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As the date for the 2010 Mayoral Primary draws near, candidates and their campaigns are busy buying ads, and making the rounds from neighborhood to neighborhood, and door to door. So much information to digest, in this, our third Mayoral Election since Hurricane Katrina and her floodwaters breached and devastated our city. With no less than our very future on the line, we again are drawn to the polls to make the decision which defines our direction and perhaps our destiny as the Great City of New Orleans.

Data News Weedly, sees it as our most solemn duty, to provide as much of a spectrum for you to view your choices with, to assist you in making the very best decision based on stated platforms and promises from each candidate. Presented here, in alphabetical order, are the candidates running to be your next mayor. We hope this information, coupled with the research you have done already, can help you to make an informed and well thought out decision.

We encourage you to VOTE early! Take advantage of the added benefit of shorter lines and waiting times, and don’t be caught up in Super Bowl or Parade Traffic! Early voting continues through Saturday, January 30, so don’t wait! YOUR VOTE COUNTS MOST!

CANDIDATE ROB COUHIG
REPUBLICAN

Rob Couhig is a committed lifelong fiscal conservative with a successful career working with government as a lawyer, businessman, Redevelopment Authority member and radio talk show host. Rob is the only current candidate for mayor to run in the last Mayoral Election.

Rob, a native New Orleanian, was born in Baptist Hospital in 1949. He attended Jesuit High School, graduated from St. Francisville High School and Georgetown University and returned for his law degree from Tulane. He believes that his background allows him to understand the diverse personalities that make up our City as well as the problems and opportunities that confront us.

Rob began his legal career at Adams & Reese, a law firm of fifteen lawyers. In 28 years, he helped grow the firm to well over 200 attorneys. Couhig was instrumental in its growth including the opening of the firm’s Baton Rouge and Washington, D.C. offices.

Recognizing the need for a firm that worked with entrepreneurs, Rob, along with two other lawyers, started Couhig Partners in September 2003. Today the firm has over 20 lawyers, an office in Baton Rouge headed by Louisiana’s former Attorney General Richard Ieyoub and an affiliated consulting group. He is also the managing partner of Couhig Investments, LLC which invests in small businesses in Louisiana.

As the only candidate for mayor who has been on the radio for the last three years talking about every major issue affecting our City, people know him, know his positions, and also know that he is the only fiscal conservative in this race for Mayor.

PLATFORM

Rob Couhig says he will use four conservative guidelines to make decisions as your mayor:

• Will it make our city more livable?
• Will it make our city more affordable?
• How does it affect economic opportunity?
• Is it fair?

By using this matrix, Couhig believes he can attack the issue of crime and integrity in the police department; Battle blight and multi-million dollar budget deficits by resisting the short term easy out of raising taxes; and, create jobs for everyone who wants to work.

CANDIDATE JOHN GEORGES
DEMOCRAT

New Orleans native John Georges, 49, has 30 years of experience in the private and public sectors. He is a past member of the Board of Regents and a current commissioner of the Public Belt Rail Road, Chairman of Georges Enterprises and is involved with various governmental, civic and philanthropic groups. In 2007, John ran for elected office for the first time in the gubernatorial race, in which he garnered 186,000 votes and won New Orleans. In 2009-2010, he has decided to run for Mayor.

John Georges is now Chairman of Georges Enterprises. Georges Enterprises is comprised of several types of businesses, including grocery distribution, offshore marine services, video and arcade entertainment, food services and investments. Georges Enterprises was also Imperial Trading Company in 1916. Imperial Trading is a wholesale grocery company that distributes goods ranging from candy to health and beauty products. He has served as Chairman of

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the Young Presidents’ Organization and was recently selected as a Young Leadership Council Role Model.

John has 22 years of public service experience. In 1992 John was appointed by the Governor to the Board of Regents, the state agency that coordinates all public higher education in Louisiana. The Board of Regents has budgetary responsibility for Louisiana’s public higher education, including 19 public colleges, universities, and professional schools. John also served as member of the University of New Orleans Foundation, LSU Medical Foundation, and Tulane President’s Council, and served on the board of his children’s school where he chaired fundraising for the school’s recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina. John also serves on the New Orleans Public Belt Commission, and is in his second term appointed by the Mayor.

The Public Belt Commission is responsible for managing the publicly owned terminal-switching railroad and also maintaining the railroad portion of the Huey P. Long Bridge. In 2008, the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad celebrated the opening of its refurbished main facility at 4822 Tchoupitoulas Street. Personally and through George Enterprises, John supports a diverse group of charities throughout the country, with an emphasis on education, the arts, preservation, and faith-based initiatives. He played a significant role in recovering efforts for the French Quarter of New Orleans and its Arena. Also, because he understands how important the New Orleans Saints are to their fans and to the city, John contributed to ensure Saints games were so popular that they would be broadcast on television for five years in a row.

John is married to Dathel and is the father of three children.

PLATFORM

CRIME

• Improve coordination between the New Orleans Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office.
• Improve coordination between local, state and federal agencies.
• Keep pace with technological advancements in the fight against crime.
• Enhance educational programs for police officers.
• Create Neighborhood Advisory Groups to work with NOPD.
• Provide citizens with direct communication with their law enforcement professionals.

EDUCATION

• Hold regular neighborhood meetings to encourage citizen input into public safety policies and practices, and will allow police to keep citizens informed about efforts in their neighborhood.
• Increase interagency communication, reducing duplication of effort and sharing information to identify, track and apprehend criminals.
• Keep current system for now, until a field of experts can analyze how to better manage and improve the school system for the future.
• Give teachers and parents access to recommend long term plans for public education in New Orleans.

SAFER STREETS

• Effectively and OPEN GOVERNMENT
  • Enact stronger ethics and anti-corruption regulations for all city employees, spreading accountability to every corner of the government.
  • Continue the practice of having an independent commission monitoring the IG’s Office in order to ensure that it, too, is held accountable.
  • Recruit and retain a diverse, capable and responsive executive leadership team to head city departments.
  • Work closely with the City Council to ensure that department heads are responding to citizens’ concerns.

RECOVERY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• Our full recovery requires a business-friendly environment, safe for employees and profitable for companies.
• Negotiate with airlines to increase the number of non-stop flights, expanding opportunities for commerce and tourism.
• Increase neighborhood commercial districts that will include full-service restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies and other needed services.
• Provide more parking in the French Quarter near the river to attract more visitors to French Quarter businesses.
• Make personal calls and provide invitations to CEOs from across the country to recruit more large businesses to New Orleans.
• Finish existing recovery projects.

Hiring the most qualified police officers to maintain our streets and neighborhoods safer.

CANDIDATE TROY HENRY DEMOCRAT

Troy Henry was born and raised in the Lower 9th Ward, then Pontchartrain Park, and now lives in New Orleans East. His family has a long legacy of leadership and improving the quality of life in the community. His mother was a school teacher, for 35 years his father owned and operated the Lower Ninth Ward’s only neighborhood pharmacy, L&M Pharmacy. Clarence “Chick” Henry, was President of the Local I.A. 3000 Longshoreman’s Union.

Troy graduated from St. Augustine High School, completed undergraduate studies at Stanford University, and then earned dual Masters degrees at Cargie-Mellon University. After spending 20 years as a corporate executive, Troy and his wife moved back to New Orleans with their three kids. Years later, he started his own successful company, Henry Consulting.

Troy has played a leadership role on some of the most important and successful projects in the city of New Orleans. He was since Hurricane Katrina, and he’s also worked effectively with city governments and elected officials throughout his career, including at the state and federal level. Some of his many accomplishments and experiences he would bring to the Office of the Mayor include: 20 years of executive management experience at some of the largest U.S. corporations; Former President of United Water, the nation’s largest water and waste-water management company; Led significant recovery efforts in New Orleans including the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP), Energy Smart, and the redevelopment of the historic Pontchartrain Park neighborhood; Assisted local, minority and women-owned businesses secure over $150 million in contracts since Katrina.

Troy’s vision is for the City of New Orleans to have more professionalism in City government, greater transparency and accountability, improved streets and infrastructure, less crime and blight, and a strong economy.

PLATFORM

MORE JOBS

• Create good-paying jobs so that all of our people have the opportunity to work.

BETTER SCHOOLS

• Be a champion for our kids and our schools, so all children have the opportunity to reach their God-given potential.

FAIR SAFETY

• Aggressive crime fighting techniques, strong leadership from the Mayor’s office and a re-dedication to crime prevention through community outreach and policing.
• A New NOPD will be central to crime prevention.

HEALTH CARE

• Build a first-rate hospital in New Orleans East and a state-of-the-art biomedical complex in Mid-City.

BUILT

• Solve longstanding problems associated with having more than 50,000 blighted properties in our community.

Encourage residents to invest in rebuild their properties.
COMBINED NOTICE

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

JANUARY 13, 2010

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 1, 2010 the City of New Orleans Office of Community Development, (OCD) will submit on behalf of BP1315, LLC for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Blue Plate Lofts, for the purpose of the rehabilitation and conversion of the Blue Plate Building into multi-family housing rental units, located at 1315 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway. Grant numbers M08MC220201 and M09MC220201 for $3,500,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of New Orleans has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, 10th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70112 and may be examined or copied weekdays (9:00) A.M. to (5:00) P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, 10th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70112. All comments received by January 28, 2010 will be considered by the City of New Orleans Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of New Orleans certifies to HUD that C. Ray Nagin in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Associated Neighborhood Development to use Program funds.

OBSERVATIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of New Orleans certification received by February 16, 2010 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of New Orleans approved by HUD; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 501 Magazine Street, 9th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70130. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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C. Ray Nagin
Mayor, City of New Orleans
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Data Editorial Staff Announces Endorsements for Municipal Elections and Mayoral Primary Races

Data News Weekly would first like to congratulate our New Orleans Saints in a victory well deserved and long awaited, and we feel confident we will go all the way! We hope this is a sign of great things to come in our city.

As the city and the nation is focused on Super Bowl Sunday, let’s not forget Saturday, the 6th, when our challenge as New Orleanians will be to select our leaders. We have a big and sober task ahead. We need to select our judges, Criminal Sheriff, a State Senator, two Clerks, our full City Council and of course, the big one, the Mayor.

This election season up until now, has not been very exciting like we are used to; not a lot of fireworks. That’s strange because this Mayor, and this new leadership will probably be the ones who will decide the direction the city will move in for years to come. Their impact may be felt for generations because the enormity of what hangs in the balance still for New Orleans future. This includes the billions of federal dollars that were allocated to the city for reconstruction after Katrina, which have been caught up in red tape for years. So although it may lack “fireworks” this election is paramount to the future of New Orleans. We feel that the leadership should understand business and how to lead this city fairly. Of course we felt before, that business acumen was the main attribute of the current mayor, and it was, but we have also learned that there may be some difference in running a large business, and in building a small business into a large corporation since we are now in a building stage, and how we build is crucial. It is also imperative, that our leaders have a sense of our past as we move into our future. To lead with a head for business and a commitment to fairness, ethics and moving the ball forward for all New Orleanians is as important as being a brilliant businessman.

We utilized that formula in assessing in the candidates, and with this in mind we endorse the following candidates for leadership.

**Mayor of New Orleans**
- John Georges
  
  John George has a proven record of success in business by growing a small family business into a multi-million dollar corporation. He has shown tremendous fairness as many of his executives are African Americans. Meaning he understands that value of talent and teamwork is not dictated by ethnicity, race or gender but by ability. These are the qualities we feel we need in our next mayor that John Georges exhibits.

**State Senator, - Irma Muse Dixon**

**Judge, Civil District Court, Division J – Paula Brown**

**Criminal Sheriff – Marlin Gusman (Incumbent)**

**Criminal District Court Clerk – Arthur Morrell**

**Assessor – Errol Williams**

**Coroner – Dwight McKenna**

**City Council**
- Councilmember At Large – Cynthia Willard-Lewis
- District A – Susan Guidry
- District B – Corey Watson
- District C – Kristin Gistleson - Palmer
- District D - Cynthia Hedge Morrell
- District E – John Johnson

We want to remind you again to take advantage of early voting and go to the polls today! They are open through
Pete Rhodes

Commitment to a Tradition of Service

by: Edwin Buggage

Pete Rhodes is someone who has throughout his life been committed to making his city a better place to live. His commitment to service began early in life, "I was taught from a young age by my parents that service and giving back is very important," says Rhodes.

Through their family company, "The Rhodes Family of Businesses" that includes funeral services, a limousine service and real estate among other endeavors they have become a vital and viable part of the city for over 125 years. Although the ravages of Hurricane Katrina devastated their homes and businesses, Rhodes felt the will to come back and be an inspiration for the city was very important.

“I believe that with us rebuilding our businesses, it could give people hope that they too through hard work can put the pieces of their lives back together,” says Rhodes.

As a business leader he feels some of the skills necessary to run a successful business can also apply in life, in his everyday experience he passes this on with his example. “I tell people all the time that sacrifice, discipline and staying committed to your goals is the most important things in become a success in business and in life.”

Beyond his life in business he serves as a member of the Louisiana Judiciary Committee. This committee reviews the behavior of Judges. “I am very proud of what I do in this capacity and it is very rewarding and just another of the many ways I try to give back to my community through service,” says Rhodes.

Recently, the Rhodes family reopend their flagship business located on Washington Avenue in the Broadmoor area to much fanfare as city, civic and business leaders and citizens gathered to welcome back a business they have come to know and trust for over a 125 years. “It was an amazing moment for myself and my family, to rebuild our business after the storm, and now we are even further committed to being part of this community.” Continuing he says, “We have a policy not to turn anyone away, we try to find a way to help people as they are grieving, and in some cases we have even given away funeral services because we care about our community and as we have been around for 125 years we are committed to being around to continue to inspire and move the city forward with our example of excellence.”

Pete Rhodes says the company is also interested in training young people in the field of Funeral Services. “We are excited about young people and giving them the things they need to be a success at what they do, we partner with Delgado Community College giving students an opportunity to gain real world experience with us.” “We train them in the way we do things, and hopefully give them the foundation to go into the work world with skills that can take them where they can reach their full potential in their work lives whether it is with us or another company,” says Rhodes.

Rhodes says he is impressed with the city and the pace of the recovery, “I thought it would be about 10-15 years before we would get where we are right now.” Continuing he says, “Although we are far from rebuilding the entire city I am encouraged by the efforts citizens are taking matters into their own hands to rebuild their futures and their lives and I hope that myself and the rest of the Rhodes family can continue to inspire people to give back and serve as we have because the traditions of what we were taught by our parents.”
Who Dat Nation

The Hype of the Game

The spirit of New Orleans was at its most high, as every citizen in the Crescent City was somewhere watching the game. There were no cars on streets, no cell phones ringing, no food left in stores, and certainly no more black and gold to be found. Those who didn’t make it to the Superdome or the French Quarter, were home or at somebody else’s, enjoying a “live” Pre-Super Bowl party of their own. After the deal was sealed with a “field goal” and the world knew the New Orleans Saints were in fact going to the Super Bowl Championship, the entire City went wild. People were crying, praying, honking horns, dancing in the streets, firing fireworks, beating on cow bells, playing second-line music on front porches, blowing whistles and shouting “Who Dat”.

There was so much hope in the New Orleans Saints, the souls of lost ones must have been resurrected through the excitement. The entire City was overwhelmed and happy to be apart of something positive, after giving their all to a team who realized in the end, that without the fans, none of this would have been possible.

The hype of this game was all about the people of New Orleans. Everyone forgot all of their troubles, all races came together, and everybody loved everybody, as the Who Dat Nation showed why, there ain’t no place like home.

Dionne Character, Author
Entertainment Editor & Columnista

Black History, an American Celebration

Lift up
your voice
and be free
let hope pour
from you endlessly
and like a bird
shares its song
express happiness
openly...

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IF WE CAN COME TOGETHER FOR A FOOTBALL TEAM, LET’S WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE THE CITY.

I was struck at the Saints game, as I have been all season, by how united our city was behind our team. **People are coming together effortlessly and sharing the same emotions, pulling for the common victory.**

Together, we have been rebuilding neighborhoods and together, we will restore New Orleans to the beautiful city that it was. We’ve proven we can get along for the sake of the Saints. **We need quality schools, hospitals open in New Orleans East and downtown, jobs with a decent wage, and we need to rebuild all of our neighborhoods with ample affordable housing for all our people.**

**FIXING OUR MOST URGENT PROBLEMS**
MY PLAN FOR OUR CITY’S FUTURE ADDRESSES OUR GREATEST NEEDS

- A systematic approach to solving **Crime.**
- Adequate **Healthcare** coverage and availability.
- **Economic Development and Job Creation.**
- **Infrastructure Improvements,** like good streets now.
- Access to **high-quality and competitive Schools in every neighborhood,** along with improved recreational opportunities for our children.
- **Real accountability** in government and the police department.
- **Eliminating Blight** and creating effective code enforcement.
- High-quality, affordable **Housing** and increased home ownership opportunities.
- Adequate and effective **Flood Protection.**
- Balancing the **Budget.**
- **Rebuilding our beautiful Neighborhoods.**
- Getting the recovery moving again for a **Better Quality of Life.**

“I’ve built my own business very successfully by giving people chances. I know what New Orleans people can do. Give me a chance to lead as your mayor and I’ll unite, not divide. You can count on me to work hard every day to make New Orleans a better, safer and more prosperous city.”
Four Men Arrested for Attempting to Infiltrate Senator Landrieu’s Office

Anti-ACORN filmmaker arrested and faces felony charges

Federal authorities have arrested four men on felony charges for attempting to infiltrate Sen. Mary Landrieu’s New Orleans office, including one filmmaker who targeted the community group ACORN last year in damaging undercover videos.

Among those arrested was 25-year-old James O’Keefe, the conservative filmmaker, along with Joseph Basel, Robert Flanagan and Stan Dai, all 24. They were charged with entering federal property under false pretenses and attempting to gain access to the Democrat’s office by posing as telephone repairmen, according to a copy of an FBI affidavit unsealed Tuesday.

The complaint said that O’Keefe was waiting in the office when Flanagan and Basel each entered the premises, wearing light green fluorescent vests, denim paints and blue work shirts, tool belts and hard-hats. They informed a member of Landrieu’s staff that they were telephone repairmen and requested access to the main telephone at the reception desk.

At that point, the two men allegedly attempted to manipulate telephones and accessed the telephone closet, saying they needed to work on the entire system. The men, who said they left their credentials in their vehicles, were arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service soon afterward. O’Keefe, who had been filming the two men on his cell phone camera, was allegedly involved with planning, coordination, and preparation of the operation, according to an affidavit signed by Steven Kayes, special agent at the FBI.

According to the FBI, the four men could each face up to 10 years and a fine of $250,000 if they are convicted. The case, which is being prosecuted by the United States Marshal’s Service, was allegedly involved with planning, coordination, and preparation of the operation, according to an affidavit signed by Steven Kayes, special agent at the FBI.

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NEW ORLEANS RECREATION DEPARTMENT
- Rebuilding after-school and recreation programs
- Ensure that playgrounds are free of criminal activity and drug-dealing.

OPEN AND HONEST GOVERNMENT
- Bring a culture of open and honest government to New Orleans.
- Create a level playing field for those who want to do business in New Orleans, supporting participation by disadvantaged businesses in city contracts.

CANDIDATE JAMES PERRY DEMOCRAT

James Perry is a life-long resident of New Orleans, who learned his core values of the importance of community, service, education and social justice from his parents who are career educators.

The Perry family lived in New Orleans East, where young James witnessed first-hand the decline of his neighborhood even before it became swamped it with floodwater.

A graduate of McMain High School and the University of New Orleans, and Loyola Law School, James worked for the Preservation Resource Center (PRC), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the diverse neighborhoods of New Orleans, where he focused on the problems of urban blight and neighborhood disinvestment and helped residents acquire and rehab blighted properties.

James is currently the Executive Director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFAC), a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving equal housing opportunity. Under James’ leadership and management, GNOFAC has tripled in size and helped thousands of residents.

One of James’ major initiatives has been to fight in New Orleans and in Washington DC for fairer payouts by the Road Home Program. Recently, on behalf of residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina, James led his organization’s successful lawsuit against St. Bernard Parish, which passed an illegal ordinance that resulted in racial discrimination.

In recent years, James has testified before Congress seven times about the critical importance of Gulf Coast recovery, a cause that he took up again in presentations to both the Democratic and Republican conventions in the summer of 2008.

James has served on the Historic District Landmark Commission, New Orleans Non-Profit Development Collaborative, and the African-American Heritage Preservation Council. He is a member of the Esplanade Ridge Neighborhood Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

PLATFORM
5 ACTIONS IN 5 DAYS

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY
- During his inaugural, conduct a national search to hire a new Superintendent for the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD).
- Sign and deliver Executive Order requiring the NOPD to compile and disclose data to members of the press and public in a monthly “Crime Report Card.”
- Requirements of performance and accountability standards across the range of criminal justice agencies, not just the NOPD.
- Execute a dialogue about city-wide performance measures for all areas of criminal justice, to address root causes of crime.
- Create a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) executed among all parties in the criminal justice process to share with each other and with the public, all data necessary to assess effectiveness and implement changes.

GENERATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Coordinate a strategy to generate new business activity, supporting existing businesses and to attract new companies, more jobs and increased economic investment.
- Create New Public/Private Economic Development Partnership.

IMPLEMENTING CITY BUDGET REFORM
Create a better way to conduct this essential function of city government.

More open budgeting, more fiscal responsibility.

Propose an ordinance that places budget reforms in the City Code and in the Home Rule Charter.

 Invite participation by all stakeholders in an open public process for setting budget priorities.

STOPPING CORRUPTION
- Reform city contracting, reduce corruption.
- Reform process for the procurement of American professional services contracts throughout all executive branch departments, while also maintaining the City’s commitment to DBE hiring goals.
- Establish evaluation committees to review proposals in an open public forum for transparency.

CALL ON members of the City Council to implement comparable reforms in awarding professional services contracts by the legislative branch of city government.

- Proposition on Fall 2010 elections ballot to unite executive and legislative branch procurement policies in a single reformed procedure, or any public entity.

REBUILDING NEIGHBORHOODS
- More Sheriff Sales, less blight
- Enact Executive Order to make Sheriff House Sales a priority in eliminating blight.
- Hold monthly auctions on properties where owners have ignored administrative orders to make repairs.
- City agencies make available to homeowners all appropriate counseling services and financial assistance to support them in making repairs and maintaining their properties in accordance with housing code requirements.
- Work cooperatively with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) in devising a coordinated strategy to eradicate blight.
- NORA should repair or demolish and put back into commerce as soon as possible property acquired through the Road Home Program.

CANDIDATE NADINE M. RAMSEY DEMOCRAT

Nadine M. Ramsey, a proud native of New Orleans, was born October 17, 1955. She graduated from the Academy of Holy Angels High School and went on to attend Newcomb College where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1977. Her next educational endeavor was law school.

She attended Cornell Law School in Btaca, New York for one year where she was the recipient of the American Jurisprudence Prize in Constitutional Law; thereafter; she transferred to Tulane University School of Law where she received her Juris Doctor of Law degree in 1980.

Nadine started her professional career serving the State of Louisiana and the City of New Orleans, first as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Louisiana and then as an Assistant City Attorney. As an Assistant City Attorney she was a member of the legislative staff, which developed the City’s legislative package. She was also responsible for serving as the City’s liaison to the state legislature and was on the land use and zoning team.

During her professional career Nadine also served as a Law Clerk to the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal. From 1987-1996 she was engaged in the private practice of law. During that time she also served as General Counsel for the Louisiana Health Care Authority.

During those years of private practice, Nadine had the opportunity to serve as Judge Pro-Tempo to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. She so enjoyed her time serving the public that it inspired her to run for public office. In 1996 she launched her first bid for public office with her run for an open district court judicial seat.

Nadine was elected to the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Division “J” on January 1, 1997.

During her tenure on the bench, Judge Ramsey adjudicated cases as a domestic judge and civil judge. She presided over cases involving simple, as well as complex litigation, including but not limited to, class actions involving toxic torts, contract disputes, expropriation of blighted properties and city tax and public bid laws.

She was a knowledgeable, fair, impartial and efficient jurist who

There’s no one better to get the job done.

Vote Jon Johnson #54 on Saturday, February 6th

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By Kingfish

“Pigs are flying and hell has frozen over” said Jim Henderson of WWL radio as the football goes thru the uprights, advancing the New Orleans Saints to Super Bowl XLIV! First off, IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS (until the Saints win the Super Bowl)!

The NFC Championship of 2010 will go down as one of the greatest in NFL history. This was a hard fought battle between two strong willed football teams. This is evident by the overtime victory and score of 31 to 28. Except for the first quarter and ending overtime score the Saints and Vikings were tied after each quarter. These teams went blow to blow the entire game with no let up. Truly an example of a gladiators clashing in battle with seemingly the entire world watching and the Saints reigning victorious, Yes the Saints! No they didn’t fumble at the end . They didn’t give up in victorious, Yes the Saints! No they didn’t clashing in battle with seemingly the entire Es Association . She is a former Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judge Board member of the Inc ., past president and for- mer board member of the Louisiana State Bar Association . She is Past President and President of the New Orleans Legal Society .

As I left the dome there were so many cheers and well wishes filled with all the excitement one could fit in their body. I came across a longtime fan, Ms. Lisa Fel ton, as I approached she kept bellowing out “the world must be comin to an end, the Saints are in the Super Bowl!” Along with the quote from Jim Henderson you can see that the overall consensus is that, this would never, ever happen in our life-time. Well my Friends and fellow fans it has, and it ain’t over yet!

The New Orleans Saints have daunting task of not believing in themselves to much, but enough to know they can win. Wow, what an emotional roller coaster that must be?? The Saints have to remember what got them here, one team focus and believing in each other. They cannot get caught up in the hype of the game, that’s for us fans. A reassurance of their focus for me came after the game. In the locker room there was no champagne, no beer being sprayed all over the players. Yes, celebratory with hats and t-shirts (they earned) but not as though the battle or war was over. As our fearless leader Drew Brees said, “This is great but were not finished!”

My fellow friends, fans and Saints Nation, there is still unfinished business. On February 7th the world will be watching to see if the new “America’s Team” can upset the crafty veteran who almost plays “rain man like” on the biggest stage in national sports. I for one have no reservations on the outcome of this game. This city knows one or two things about inevitability; or the force of nature, and that’s exactly “some- thing wicked that way comes” towards Miami, Florida Super Bowl weekend. To Brees and all the Bayou Boys God speed, health and Victory!

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rendered her decisions based on the facts, law and evidence that were presented to the court, Judge Ramsey was hon- ored to serve as Chief Judge in 2007 and 2008.

Very active in various pro- fessional and civic organizations, she is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, American Judges Association and Louis Martinet Legal Soci- ety. She is Past President and member of the New Orleans Chapter of Links, Inc., past president and for- mer board member of the Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judg- es Association. She is a former member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Disciplin- ary Board and served on the Board of Advisors for the New Orleans Children Advocacy Program.

Her past fellowships in- clude Louisiana Bar Founda- tion Fellow and Association of Trial Lawyers of America Judicial Fellow. She currently serves as an examiner for the Louisiana State Bar Association Committee on Bar Admis- sions. Among the honors and awards she has received are the Southern Christian Leaders- hip Conference (SCLC) Community Service Award, Black Achiever in Business and Industry Award, Urban Es- sence Award, Positive Women and Men Award and St. Philip Community Center Mentoring and Volunteer Award. She was named a YWCA role model and in 1982 was selected by the Times Picayune as one of the “Women to Watch” in the Greater New Orleans Com- munity. Furthering her commit- ment to serve her commu- nity and profession, she is fre- quently called upon to speak at conferences and professional continuing legal education seminars.

Next on the list are Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts. At first I thought the city might be separated or even feel- ing a little strained with choosing whom to root for Manning or the Saints.....but not so much. This decision probably came easy with news last week that famed rapper and New Orleanian Lil Wayne was going with the Vikings because he was a Brett Favre fan. I know most people’s ini- tial reaction was WTF?, but I personally believe he was under the influence of his cup, and we know how much he loves his cup! This week it seems to be clear where the lines have been drawn. “Mannings, we love you but by total count yowl have two rings. It’s our time!”

Since we’re talking numbers, a friend of mine brought to my attention that it was quite a coincidence that our 44th Presi- dent is black and the Saints are in the 44th Super Bowl. Yes a little ironic, and maybe because the 44th President Mr. Obama picked the Saints to win it could be an emo- tional, even cosmic push, but not the end of the world.

As I left the dome there were so many cheers and well wishes filled with all the excitement one could fit in their body.

 PLATFORM

CRIME • Institutionalizing foot patrols by members of the New Orle ans Police Department • Conducting a national search for a new Superin- tendent for the New Orleans Police Department focusing on foot patrols • Funding of neighborhood organizations in the fight to reduce crime reduce blight • Financial support for an ef- fective witness protection program • Engage Faith Based Com- munity in fight against crim- inal activity

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • Creation of a Central Per- mitting Office and an Office of Contract Compliance • Creation of a new Office of Women’s Services with a di- vision to assist women in the development of new Women’s business enterprises • Create an Office of Environment- al Health • Introduce competition to the City’s utility services indus- try

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ous debate on issues vital to our constitu- encies.”

This Saturday the candidates will again be asked to answer questions from the community. The 20 neighborhood organi- zations of the Gentilly Civic Improvement Association, one of the largest coalitions of neighborhood groups in the city of New Orleans, have partnered with Dillard University’s Community Development Corporation, political science faculty and students, and Student Government Asso- ciation to sponsor a debate on issues of particular interest to the Gentilly commu- nity. The debate will center largely around issues of blight, education, neighborhood revitalization, economic development and crime. The debate will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Lawless Memorial Chapel.

Preceding the debate, Q95’s Wild Wayne will host a town hall meeting from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Social Room of the chapel. University students from around the city are invited to share their thoughts on the current political climate with radio listeners.
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✔ I will recruit the best and brightest of our graduates from Xavier, Dillard and SUNO to join me in city government.

I share with you my principles. Please join me in my agenda to move our city forward. TOGETHER WE CAN!

Sincerely,

John Georges
Countdown to Election Day for City Council Seats

Data News Weekly Staff

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans City government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. The following candidates have qualified and are running for the following seats on the New Orleans City Council in the February 6, 2010 elections:

 Council District A

Virginia Blanque
Jay Batt
Susan Guidry
“Fred” Robertson

 Council District B

Stacey Head (incumbent)
Corey Watson

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MITCH’S PLAN

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- Community Policing
- Tough, Honest Police Chief

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- Small Business Opportunity
- Workforce Development & Training
- Growth Industries

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- Juvenile Justice Reform
- Funding Youth Education Programs
- Rebuilding Playgrounds with volunteers
- Tax Incentives to help rebuild neighborhoods
- Investing in our Culture
- Recovery of the Tourism Industry and the 70,000 jobs it creates
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Cynthia Willard-Lewis created the successful Lot Next Door Program to help citizens fight blight. And when the city council voted to double their own salaries, Cynthia stood up to oppose them, saying she believes that police, fire fighters and teachers deserve raises, not politicians.

Quietly courageous, unfailingly courteous, never intimidated. She is the conscience of the city council and we cannot afford to lose her.

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