Establish a program to help juvenile offenders re-integrate into the community after their sentences
- Keep the National Guard in New Orleans

Business Development & Jobs

We must create greater opportunities for individual families and businesses to thrive

- Cut top tax rate
- Tax credits for "Green infrastructure" investments including brownfields redevelopment.
- Pay as you go budget process
- Support PORT investment
- Support the recovery economy
- Customized training and gradual upgrading of workers skills.
- Collaboration within the business community and between business and government to improve quality and business performance.
- * Healthcare
- Establish a commission to develop a plan for providing universal healthcare for all children in Louisiana.
- Extend healthcare coverage for those just above the poverty line.

Environment Growth & Protection

Funding for coastal protection is a priority along with increased resources for the newly unified levee boards

- Coastal Erosion – Full funding for coastal erosion projects to better protect our families and homes from future hurricanes
- Levee Improvements – While levee protection is a federal responsibility, we must provide resources to local and state agencies to undertake regular inspections of our levee system throughout the region.
- Roads & Bridges – Secure additional funding sources for the transportation trust fund.
- Sewerage and Water – Municipal water systems throughout the District are antiquated and require significant upgrades and investment.

Ethics & Governmental Reform

- Louisiana must strengthen conflict of interest restrictions for state lawmakers and make mandatory, ethics training for lawmakers
- Add state inspectors to investigate ethics violations
- Create public funding for Supreme Court races

State Representatives

State Representative District 93

The race for District 93 is a two way race between a political veteran whose family is deeply rooted in New Orleans politics, and a political newcomer with roots inside the cultural and artistic community. Over the past few years Karen Cater has been at the forefront of many battles, but the one she has become most associated with is aiding in changing the face and makeup of the public schools in the city of New Orleans. She recently was involved in a heated run-off election for the U.S. Congress against William Jefferson, and was one of the many faces of New Orleanians that took part in the Spike Lee Documentary, When the Levees Broke. Rhodesia J. Douglas is an author, journalist, business owner, and mother of four. She has throughout her years been part and parcel of the cultural and arts community publishing several books most notably Pecan Candy and Huck-a-Bucks, and has worked with All Congregations Together and other community groups.

State Representative District 99

The race for Louisiana State

Representative District 99 is an area that was pummeled by the waters of Hurricane Katrina and

his business credentials as well as helping small business owners in receiving the proper certification

the district during their darkest hour. Marchand counters that by saying that she has been there

would not be in jeopardy of being taken over by the government for commercial purposes.



Incumbent Charmanie Marchand defends her Louisiana State Representative District 99 seat which she won in 2003



Popular Incumbent (pictured) Karen Carter faces challenger Rhodesia J. Douglas is an author, journalist, business owner, and mother of four

a failing levee system. This area houses the Lower Ninth Ward, the Desire/Florida, and the Bywater Neighborhood. The race is between incumbent Charmaine Marchand who won the seat in 2003 from Rev. Leonard Lucas who in 1999 ousted the powerful and seemingly unbeatable Sherman Copelin. Her challenger is contractor David DaJon who touts

to become licensed contractors. After Hurricane Katrina this district has been facing problems that seem insurmountable. It has received national and international attention over the past two years. DaJon, feels that it is time for a change in the seat of the district claiming that the incumbent has been absent, ineffective, and unavailable for the residents of

on her constituents behalf. Saying she was part of a four night campout at the State Capitol to put pressure on the company handling Road Home funds to speed up the process, and said she has also pushed legislation that would benefit the residents of her district when she pushed for the state to change the eminent domain laws where private residents property

State Representative District 101

District 101 is located in Western part of New Orleans East, an area that was hard hit by the ravages of Hurricane Katrina. This race pits the challenger Roland Barthe who once raised race horses and is now trying to beat the incumbent the charismatic and outspoken Cedric Richmond for the opportunity to represent the constituents of District 99. Barthe claims that Richmond was absent as many residents in the area were looking for answers to many of their questions regarding what was going on with their community after Hurricane Katrina. Barthe's platform includes making a push for the state to increase the amount which is spent on education by half a billion dollars, as well as conduct research on alternative fuels. The incumbent Richmond has over the years been one of the most visible members of the Louisiana Legislative contingent from New Orleans previously being the Chair of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus. He also is known for staging a walkout on the state capitol in



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- ★ I will work to secure funds to wire our homes to allow use of SMART concepts and allow tax credits for total energy efficient living.
- ★ I will help to provide funds for laptops or technical devices instead of books so our children can compete on the internet with state of the art equipment.
- ★ I will work to secure funds to get small businesses working through creative incubators and joint venture them with large corporations and provide tax credits to corporations who participate.
- ★ I will fight to get tax credits allowed for parents who pay for tuition for children in private and parochial schools.
- ★ I will fight to assure that best practices are used in rebuilding New Orleans.

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- ★ University of New Mexico at Albuquerque



Marchand's challenger David DaJon claims that the incumbent has been absent, ineffective, and unavailable for the residents of the district

protest on the behalf of displaced voters of the New Orleans area during the last Mayoral Election. He has also been credited with championing the cause of equitable compensation for educators and those in law enforcement pushing legislation that helped provide raises for teachers, state employees, and police.

State Senate Races

Incumbents face formidable challengers

State Senator District 2

The race for Louisiana State Senate District 2 has incumbent Ann Duplessis being challenged by Jon Johnson who she defeated upon becoming the representative of District 2 which covers parts of New Orleans East and the devastated Lower Ninth Ward. This election pits these two political rivals who met four years ago when Duplessis unseated the longtime senator. This rematch has the wily political veteran and businessman Johnson seeking to reclaim the seat he held for eighteen years before losing a close and bitter campaign against Duplessis. Also in the race is Yolanda Dupat-Zeigler a Program Manager with the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) who is making her first run at elected office.

State Senate District 3

In the race for State Senator in District 3 there is a heated battle going on between two candidates



Incumbent Ann Duplessis is being challenged by former seat holder Jon Johnson who she defeated upon becoming the representative of District 2 which covers parts of New Orleans East and the devastated Lower Ninth Ward. Duplessis unseated the longtime senator four years ago to win the seat.

that are engaged in a head to head clash. These two young stalwarts are vying for a seat in a district that covers Marrero, Harvey, Gretna, Gentilly and the Ninth Ward. This race has the incumbent Derrick Shepherd who is an attorney,

who recently made an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Congress last year against William Jefferson. Throughout his campaign he proclaims that he is a bridge builder who has been able to work with different groups of people span-

ning race, ethnicity and social class to get the job done. His opponent Shawn Barney who is the son of the late local civil rights icon former President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans Clarence L. Barney. Shawn Barney is a businessman who co-founded Fanlink, a company that has revolutionized the experience of how people receive concessions at sporting events, and is also a real estate developer. And is Chairman Elect of the Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

State Senate District 5

With the stepping down of longtime Senator Diana Bajoie who has entered the race for a city council-at-large seat; the race for the position she left vacant in State Senate District 5 is a three way race between three candidates who are political veterans and are all familiar with politics in the city and at the state capi-

tol. Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, has served as a Louisiana State Representative in District 91, and is the daughter of longtime New Orleans U.S. Congressman William Jefferson. Cheryl Gray has also spent some time in the state capitol as a State Representative in District 98 and is the daughter of Judge Ernestine Gray and attorney and two time contender for District Attorney James Gray. And the field of contenders is rounded out by a longtime Baton Rouge insider veteran elected official Irma Muse Dixon who served in the Louisiana House of Representative from 1987 to 1993, and on the Public Service Commission from 1993-2004



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Data Q&A with Jon Georges

While attending the Neworleansblack.com Event, Data News Weekly VP of Marketing Glenn Jones caught up with Gubernatorial Candidate Jon Georges who took time to answer a few quick questions:

DNW) What do you expect to come out of being at this event?

JG) To show that as Governor I believe in everyone working together.

DNW) There is a belief that you became an Independent because you felt you could not beat [Bobby] Jindal for the Republican nod; but you still embody the GOP philosophy. Is this accurate?

JG) It's not true. I have done more for the Democratic Party than any of the other candidates.

DNW) Obviously, you have gained respect from your other candidates because you are a target of negative ads. The negative ad suggests that you made most of your money from the gambling industry, and your plan is to lower standards in that arena? Is this true?

JG) No that's not true. Video Poker was only 8.8 percent of my income in 2006 and I sold the company. It's just an attempt to make things look illegal.

DNW) Do you have anything specific you want to say to our community?

JG) Yes, I was the only candidate to go to Jena and support the efforts there I will continue to.



LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, Chairman
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Council- at-Large
- Dillard University, Board of Trustees & President, National Alumni Association
- Orleans Parish School Board , District 7, 1997-1998
- Sewerage & Water Board of N.O., President Pro Tem, Chair Pension Comm.
- New Orleans Regional leadership Institute, Class of 2002
- Society of Louisiana CPA's (SLCPA), Immediate Past President
- University of New Orleans, Accounting Advisory Board
- United Way, Executive Campaign Cabinet, Audit Committee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- United Negro College Fund, Inc. (UNCF), Past Chairman
- WRBH, Radio for the Blind & Handicapped, Reader & Treasurer

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2004 WWL-TV Quiet Hero Award
- 2002 YLC Role Model Award
- 2001 WDSU-TV Making A Difference Award
- 2001 AICPA Public Service Award
- 1999 SLCPA Public Service Award
- 1997 Distinguished Alumni, Dillard University

EDUCATION

- Joseph S. Clark Sr. High School, 1974 (Honors)
- Dillard University, B.A. Accounting, 1978 (Honors)
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Licensed 1981

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A Little Thing



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Data Columnist

I came home to find political lawn signs on the corner of my house and across the street along side the neighborhood playground. None of the people whose signs showed up without my knowledge or permission need expect my vote, for they are candidates who have not been careful enough concerning the agents they hired to work with signs. When and where signs may be placed is determined by city ordinance. I will quote the www.

cleano.org website, "City Ordinance 66-284 states it is illegal for anyone to place "vertical litter" (ie. corrugated signs) on neutral grounds, posts or public spaces (other than those placed by the city). It is lawful for you to remove all "non-city" signs on "public" property at your own discretion. Yard signs may only be posted on "private" property."

In other words, the only way to place a yard sign legally in New Orleans is to have someone's permission to display it on their property. The audacity to use public spaces troubles me. Awfully arrogant and ruthless are those that are adjacent to someone's property, implied support for a candidate could be considered damaging if that perception creates angst with another candidate who eventually wins the election. The failure to abide by the law when motivated by personal ambition is a red flag

for me. Not obeying the law, or doing business with people who do not obey the law for personal gain is called corruption once a person is elected to office.

Accepting that "the end justifies the means" is the first stage of evil and corruption, and is a philosophy that grows into a willingness to break the law or do unethical things to obtain a desired goal, inconsiderate of the rights and humanity of others. Racism and the slavery and genocide that resulted were simply an outgrowth of a Pope's approval of taking other peoples' land, lives and freedom for the "greater good" of spreading Christianity. Germans allowed the butchery and burning of Jews "for the fatherland", as it seems many Americans now claim that our military is abroad protecting "our way of life", the same battle cry of the Confederates in the Civil War as they fought to protect the evil institution of our ancestors human bondage.

I remember a situation early on in my married life that I believe set the tone for our marriage. I had just left the checkout counter and was almost to my car when I realized that I had received a twenty instead of a 2 dollar bill (remember those) in my change. We were

almost to the car when I told my young wife that I had to go back into the store and give the cashier back the twenty. This was at a time in our lives when twenty dollars was a week's worth of spending money or an extra outing for the whole family.

My tough young struggling wife was temporarily blinded by visions of dinner out, or new curtains for the kitchen because I noticed that attitude when I got back to the car. She was very hurt that I didn't consider our needs before returning what she saw as a windfall. I remember being rather abrupt and feeling just as hurt as I pointed out that I was willing to do anything but wrong for her, and that she should be happy that her man was unwilling to cheat anybody, including her. It was an important moment for me, because ever since that day my woman supports my integrity, even when it's uncomfortable, and I still will do anything I can for her, as long as I don't have to lie, cheat, steal, misrepresent, disrespect or otherwise harm another except to defend us from harm.

So yes, illegally placed lawn signs seem like a little thing, but how can we trust people who break the law and disregard the

rights of citizens or employ people who do the same to do what is right and legal once they get into office. To such it seems their desire for public power is a "greater good" than the law. To me it's simple; if you are willing to cheat now, you will be willing to cheat later, and that is a more powerful indicator of character than all the billboards, handouts and commercials that money can buy.

New Orleans is not the same and New Orleanians are not the same. We have been wounded by folk we trusted and empowered only to have them play loose and free with the rules or just as bad, turn loose unscrupulous associates who did the same. So yes I'm paying particular attention to the way people conduct their campaigns as a measure of their character and the character of their associates, and those who are ruthlessly seeking power frighten me, because of what might happen if our community's needs and rights were to get in their way. Lloyd Dennis - Writer & Motivational Speaker xxx504-366-3282 xxxwww.lloyddennis.com xxx

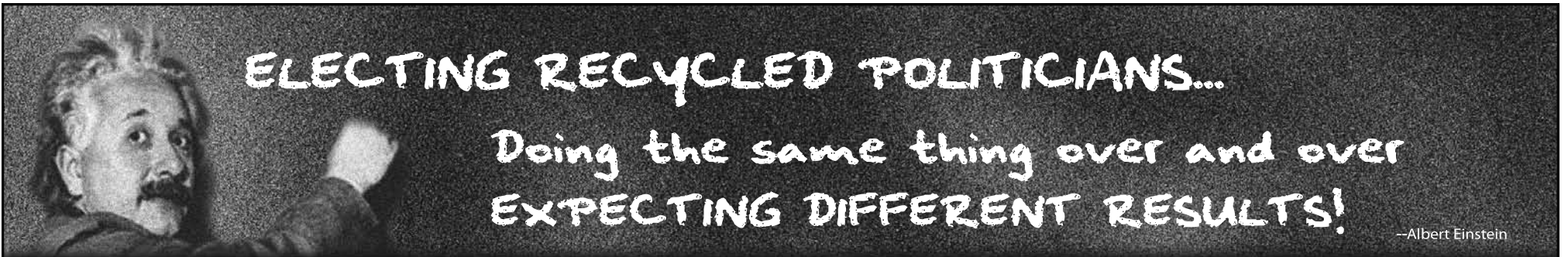
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Terry B. Jones
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From the Publisher

Data News Weekly as always, asks its readers to follow their conscience and read all the information available to make a prudent and leadership decision on who they would like to be the leaders of our city and state. Obviously there is a wide range of choices for all positions but we should look seriously this time. Not meaning we shouldn't have before, but we understand the charge and challenges we have to go through to rebuild our city and state, and now with major outside

influences and the national spotlight on us, we are under a microscope. But more importantly, the people of New Orleans and the surrounding areas who are native Louisianians have gone through the hurricane and the disasters which followed, find we must find leadership that will not change the total look of New Orleans, but help it to grow into a better and stronger New Orleans. Fellow New Orleanians this is not business as usual, it is a decision for a brighter tomorrow.

Even though Data has decided not to endorse the majority of the races on the ballot before the run-off, we feel there are qualified candidates in all the races you should give a consideration to, and then vote your conscience. But because there are races where there are only two candidates running, we felt it is appropriate to give our endorsement as there will not be a run-off for those seats, and there are exceptional candidates in those races

who deserve our support.

Candidate for 3rd District, LA State Senate Shawn Barney, Charmaine Marchand Incumbent State Representative for the 99th district and Cedric Richmond Incumbent State Representative for district 101 and Incumbent State Senator Ed Murray representing the 4th District. Each of these candidates face competent and committed opponents, but in light of the current situations and foreseeable future we feel these are the best suited to be able to meet the immense needs of the citizens of their districts, and serve in the best interest of all New Orleanians.

As always, I will close saying "Together we can make the difference", and I will see you at the polls on Saturday. Make sure to fulfill your obligation as a citizen, and Vote!

Terry Jones
Publisher

Vote for Us



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Solid credentials

Jon Johnson earned a Bachelors Degree in Economics and Finance from Southern University at New Orleans, a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Loyola University, and is a graduate of Harvard School of State and Local Government. He has the solid credentials needed to tackle the complex problems of rebuilding a devastated city.

Concrete accomplishments

As a former State Representative and State Senator, Jon Johnson has a record of concrete accomplishments. His legislative leadership paved the way for new jobs and businesses – bringing Pic N' Save, Jazzland Theme Park, and the National Finance Center to the district. He expanded the New Orleans Business and Industrial District, helped to triple the size of the SUNO campus, and secured \$30 million to build the Technology and Research Park at UNO. His legislative leadership helped expand the Morial Convention Center, recruit the Hornets, and keep the Saints in New Orleans.

Road Improvements

He secured millions of dollars in state funding to resurface highways, widen highway interchanges, improve traffic signals, implement a Motorist Assistance Program, and install road hazard/evacuation advisory signs along the Interstate Highway.

Fighting Crime

He created neighborhood Security Districts in the legislature and brought new police stations and police patrols to the district. He stiffened penalties against drive-by-shootings and car-jackings, created gun-free zones, and won recognition as Outstanding Legislator by Victims and Citizens Against Crime.

Serving Citizens

He provided state funds to build an Olympic-size indoor swimming pool for our youth and to expand senior citizen programs. He secured state funding to restore Lincoln Beach and to revitalize the Lake Forest Plaza. He sponsored job fairs, health fairs, neighborhood summits, computer classes for children, after-school tutorial programs, day-care, and neighborhood clean-up campaigns.

Vision for the Future

Jon Johnson knows the Ninth Ward can bounce back better than ever and has developed a 12-point plan to ensure it happens:

Crime - open Levee Board and Harbor police stations in New Orleans East and the Holy Cross neighborhoods;

Economic Development - aggressively work to return retail businesses to restore neighborhood conveniences and build entrepreneurial capacity in the local minority-owned businesses;

Education - restore the community's voice to the Recovery School District;

Housing - Use Community Development Corporations to receive and redevelop Road Home properties to return properties to home ownership;

Health Care - fully-implement the Hospital District to provide emergency health care and neighborhood clinics.

Road Home - Ensure that all homeowners get promised State assistance and that the Road Home Rental Program is fully-funded;

Environmental - restore Louisiana's lost wetlands and create an Environment Court to remove blight from our neighborhoods;

Levee Protection - strengthen levees and begin covering outfall canals where feasible;

Transportation - re-prioritize State highway funds to adapt to post-Katrina environment;

Infrastructure - repair state roads and bridges damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Insurance - Implement a Policy Holder's Bill of Rights to ensure fair and equitable handling of all insurance claims;

Ethics - require public officials to fully disclose all sources of income.

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Anyone can make promises
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This is why we need Jon Johnson for Senator – Senate District 2 –
Now More than ever!

***On October 20th, elect a Proven Leader
and Productive Legislator with a
Strong Record of Achievement.***

***“It has been a high honor to represent you in the
Louisiana House of Representatives. I have done so
effectively and honestly.***

***As your next state senator I will continue to deliver to
the city and all of the people, whom I love dearly.”***

You can trust me to fight to:

- ✓ Provide greater resources to fight crime in our streets.
- ✓ Make sure Road Home grant money leaves no one out.
- ✓ Bring back affordable rental properties, including public housing.
- ✓ Open clean, safe neighborhood schools
- ✓ Protect voting rights.
- ✓ Restore health care resources to our area.
- ✓ Lower insurance rates.

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VOTE #50 on Saturday, October 20th

The Time Is Now

Edwin Buggage
Data Editor

Election Day is finally here and it is truly been an interesting turn of events in the city and the state post Hurricane Katrina. It has been a rough time for many of us as we try to put the pieces of our lives back together. So many people are still scattered about the country trying to find their way home or just simply make sense of what has happened to the lives they once knew. This election as has many of the recent elections post Katrina is about much more than previous ones. The decisions we make today and the people we choose to represent us will have

a hand in shaping what our city and state will look like for years to come.

Today, we cannot afford to have the business as usual approach to government, so it is important for us as voters to think carefully this time about what is at stake. In many of these races there are a lot of the same faces that have dominated politics and public life for quite some time, and we must ask ourselves the question in these tough times are these the right people to do the job? If you believe they are then vote for them, but if you think that some of the newcomers can come in and make the changes necessary for the city to move forward then by all means vote to put them in office. But regardless of who is placed in these elected offices it is time for us as citizens to recognize that the power does not lie solely with them it lies with us. We are the ones who entrust them with our vote of support, so in these tumultuous times we must ask for accountability from our elected leaders.

We must hold them accountable and responsible for the decisions they make on our behalf. In these tough times we need courageous, honest and compassionate leaders who are about doing the right thing. We need leaders who will put people before politics, and the put progress of the city and the state ahead of hubris and personal ambition. This is the time for them to truly stand for something, so we need special kinds of leaders, and it is up to us as voters to let this election make a statement that we will not continue to let just anyone represent us for they are a reflection of how we are perceived across the globe.

The time is now for the people of Louisiana to make a stand, to truly make a statement that something new is on the horizon. A functioning working government that will work on behalf of the people and for the benefit of people for this is a new day. The waters after Hurricane Katrina crashed into the city of New Orleans, exposing the social breach that is inequality in

this city. We need leadership that will bridge the gap between those who have and those who do not, we cannot continue to just stand idly by when the least of us continue to suffer, in this new city it is time for everybody to get a their fair share of the pie, and not what previously was the case where it's pie a la mode for a few and barely crumbs left over for the rest.

The time is now that we must recognize that the waters that flooded the city did not discriminate and that all of us are suffering trying to put our lives back together. Let us get past false divisions so that we can work less like individual fingers pointing at the problems and become one fist united pummeling the things that keep us divided and together move our city and state forward. Although we must realize that unity is not uniformity and know that we will not always agree but we must have from this moment on have a better way to solve our difference with discourse, courtesy, and respect.

Today we must realize that although we may have come here on different ships and even slept on separate decks, but we must realize right now we are in the same boat trying to save our city. So this Election Day we have a choice which path we can take using our votes as oars; we can choose to try to navigate our ship to a place where we all can work together to make this city and state a better place, or we can do nothing and continue to let chaos ensue moving us further away from the dream of bringing back our city. And today we have a chance to truly make it a better place, and voting is only one of the many ways we can achieve that, for citizenship is about being involved; so get involved and do something that can make your neighborhood, city, schools, church, and family better. For the power to make the world a better place is in our hands and the time is now.

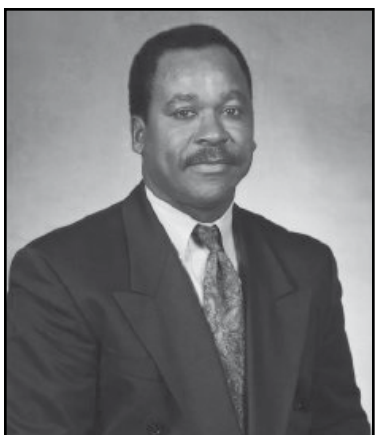


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Judge Criminal District Court Section A

The race for Criminal District Court Section A is a post that has been left vacant by retiring Judge Charles Ellioe. The winner of this election will serve the rest of his term and have to run for re-election in the fall of 2008. This race is a crowded field of seven candidates vying for this post. Since the race has begun four candidates names have been heavily circulating as the possible candidate who has what it takes to handle the heavy backlog of cases on the docket down at Tulane and South Broad. Juana Marine Lombard has worked inside the criminal courts for nearly a decade as a public defender as well as her own private practice. She touts her many years of experience, and says she will do everything in her power to expedite how quickly defendants go from the arrest stage to



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the trial phase. She also feels that the philosophy of simply locking away criminals is not the best way to effectively deal with crime, and feels that alternatives need to be

put in place as well as the establishment of a drug court for non-violent drug offenders. Candidate Morris Reed is a former criminal court judge and has been a candidate in several races in the last decade including a heated racially charged race with long time former D.A. Harry Connick Sr. This former N.O.P.D. officer feels it is important to make a statement by getting tougher issuing harsher sentences on repeat offenders and putting a stop to the popular notion that the criminal justice system in the city of New Orleans is a revolving door. Laurie White is a legal veteran who has worked both as a defense attorney and a prosecutor who says if elected she will reduce a case load that is at about 300 cases in Section A down to a manageable number. She says her top priorities would



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be getting more serious cases of the docket more quickly such as rape and murder something she says hasn't been a top priority in case management in her opin-

ion. Gaynell Williams has for two decades served as a prosecutor. Presently, she serves as first assistant to New Orleans District Attorney Eddie Jordan. She says she has the experience and the temperament to be an effective judge. She cites as proof the time she spent serving in a judgeship after Hurricane Katrina when the Louisiana State Supreme Court appointed her to a fill in for Jefferson Parish Judge Alan Green who was forced to step down after being found guilty on charges of mail fraud. Saying during her tenure she took a backlog of cases that was the highest in the parish and reduced them significantly and that she would do the same thing if elected to the bench in Criminal District Court Section A.

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Councilmember-At-Large Cynthia Willard-Lewis

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Cynthia beat the odds and WON... She was successful in fighting the plan to shrink the footprint of one of America's historic cities.

Convening the Council's Recovery Committee... Cynthia has and continues to push the City Administration as well as State and Federal official on rebuilding infrastructure issues

Cynthia Continues to Fight for the right to return and the right to rebuild.... From the storm to the present, Cynthia has remained solid and focused upon rebuilding New Orleans—one of America's greatest cities.

Cynthia has fought for New Orleans' Council District E With energy, ideas and strength inspired by the people she meets everyday all around this great city! It's time, and she is experienced and prepared to Move New Orleans Forward...

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Cynthia Willard Lewis for Council-Member-at Large

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THE MAN WITH THE PLAN THAT WORKS FOR PEOPLE.

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IMPROVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Encourage partnerships between minority businesses and state and private contractors.
- Provide tax incentives for private businesses with goals for employment of local and minority residents.

ESTABLISH A LOUISIANA MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION TO IMPROVE RACE RELATIONS TO PREVENT FUTURE SITUATIONS LIKE JENA.

PRESERVE AND IMPROVE THE CHARITY HOSPITAL SYSTEM THROUGHOUT LOUISIANA.

- Build a new Charity teaching hospital for LSU and New Orleans.
- Build a new Earl K. Long hospital as an LSU teaching institution in Baton Rouge.
- Extend universal healthcare coverage to all Louisiana children.
- Expand more accessible and affordable healthcare for adults.
- Develop neighborhood and community healthcare clinics across the state.

EDUCATION

- Provide more financial aid to Southern and Grambling university systems.
- Rebuild and expand SUNO's campus in New Orleans.
- Offer universal pre-k for 4 year olds.
- Put a laptop on every students desk.
- Higher pay for teachers.

RECOGNIZE EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO RETURN.

- Support the right to return for all displaced Louisiana citizens.

FIX THE ROAD HOME.

- Use state funds to supplement federal funding so every legitimate applicant receives funds to rebuild their damaged home.
- Impose penalties on the Road Home Contractor, ICF International, for not meeting their goals.
- Prioritize payment to areas hardest hit by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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