

ELECTIONS

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LOCAL CANDIDATE PROFILES,
SAMPLE BALLOTS,
AMENDMENTS SUMMARY AND MORE INSIDE!



We can all make a difference -- Vote



From the editor

By John Dupont, Banner editor
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Election season is almost to the finish line – well, at least for a short time.

For nearly all this year, we have seen or heard campaign messages on all media. We’ve also seen countless signs, billboards, bumper stickers ... you name it.

It’s all about candidates who want our vote so they can either achieve a spot in public office or gain reelection.

Society has a way of lampooning politicians and the whole political process. Some of it makes us chuckle, a few may seem not very funny and others are offensive.

It’s not a pretty process, but most of the men and women running for office either locally or anywhere across our nation invest time and money – a lot of both – for the opportunity to serve in office.

We, as voters, may not like one candidate as much as another. That’s our choice.

But their willingness to participate keeps the democratic process

alive. They realize the possibility they may not win the race, even though most make huge sacrifice of time to achieve their goals.

As voters, we have a responsibility, even if we don’t run.

It’s our duty to either go out to the polls on election day or cast our votes early.

Regardless how much any given candidate touts they can do in their power to serve their constituents, they cannot do it without the voters.

We as voters still make the final decision. It’s our duty to make the responsible choice, regardless whether it’s a constable or President of the United States.

It’s our responsibility to put the best person in office. But it can’t happen without our efforts.

Remember that it’s still our vote, and it counts when we go to the polls. Do your duty and cast your vote.

Even today, each vote makes a difference.



Submitted



ELECT



Chris

Hendrix

Constable - District 8

ABOUT ME:

I made New Roads my home 27 years ago when I married my wife, Jeanne Chenevert Hendrix. We have two children, John and Chloe, who we proudly raised and educated in Pointe Coupee.

I am a graduate of Bunkie High School and proud veteran of the Louisiana National Guard. For 35 years I have owned and operated a window treatment installation company. In my free time I enjoy fishing, and duck hunting. I am a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and the New Roads Lions Club.

As the current Constable for District 8, I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving my community. I respectfully request your vote and support. Thank you. Chris Hendrix.

Repportionment moves parish to Letlow district

Staff report

Reapportionment after the 2020 census shifted Pointe Coupee Parish from the congressional 2nd District to the 5th District.

This year, local voters will make the decision on whether to keep incumbent Julia Letlow in Washington, D.C., or elect one of her four opponents to the seat.

Letlow, R-Rayville, filled the seat that was to be held by her husband, Luke Letlow, who died from COVID-19 in late December 2020.

Luke Letlow had won the election for the office before the Republican fell ill.

Her agenda includes a “100 percent” pro-life stand, protection of the Second Amendment, support of the state’s agriculture and logging industries, support for the oil and gas

industry.

Her platform also pushes support for veterans, service members, law enforcement and first responders.

Opponent Hunter Pullen, s West Monroe Republican, also promises protection of First Amendment rights for freedom of speech, along with protection of rights for gun owners.

Pullen He also promises support for affordable healthcare, affordable higher education and education reform.

He also supports legislation to legalize cannabis sales, and use the tax revenue to fund first responders, education and infrastructure.

Other candidates in the race include Oscar Dantzler, Hammond Democrat; Allen Guillory, Lawtell Republican; and Walter Earl Huff, Monroe Democrat.

Kennedy faces 13 seeking his seat in U.S. Senate

Staff report

The race for one of two Louisiana U.S. Senate seats pits Sen. John Neely Kennedy against 13 hopefuls.

Kennedy, a native of Centreville, Miss., who now lives in Mandeville, made unsuccessful bids for the U.S. Senate in 2004 as a Democrat and switched to Republican in 2007. He came up short in a 2008 election but won the seat in 2016 after then-Sen. David Vitter chose not to seek another term.

His agenda includes concentration on job creation, eliminating restrictiond on America’s oil and gas industry and a reduction in federal government spending.

Gary Chambers, a Baton Rouge Democrat, is a civil rights advocate who promotes an agenda that puts more focus on public education, the Green New Deal, the Build Back Better Plan, a \$15 federal minimum wage and a moratorium on drilling in U.S. waters.

Luke Mixon, a Democrat from Bunkie, said he will fight inflation by putting more emphasis on American jobs and curbing dependance on foreign countries.

He also advocates affordable pre-K for every Louisiana child, competitive funding for HBCUs, career training, implementation of Louisiana’s Coastal Master Plan, marriage equality regardless of sexual orientation and promise to codify Roe vs. Wade and protect women’s health care.

Other candidates include Beryl A. Billiot, no party, Kentwood; Devin Lance Graham, Gonzales Republican; “Xan” John, “Other,” Lafayette; W. Thomas La Fontaine Olson, no party, New Orleans; Bradley McMorris, Livingston independent; M.V. “Vinny” Mendoza, Ponchartroula Democrat; Syrita Steib, Metairie Democrat; and Thomas Wenn, “Other,” Amite.



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Long list awaits voters on School Board

By John Dupont
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A large slate of incumbents and challengers comprise the ballot for seats on the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board.

The school system over the past four years has dodged the bullet on budgetary issues, thanks in part to a millage voters approved in 2020.

The board also weathered the storm of the pandemic and is now working on issues related to campus safety.

Four incumbents face opposition, while four went unopposed.

Candidates who got the free ride back into office were Tom Nelson, District C, New Roads; Chad Aguiard, District D, Ventress; Anita LeJeune, District F, Lake-land; and Jason Lemoine, District H, Fordoche.

DISTRICT A

Incumbent Walter Grezaffi of Batchelor faces opposition from longtime educator Dr. Monica Battley-Fabre of New Roads for the District A seat.

Grezaffi promoted his work to expand pathways for high school students by offering dual diplo-mas, college courses and trade skills, as well as improvements for elementary schools.

All have been accomplished while maintaining a general fund budget he said.

Fabre touted a need for change in the school system and the need to bring school level up from a “C-minus district.”

She promotes “transformation with no excuses for our children and our future.”

DISTRICT B

Incumbent Gene Aubry Hen-dricks of Lottie faces opposition from Jared Gibbs of Morganza.

Hendricks says he will work to attract and retain the best teach-ers and continue as an advocate for special needs.

He said he will also continue



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“accountability for a responsi-ble budget to eliminate wasteful spending” and would enhance safety measures to keep faculty and students safe on every cam-pus.

DISTRICT E

Incumbent School Board mem-ber Frank Aguiard, who lives in Ventress, faces opposition from Vanessa Holster, also from Ven-tress.

Aguiard has promoted his ex-perience with the school system, along with his efforts that led to the opening of STEM and college prep courses.

DISTRICT G

Incumbent Lisa Loupe D’Aquil-la, touts her 32 years in the school system, her current position as vice president of the School Board, and her work on keeping the finances intact.

Rhondalyn Brisco-White, also

a retired educator, says he wants to make change in the communi-ty and provide more opportunities for students in the public school system.

Editor’s note: Some candi-dates were not available for com-ment.

Please Re-Elect
Kurt Kellerman

New Roads City Council
District 2

“I would appreciate your continued support!”

Dukes, Smith to face off for mayor’s post

By John Dupont
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A two-man mayoral race highlights the elections for the City of New Roads, while members of the City Council also will vie for another term in office.

Issues ranging from infrastructure and public works to beautification and economic development have been issues the council has addressed during the past four years.

First-term Mayor Cornell Dukes faces opposition from Mayor Pro-Tem Theron Smith.

The race for mayor-pro tem includes Anthony Daisy – an interim mayor after Robert Meyer’s forced resignation, along with Cleotha Johnigan Jr. and Aimee Moreau.

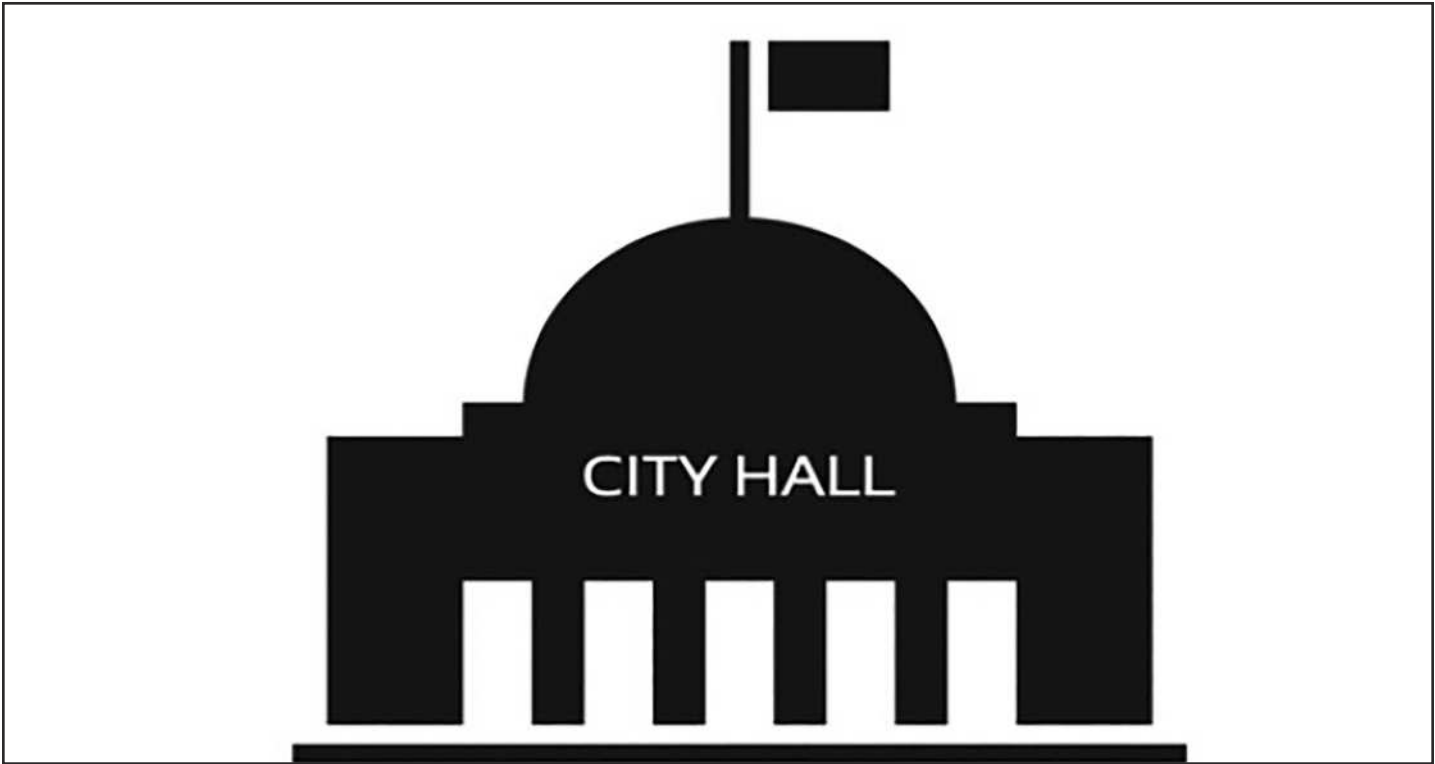
The District 1 race includes incumbents Joy Nelson and Vernell Davis, along with Kiah Ford and James Hunter.

In District 2, incumbents Kurt Kellerman and Kirk “Clipper” White seek another term, while Blake Scheeler views for his first term on the council.

MAYOR

Cornell Dukes

Dukes, who served on the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury before becoming mayor, says he oversaw projects without raising taxes.



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He also touted his efforts to return the city to the Louisiana Energy & Power Authority.

He said the city is in line to generate \$2 million in sales tax collection for 2022. Dukes has also led beautification efforts along the Main Street area and waterfront.

Theron Smith

Smith listed improvements to infra-

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Cornell Dukes



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Theron Smith

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A portrait of Rhondalyn Brisco-White, a Black woman with long, wavy dark hair, wearing a black top with a bow at the neck. She is smiling.

VOTE

Rhondalyn Brisco-White

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT G

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On the ballot:

School Board, municipal seats, tax proposals

Editor’s note: Information for this list came from the Louisiana Secretary of State’s Office’s Internet site.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH

PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3, 7A
POINTE COUPEE PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT A
Monica Battley-Fabre #59 Dem.
Walter Grezaffi #60 Dem.

PRECINCTS 7, 13, 14A
POINTE COUPEE PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT B
Jared Gibbs #61 No Party
Gene Hendricks #62 Republican

PRECINCTS 18, 19
POINTE COUPEE PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT E
“Frankie” Aguiard #63 Ind.
Vanessa Holster #64 Rep.

PRECINCTS 9, 9A, 10, 17
POINTE COUPEE PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT G
Rhondalyn Brisco-White#65 Dem.
Lisa Loupe D’Aquila #66 Rep.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
PRECINCTS 6, 6A
MAYOR VILLAGE
OF MORGANZA
“Chuck” Landry #74 Dem.
Clarence “Woots” Wells#75 Dem.

COUNCIL MEMBERS
VILLAGE OF MORGANZA
(SELECT 3)
Julie Langlois #92 No Party
Elton Savoy Jr. #93 Dem.
“Boobie” Tuminello #94 Dem.
Paul Wells #95 Independent

PRECINCTS 7, 7A, 8, 8A,
9, 9A, 10, 12
MAYOR CITY OF NEW ROADS
Cornell Dukes #72 Democrat
Theron Smith #73 No Party
NOTICE: This ballot item is in only



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part of this precinct; depending on your address, you might not be eligible to vote on this item. If you need further information, contact the registrar of voters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AT
LARGE CITY OF NEW ROADS
Anthony Daisy #76 Dem.
Cleotha Johnigan Jr. #77 Dem.
Aimee Moreau #78 NP

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PRECINCTS 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 10, 12
COUNCIL MEMBERS
DISTRICT 1
CITY OF NEW ROADS
(SELECT 2)
Vernell Davis #85 Democrat
Kiah Ford #86 No Party
James Hunter #87 Democrat
Joy Nelson #88 Democrat

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PRECINCT 8, 8A, 9, 9A, 10, 12
COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF NEW ROADS
(SELECT 2)
Kurt G. Kellerman #89 Dem.
Blake Scheeler #90 Rep.
Kirk “Clipper” White #91 Rep.

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PRECINCTS 14, 14A
ALDERMEN TOWN
OF FORDOCHE (SELECT 5)
Ronnie Bonaventure Jr.#79 Dem.
Cody Gros #80 Dem.
Beth Shows LaCombe#81 Dem.

Kirk J. LaCombe #82 Dem.
Tori Robillard #83 Rep.
“Charlie” Sonnier #84 Ind.

TOWN OF FORDOCHE
7 MILLS RENEWAL
- M&TC - 10 YRS.
YES
NO

OTHER ELECTIONS
PRECINCTS 13, 14A, 15, 16,
16B, 17, 17A
CONSTABLE JUSTICE
OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 6
Michael J. Bourgeois #67 Rep.
Stephen Juge #68 Ind.

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PRECINCTS 8, 8A, 10, 12
Constable Justice of the Peace
District 8
“Chinne” Gosserand, Jr.#70 Dem.
Chris Hendrix #71 Dem.

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PRECINCTS 4, 6, 6A,
7, 7A, 13, 13A
FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 2 - 4.40 MILLS -
BOC - 10 YRS.

YES
NO
NOTICE: This ballot item is in only part of this precinct; depending on your address, you might not be eligible to vote on this item. If you need further information, contact the registrar of voters.

On the ballot:

State offices, constitutional amendments

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POINTE COUPEE PARISH

U.S. SENATE		
Beryl A. Billiot	#1	NP
Gary Chambers Jr.	#2	Dem.
Devin Lance Graham	#3	Rep.
“Xan” John	#4	Other
John Kennedy	#5	Rep.
W. Thomas Olson	#6	NP
Bradley McMorris	#7	Ind.
“Vinny” Mendoza	#8	Dem.
“Luke” Mixon	#9	Dem.
Salvador P. Rodriguez	#10	Dem.
Aaron C. Sigler	#11	Lib.
Syrita Steib	#12	Dem.
Thomas Wenn	#13	Other

U.S. HOUSE 5TH DISTRICT		
“Omar” Dantzler	#27	Dem.
Allen Guillory	#28	Rep.
Walter Earl Huff	#29	Dem.
Julia Letlow	#30	Rep.
Hunter Pullen	#31	Rep.

COURT OF APPEAL 1ST CIRCUIT JUDGE 1ST DISTRICT, DIVISION D		
Tanner Magee	#35	Rep.
Steven Miller	#36	Rep.

LOUISIANA SENATE 17TH DISTRICT		
Caleb Kleinpeter	#56	Rep.
Jeremy LaCombe	#57	Dem.
Kirk Rousset	#58	Rep.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

In compliance with R.S. 18:431 and R.S. 18:552, a statement of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments in the order in which they will appear on the ballot for the Nov. 8, 2022, election is provided as follows:



Illustrated

1. Do you support an amendment to increase to 65% the cap on the amount of monies in certain state funds that may be invested in stocks? (Amends Article VII, Sections 10.1(B), 10.8(B), 10.11(D), and 14(B))

2. Do you support an amendment to expand certain property tax exemptions for property on which the homestead exemption is claimed for certain veterans with disabilities? (Amends Article VII, Section 21(K))

3. Do you support an amendment to allow classified civil service employees to support the election to public office of members of their own families? (Amends Article X, Sections 9 and 20)
4. Do you support an amendment to allow local governments to waive water charges that are the result of damage to the water system not caused by the customer? (Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))

5. Do you support an amendment to allow the levying of a lower millage rate by a local taxing authority while maintaining the authority’s ability to adjust to the current authorized millage rate? (Amend Article VII, Section 23(C))

6. Do you support an amendment to limit the amount of an increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption in Orleans Parish following reappraisal at ten percent of the property’s as-
- sessed value in the previous year? (January 1, 2023) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(F)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and Adds Article VII, Section 18(F)(3))

7. Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of involuntary servitude except as it applies to the otherwise lawful administration of criminal justice? (Amends Article I, Section 3)

8. Do you support an amendment to remove the requirement that homeowners who are permanently totally disabled must annually re-certify their income to keep their special assessment level on their residences for property tax purposes? (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(iv).

Two compete for Morganza mayor’s job

Staff report

A race for mayor includes a former and current officeholder in the Village of Morganza.

Meanwhile, races for the Board of Aldermen will be the only local items for Fordoche voters.

Charles “Chuck” Landry, who previously held that office, wants his job back. He will face incumbent Clarence “Woots” Wells for the seat.

In Fordoche, Mayor Teddy Gros punched his ticket to another four years in office when he went unopposed

during the July qualifying period.

Police Chief Jared Tait Slocum also went unopposed.

Candidates seeking offices on the Board of Aldermen include Ronnie Bonaventure, Cody Gros, Beth Shows LaCombe, Kirk J. LaCombe, Tori Robillard and Charlie Sonnier.

Here’s a look at the two candidates for Morganza mayor:

Charles Landry — Landry touts his previous tenure as mayor as proof he is qualified for another term as leader of the village.

He touts his securing more than

\$500,000 in grants as one of his chief accomplishments during his time in office.

Landry said he will focus on lowering the fire rating, updating the sewer and natural gas, repairing or replacing sidewalks, cleaning the village, securing police protection and improving mosquito abatement.

Clarence “Woots” Wells — The incumbent mayor touts cleanup and beautification of the area, along with his push for replacement of old and damaged telephone poles.

He also promoted his push to clean

and deepen the reserve pond — used for drainage of excessive rainwater — for better usage.

Wells also touted the contract he signed with Pointe Coupee Parish Government for much-needed animal control, and the upgrade of maintenance equipment.

He promises to continue work with the Morganza Cultural District to host events in the area.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN — Candidates for the seats on the Board include Julie Langlois, Elton Savoy Jr., S.J. “Boobie” Tuminello and Paul Wells.

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structure, recreation and the growth of the economy among his chief priorities if he is elected.

He says he is an experienced leader with exceptional organizational skills, that he is “a natural unifier.”

He also touts management ability that he said will create a city workforce that is organized and efficient.

AT-LARGE

Anthony Daisy — Daisy, a former councilman and interim mayor after Mayer resigned from office. He touts experience and effective leadership.

His goals include improved infrastructure, economic development, affordable housing and says that being retired makes him more accessible to the public.

Cleotha Johnigan — Johnigan, a longtime coach and educator, said he identifies with the needs of citizens and would bring progressive ideas.

He said his training as an education qualifies him to help manage city resources.

Aimee Moreau — A resident of nearly 20 years and a speech pathologist for the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, Moreau serves on boards for the Pointe Coupee Historical Society and Pointe Coupee Office of Tourism.

She wants to help the mayor guide the city, instill teamwork among en-

tire council, prioritize city’s needs, touts strong work ethic.

DISTRICT 1

Vernell Davis — Davis says his mission is to promote a dedicated district that instills community involvement, family unity and an improved quality of life.

He also wants to assist in developing employment by maintaining existing businesses and attracting new business to the city.

He is a retired assistant chief of police for the City of New Roads, with 23 years of service.

Kiah Ford — Ford is founder and has served as the executive director of PursuingNewRoads, a local non-profit organization dedicated to continuing the development of Pointe Coupee Parish.

She touts her social and technical skills, along with knowledge in management, economics and politics among her qualifications.

James Hunter -- Hunter said that with his family living in New Roads, he has a vested interest in community.

He said he wants to help reduce crime by ensuring young people have a better future.

Joy Nelson -- Incumbent Joy Nelson touted her career in education as part of what makes her a qualified

public servant.

She said she “is a strong proponent for education who has worked in administration as a champion for people and is equitable across the board.”

DISTRICT 2

Kurt Kellerman — The incumbent councilman touted his long involvement in the city, both in business and as a councilman. He wants to continue the focus on improved infrastructure and transparency in

local government.

Blake Scheeler —Scheeler said he wants “effective, transparent city government.”

He said he will push for improvement to the city sewer and water systems, a well-trained police force and an in-depth review of city finances for greater credibility.

Kirk “Clipper” White -- White said as a barbershop owner for 33 years, “he feels the pulse of the public.”

He promised to remain a watchdog for fairness and to fight wasteful spending.

Elect

#64

Vanessa Holster Larson



For School Board Dist. E

OUR KIDS COUNT

Varied amendments awaiting voters

By John Dupont

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Voters on back-to-back election cycles will decide the fate of constitutional amendments on issues ranging from tax exemptions for disabled veterans to municipal water fees.

Eight amendments will go before voters on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, ballot.

Three additional proposals will be decided on the Dec. 10 ballot.

Here's a look at the proposed amendments, as explained by the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, a private, nonpartisan public policy research organization.

NOV. 8 BALLOT

Amendment 1: "Do you support an amendment to increase to 65 percent the cap on the amount of money in certain state funds that may be in-

vested in stocks?

For: The proposal would allow the state to invest up to 65 percent of the maximum amount of money in seven trust funds that can be invested in equities on the stock market.

Against: The proposal would keep tighter limits on the percentage of the trust funds' money that can be invested in the stock market, with some unable to be invested in equities at all.

Amendment 2: "Do you support an amendment to expand property tax exemptions for property on which the homestead exemption is claimed for veterans with disabilities?"

For: It would increase the property tax exemption available to veterans with service-related disabilities and to their surviving spouses after the veteran's death.

Against: It would maintain the cur-

rent level of property tax exemption available to veterans with service-related disabilities and to their surviving spouses.

Amendment 3: "Do you support an amendment to allow classified civil service employees to support the election to public office of members of their own families?"

For: It would allow most of Louisiana's civil service employees to support certain campaign activities of a candidate for public office when that candidate is an immediate family member.

Against: It would continue the current prohibition on Louisiana's civil service employees participating in campaign activities or supporting candidates for public office.

Amendment 4: "Do you support an amendment to allow local govern-

ments to waive water charges that are the result of damage to the water system not caused by the customer?"

For: It would allow local water districts, municipalities or other political subdivisions to reduce customer bills for water use if the charges stem from water lost due to damage outside a customer's control.

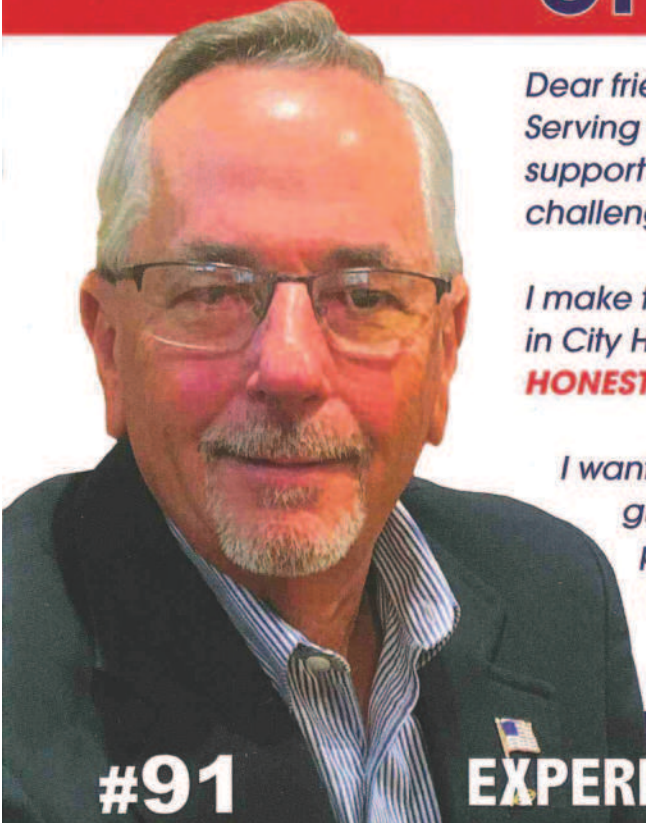
Against: It would keep local water districts, municipalities and other political subdivisions from lowering bills or waiving customer charges for water use in almost all circumstance.

Amendment 5: "Do you support an amendment to allow the levying of a lower millage rate by a local taxing authority while maintaining the authority's ability to adjust to the current authorized millage rate?"

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Re-Elect KIRK 'CLIPPER' WHITE

CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2



Dear friends,
Serving the citizens of New Roads is an honor and a privilege. I appreciate all the support and encouragement you have given me. The last several years have been challenging, to say the least.

*I make this pledge to all citizens of New Roads: I will continue to be **your VOICE** in City Hall. I will continue to **fight WASTEFUL SPENDING** and I will always **demand HONEST GOVERNMENT!***

I want to thank the citizens of New Roads for the support and trust you have given me in my career as your City Councilman. On Tuesday, November 8, please vote to re-elect #91, Councilman Kirk "Clipper" White in District 2. Together we can make New Roads a city we can all be proud to call home.

Clipper

#91
EXPERIENCED ★ ACCESSIBLE ★ DEDICATED
#91

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For: It will give local taxing bodies more time to decide if they want to “roll forward” millages that increase property taxes paid by businesses and homeowners.

Against: It would keep the rules governing millage “roll forwards” the same, giving local taxing bodies until the next property reappraisals to make the decision.

Amendment 6: “Do you support an amendment to limit the amount of an increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption in Orleans Parish following reappraisal at ten percent of the property’s assessed value in the previous year?”

For: It would allow increases in the property tax liability of homes subject to homestead exemption in Orleans Parish.

It would cap the reassessment increase to 10 percent of the residential property’s assessed value in the previous year.

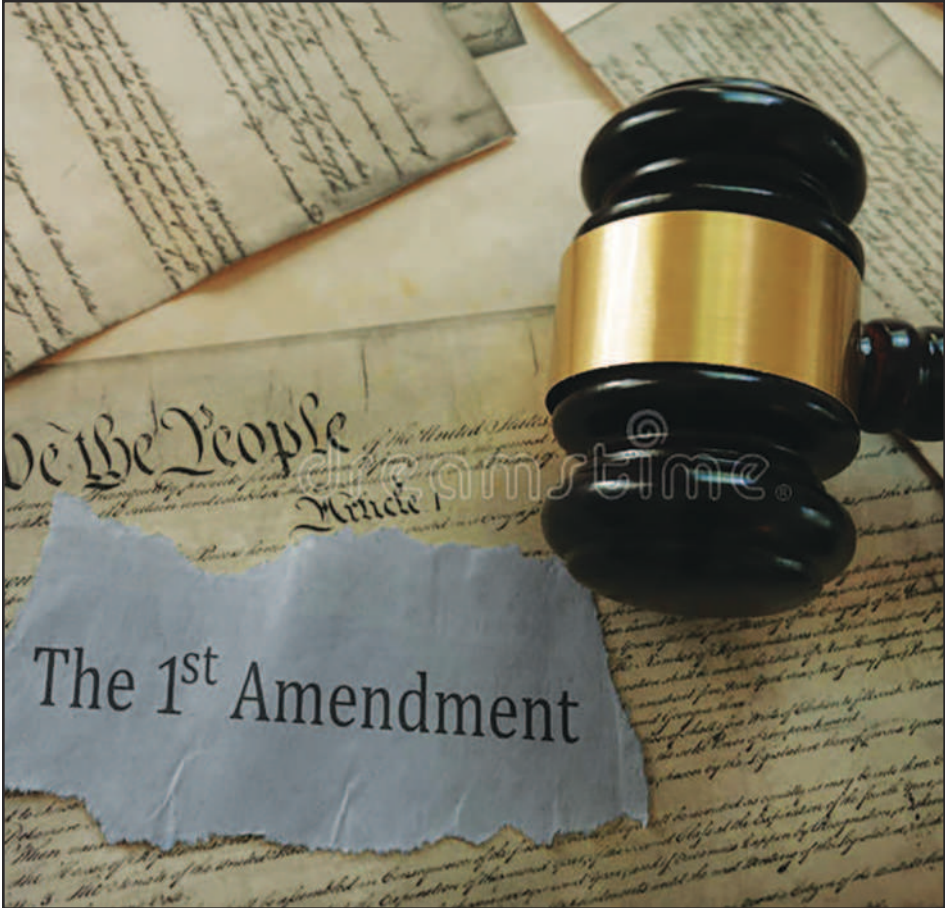
Against: It would continue the current system, which requires a four-year phase-in of tax liability for homes subject to the homestead exemption when a reappraisal increases assessments by more than 50 percent.

Amendment 7: “Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of involuntary servitude except as it applies to the otherwise lawful administration of criminal justice?”

For: It would rework the state constitutional ban on slavery and involuntary servitude, allowing their use only for the “lawful administration of criminal justice.”

Against: It would keep the state’s current constitutional language banning slavery and involuntary servitude but allowing involuntary servitude as a “punishment for crime.”

Amendment 8: “Do you support an amendment to remove the requirement that homeowners who are permanently totally disabled must annually re-certify their income to keep their special assessment level



on their residences for property tax purposes?”

For: It would remove the requirement that certain property owners with disabilities annually certify their income to receive a property tax rate freeze.

Against: It would continue the annual income certification required for certain property owners with disabilities to receive a property tax rate freeze.

DEC. 10 BALLOT

Amendment 1: “Do you support an amendment to provide that no person who are not U.S. citizens?

For: It would ban people who aren’t U.S. citizens from registering to vote or casting ballots in Louisiana elections.

Against: It would keep current language governing voting rights, which requires a person to be a Louisiana resident to register to vote or cast ballots in elections

Amendment 2: “Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of the State Civil Service

Commission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate?”

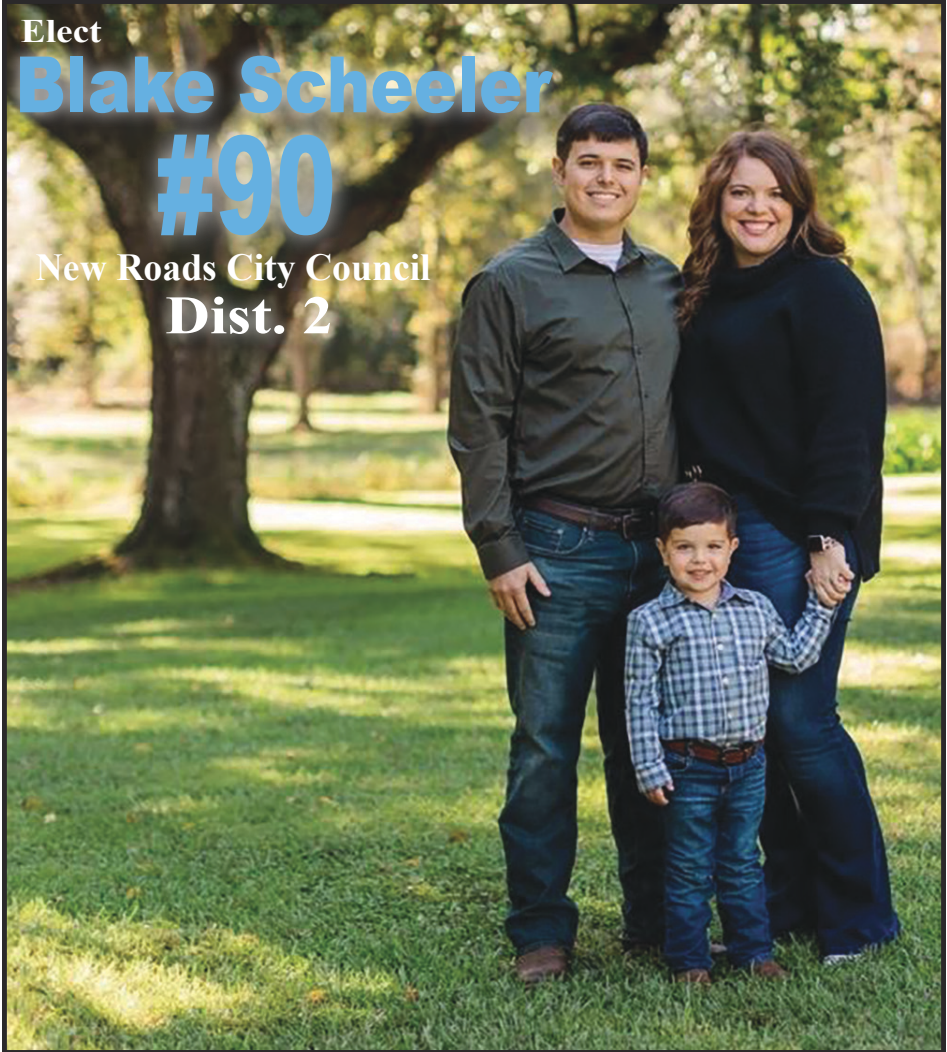
For: It would require Louisiana Senate confirmation of the governor’s appointees to the state Civil Service Commission.

Against: It would continue to let the governor appoint members to the state Civil Service Commission without needing confirmation of those choices from the Louisiana Senate.

Amendment 3: “Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of the State Police Commission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate?”

For: It would require Louisiana Senate confirmation of the governor’s appointees to the State Police Commission.

Against: It would continue to let the governor appoint members to the State Police Commission without needing confirmation of those choices from the Louisiana Senate.



Early voting period to continue until Nov. 1

Staff report

The first stream of voters have started going to the polls to make their selection on local, state and federal choices on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The early voting period began Tuesday, Oct. 25, and will run through Tuesday, Nov. 1, excluding Sunday.

The deadline to return an absentee ballot is 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

Hours to get an absentee ballot from the parish Registrar of Voters Office are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The office is located at 1919 Hospital Road, Suite 1, New Roads.

For more information, call (225) 638-5537 or e-mail the office at pointecoupeerov@sos.la.gov.

The vacant Louisiana Senate District 17 seat is on the ballot in Pointe Coupee and nine other parishes.

Local races include mayoral seats for New Roads and Morganza, along with council members in those municipalities and in Fordoche.

Voters in four districts will decide on Pointe Coupee School Board members, while two districts will vote in races for justice of the peace.

The ballot also will include races for U.S. senator, the congressional 5th District and the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals, 1st District, Division D.

For more information on the election, visit www.geauxvote.com.

Two parish districts to select their constables

Staff report

Two districts in Pointe Coupee Parish will go to the polls to select a constable for a justice of the peace.

In District 6, the race will pit Republican Michael J. Bourgeois of Oscar against Stephen Judge, an independent candidate from Erwinville.

The District 8 race pairs Joseph “Chinne” Gosserand Jr. against Chris Hendrix. Both are Democrats from New Roads.

While most parishes elect a constable, the duties of that office are not always prominent. In some cases, many constituents do not know the purpose of that post.

Here’s how a job of constable

or marshal is classified under Louisiana State Law, Article 332:

“When authorized to do so by the sheriff, a constable of a justice of the peace court, or a constable or marshal of a city court, within the territorial jurisdiction of his court, may serve any process and execute any writ or mandate which the sheriff is authorized to serve or execute.

“For such purpose, the constable or marshal possesses the powers and authority of the sheriff; a service or execution so made has the same effect as if made by the sheriff; and the latter is responsible for the performance or nonperformance of his duties by a constable or marshal in such cases.”

Prosecutor, state rep seek appellate position

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Two candidates – Steve Miller and Tanner Magee – will vie for the seat on the First Circuit Court of Appeal, which is one of five circuit courts of appeal in Louisiana.

The Court of Appeal reviews work of trial judges.

The First Circuit consists of 12 judges and has jurisdiction over 16 parishes in southeastern Louisiana: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Washington.

The First Circuit is located in Baton Rouge.

Candidate Steve Miller touts himself

as the only candidate to serve as a prosecutor.

Miller’s father, Sidney Miller, taught in Pointe Coupee Parish and served as principal at Rougon High School.

He has served as a District Court judge in the 17th Judicial District (Lafourche Parish) since 2014.

He has worked as a felony prosecutor, assistant district attorney and a private attorney for more than 20 years.

Tanner Magee currently serves as state representative for District 53, which covers Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

Magee, a lifelong resident of Houma, has served two terms in the House.

He went unopposed in the 2019 election.

He advocates reform of the criminal justice system to decrease violent crime and protect Louisiana’s families and communities.

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A look at candidates unopposed, opposed

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Not all the candidates who filed to run in July are on the November ballot.

A number of candidates won when they were the only person to file papers to run before the deadline.

Here are those who filed to run in July.

U.S. Senate: Beryl A. Billiot, NP (no party), Kentwood; Gary Chambers Jr., D-Baton Rouge; Devin Lance Graham, R-Gonzales; “Xan” John, “Other,” Lafayette; John Kennedy, R-Baton Rouge; W. Thomas La Fontaine Olson, NP, New Orleans; Bradley McMorris, I-Livingston; M.V. “Vinny” Mendoza, D-Ponchatoula; “Luke” Mixon, D-Bunkie; Syrita Steib, D-Metairie; Thomas Wenn, “Other,” Amite.

U.S. House 5th District: Oscar “Omar” Dantzler, D-Hammond; Allen

Guillory, R-Lawtell; Walter Earl Huff, D-Monroe; Julia Letlow, R-Rayville; Hunter Pullen, R-West Monroe.

Court of Appeal, 1st District, Div. B: Mitchell “Mitch” Theriot, R-Lockport

Court of Appeal, 1st District, Div. D: Tanner Magee, R-Houma; Steven Miller, R-Raceland.

State Senate 17th District: Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, R-Port Allen; Jeremy S. LaCombe, D-New Roads; Kirk Rousset, R-Oscar.

Pointe Coupee Parish School Board

District A: Monica Battley-Fabre, D-New Roads; Walter Grezaffi, R-Batchelor.

District B: Jared Gibbs, NP-Morganza; Gene Hendricks, R-Lottie.

District C: Tom Nelson, D-New Roads. UNOPPOSED

District D: Chad Aguillard, D-Ventress. UNOPPOSED

District E: Frank “Frankie” Aguilard, I-Ventress; Vanessa Holster, R-Ventress.

District F: Anita LeJeune, D-Lake-land. UNOPPOSED

District G: Rhondalyn Brisco-White, D-New Roads; Lisa Loupe D’Aquila, R-New Roads.

District H: Jason Lemoine, I-Fordocche. UNOPPOSED

Constable Justice of the Peace District 8: Stephen Juge, I-Erwinville.

Constable Justice of the Peace District 6: Joseph “Chinne” Gosser and Jr., D-New Roads; Chris Hendrix, D-New Roads.

Fordocche
Mayor: Teddy P. Gros (NP).

Chief of Police: Jared Tait Slocum (D).

Board of Aldermen: Ronnie

Bonaventure (D), Cody Gros (D), Beth Shows LaCombe (D), Kirk J. LaCombe (D), Tori Robillard (R), Charlie Sonnier (I).

Town of Livonia

Special election to fill the remainder of the term for Councilman Warren Pourciau: Billie Pourciau, (D) UNOPPOSED.

Village of Morganza

Mayor: Charles “Chuck” Landry (D), Clarence “Woots” Wells (D).

Town Council: Julie Langlois (NP), Elton Savoy Jr. (D), S.J. “Boobie” Tuminnello (D) and Paul Wells (I).

City of New Roads

Mayor: Cornell Dukes (D), Theron Smith, (NP).

New Roads – Council Member at Large (Mayor Pro-Tem): Anthony Daisy (D), Cleotha Johnigan Jr. (D) and Aimee Moreau, (NP).

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