

Clerk of Civil District Court		Chelsea Richard Napoleon		Jared Brossett	
Question	Maximum Points	Responses	Score	Responses	Score
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that aims to make title clearance issues, especially those involving redevelopment, less problematic?	11	Yes	11	Yes	11
If so, would you be willing to participate in title clearing groups?	11	Yes	11	Yes	11
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that will identify and secure additional funding sources for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund?	11	Yes	11	Yes	11
If elected or reelected, will you support outreach to educate renters on how to record leases?	11	Yes	11	Yes	11
If so, how or in what ways will you support the implementation of this outreach?	14	I am not waiting for an election to demonstrate my commitment to informing and empowering the citizens we serve. Since becoming Clerk earlier this year, I have enhanced the convenience of public workstations and online access to records by including specialized, hands-on research support for seniors and other citizens researching property records. The senior citizen focused research support is provided by an experienced research specialist from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Land Records Division located at 1340 Poydras Street. We have listened to our senior citizens and other the community members who have expressed the need for more personalized assistance when researching family owned properties. We have reallocated resources within our existing budget to provide staff with more than 20 years of experience in the Clerk's office to meet those needs.	8	Louisiana law skews very favorably towards the rights of landlords over those of renters. It's essential that municipal agencies work together to provide information to potential renters about the rights and options they have. Additionally, the cost of recording a lease may be prohibitively expensive for some as recording a document 6-25 pages will cost \$230 dollars. But as of now recording leases for residential tenants is not a common practice and could potentially leave some of our most vulnerable citizens exposed to opportunistic landlords.	5
If elected or reelected, will you support a document fee for recordation, to draw more funds into the Louisiana State Housing Trust Fund?	11	I would like to study this issue more and participate in research to determine whether additional fees are the best path for achieving this worthwhile goal. I believe we should also explore the reallocation of existing taxes and fees as a means of avoiding increases on the citizenry if at all possible.	6	It is a thing I'd be willing to consider and research but cannot commit to currently.	4
If elected or reelected, will you support changes to the blight process?	11	Yes	11	I've supported numerous changes to code enforcement and the blight abatement process during my tenure as a Councilmember and will continue to find way so support improvement in my capacity as Clerk of Civil District Court.	11
Subtotal	80		69		64
INTERVIEW	15		13		0
POINTS FOR TAKING PLEDGE	5		5		0
TOTAL	100		87		64

Clerk 1 City Court		Timothy David Ray		Austin Badon	
Question	Maximum Points	Responses	Score	Responses	Score
If elected or reelected, would you support the Healthy Homes Ordinance?	20	<p>I support the Healthy Homes Ordinance and will continue to support it. My record states that I have supported it when I ran for the New Orleans City Council, District "B" in 2017.</p> <p>As the Clerk of First City Court, I oversee the evictions filing process in its entirety on a daily basis. I regularly direct tenants to those supportive legal services that help them assert affirmative defenses when a landlord refuses to make repairs, sometimes forcing the poorest of our city to live in inhumane and unsafe conditions.</p> <p>The proposed Healthy Homes Ordinance, sponsored last year by then Councilmember Cantrell, and current Council President Williams will – once passed – provide a process and database to monitor and address the health of our homes and our communities; I support it.</p>	20	No Response	0
If you could write a new policy for our eviction process, what would you change?	20	<p>Since I am serving our city as the Clerk of First City Court, I have already changed and updated our Evictions Guide – a free pamphlet-style procedural handbook on evictions. I enlisted the help of the housing attorneys at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and the Stuart Smith Law Clinic of Loyola University, College of Law (my alma mater) to help provide the most germane information and the current law.</p> <p>This new guide provides information in a party-neutral manner, so it is helpful to both landlords and tenants – guiding them through the evictions process of First City Court, but also providing a narrative of what to expect and what actions are not permitted by law.</p> <p>In considering a new policy to write, one area that sticks out is our current process of forcibly removing and discarding a tenants belongs from the property. I have spoken with our Mayor about this and she, too, shares the passion to make this a priority. I would change our policy so that an evicted person's personal effects, furniture, tangible memories, etc., would be held in another location where it can be safely and privately collected or designated to be discarded. I believe we could have more dignity in how we deal with legally-binding orders from a judge to remove a tenant's belongings.</p>	16	No Response	0

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If elected or reelected, would you support legislation that would require landlords to put deposits in 2nd accounts	20	<p>More than likely, I would. While I supported ACT 416, I believe it provides a significant penalty to landlords who withhold rental deposits from tenants. Requiring a landlord to place a rental deposit in a “2nd account” appears to punish the good landlords for the shameful behavior of bad actors.</p> <p>I believe a responsible landlord would understand that the deposit should returned upon termination of the rental agreement (with the standard stipulations) and should not have to keep the rental deposit separate for an indefinite period of time.</p> <p>However, a benefit of a voluntary or incentivized 2nd account for deposits would be that landlords would be able to keep any interests that generated from the deposit of the rental deposit.</p>	14	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, would you support homebuyer and landlord education as a means of reducing evictions and foreclosures in the city?	20	<p>Yes. My office is currently preparing a study to be presented to the Cantrell Administration that will detail the demographics of evictions, with special attention to the areas of our city that see the highest volume of filings.</p> <p>I believe education is a major key in reducing the number of evictions – which would benefit both landlords and tenants. As the Clerk, I see a number of evictions filed when a tenant fails to make a rental payment and often the filing is submitted a day or two after. Often times, tenants request a few more days to pay, and, to me, that reflects the cost-of-living and the struggles to provide for one’s family, more than an intentional neglect of an obligation. With housing education, we would be able to provide necessary guidance to renters who want to become homebuyers, and landlords.</p>	20	No Response	0
Subtotal	80		70		0
INTERVIEW	15		12		
POINTS FOR TAKING PLEDGE	5		5		
TOTAL	100		87		0

US Representative 1 District			Howard Kearney				Lee Ann Dugas		"Jim" Francis		Frederick "Ferd" Jones		Tammy M. Savoie		Steve Scalise	
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If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources for the National Trust Fund?	6	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	6	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that expands or maintains the current level of disaster funding?	8	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	4	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that increases funding to homebuyer education programs?	10	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	6	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that increases support for HUD's public housing and voucher programs?	6	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	4	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that strengthens and modernizes the CRA (Community Reinvestment ACT), as a means of combatting discrimination in banking and housing markets?	6	Yes (This answer was changed in the interview when the candidate learned more about the program)	6	6	6	6	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support the Rent Relief Act of 2018, S. 3250 that provides renters with a refundable credit against their federal tax liability for the rent and utilities they pay in excess of 30% of their gross annual income? See Here	6	Yes	6	6	6	6	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support the Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, and Equity (HOME) Act of 2018, S.3342 that encourages inclusionary zoning as a means to increase the supply of affordable housing and to reduce housing discrimination based on race and income?	6	No (This answer was changed in the interview upon further discussion with the candidate)	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support the Housing and Economic Mobility Act, proposed by Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, that would direct about \$500B primarily to build and rehabilitate housing for low and moderate income Americans?	6	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that will make changes to the Stafford Act that will allow funds to be used automatically on emergency housing, at no penalty to operators, in the case of a disaster or emergency. See Here	6	No	0	0	0	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0
Subtotal	80					12		0		0		0		0		0
INTERVIEW	15		5	5	5	5	Not Applicable		Not Applicable		Not Applicable		Not Applicable		Not Applicable	
POINTS FOR TAKING PLEDGE	5					0										
TOTAL	100					17		0		0		0		0		0

US Representative 2 District		Cedric Richmond		Belden "Noonie Man" Batiste		Shawndra Rodriguez		Jesse Schmidt					
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If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources for the National Trust Fund?	6	Yes	6	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	6	I am open to additional appropriations for the National Housing Trust Fund. I am also open to additional funding through investments in infrastructure or tax reform.	5	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
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If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	4	I support better levels of funding after disasters to help people and communities in their time of need. I support efforts to make sure that federal funding is actually adequate to meet the needs people face in the aftermath of a disaster and I support efforts to get that funding to them faster than our current systems.	4	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
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If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	6	I support increasing appropriated funding for housing counseling assistance. The programs provide support to local nonprofits that offers assistance to homebuyers.	5	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that increases support for HUD's public housing and voucher programs?	6	Yes	6	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation?	4	I have always supported - and will continue to support - robust funding for public housing, voucher programs, and fair housing programs.	3	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that strengthens and modernizes the CRA (Community Reinvestment ACT), as a means of combatting discrimination in banking and housing markets?	6	Yes. The CRA has been a critical tool for protecting minorities against discrimination in the housing markets, and I will continue to support efforts to strengthen and modernize it. I am committed to making sure that every family, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion, has the opportunity to pursue the American Dream.	6	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
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If elected or reelected, will you support legislation that will make changes to the Stafford Act that will allow funds to be used automatically on emergency housing, at no penalty to operators, in the case of a disaster or emergency. See Here	6	The way our country responds to disasters is badly in need of reform. Disaster after disaster, we see the same problems and still our recovery process doesn't react quickly enough to help get owners and renters back in livable, affordable housing as quickly as possible. I support modernizing our disaster response process overall so that families can begin recovering faster and communities can come back stronger. We have to help people rebuild and repair as quickly as possible after a disaster.	6	No Response	0	No Response	0	No Response	0				
Subtotal	80		77		0		0		0				
INTERVIEW	15		0										
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TOTAL	100		77		0		0		0				