

Candidate	Question	Responses	Avg. Score
L. Jameel Shaheer, HD 98	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	I will look for ways to create a managed pipeline system to provide the ability to attract investment dollars of other public and private entities to develop affordable housing in my district.	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?	Maybe, More information is needed, where is the school now? Who owns the Property?	4
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?	Maybe, More Information is needed what are those incentives? What would be the percentage of affordable units.	4
	6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28	Maybe, more information is needed. What would be those incentives? How will the community as a whole be affected?	5
	7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?	Yes	5
	8. If Proposition 4 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)	Yes, I have a bill to introduce legislation that will provide further relief to tax burden	5
	9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?	Yes	5

	10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?	yes	5
	11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?	As an ongoing ally I would love to create a working group of advocacy and community groups with quarterly meetings at the minimum to stay in touch with the needs, wants, and desires of the community. I attend as many of the groups and events as possible.	4
	12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (+5)	Yes, but there will be a minimum threshold.	5
	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?(+11)	I have already spoken on some level with the majority of candidates about serving our districts without prejudice and coming together to help each other to make our communities better. When we get to BR, we will all make two friends that have two friends.	9
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		18
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		88

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Max Chiz, HD 98	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	I am opposed to constitutionally mandated funding requirements and dedicated taxes. I believe we need a tax system that results in everyone paying their fair share and a budget process that is transparent and allows the public to hold the politicians currently in office accountable for their actions. However, I intend to fight to ensure that New Orleans has adequate resources to address our problems. This includes supporting additional funding for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund and ensuring that decisions are made by people who are politically accountable to the voters their decisions impact.	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes. Ensuring that the rights of the formerly incarcerated are fully restored and that they have every opportunity for success moving forward is a high priority issue for my campaign.	5

	<p>4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?</p>	<p>I am not sure I fully understand this question. But education is one of my top priorities. Housing and education are connected. Research shows the worst thing you can do for a child's education is to destroy their educational continuity.</p> <p>Children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds need quality education that starts during early childhood. Their families do not need to have their resources and time taken away by long commutes. Nor do they need to be denied access to benefits by a process that is designed to make their lives difficult instead of making it easy to get the help that the need.</p>	<p>4.2</p>
	<p>5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?</p>	<p>I believe that truly blighted properties should be redeveloped in a way that benefits the community and results in fewer properties becoming blighted. In my experience however, the current process is deeply flawed and often results in the destruction of low-income housing without due process. The city has in fact been sued on multiple occasions for destroying homes without notice and without giving the occupants time to remove their belongings.</p> <p>We need to make sure that abandoned and unsafe properties are being used to increase low-income housing that lifts people out of poverty. But laws that make it easy to remove "undesirable" people must be eliminated.</p>	<p>4.4</p>

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	<p>I am a strong advocate of evidence based policy. I will read any study that is produced, consult with policy experts and local advocates to ensure that the study is reliable, and then fight to get legislation passed that address the problems.</p> <p>I will also fight to make sure that this legislation actually works. Too often politicians act with good intentions, but do not follow through and ensure that the laws they have passed produce the intended results. I am not going to pass laws that do no work just to score points. I will stay involved and work to constantly improve on what is being done.</p>	<p>4.4</p>
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	<p>Yes. Insurance prices are far too high and I intend to work to reduce them.</p> <p>Most of the proposals I have seen do not fully address the problem. I intend to work with local advocates and policy leaders to find solutions that work.</p>	<p>4.8</p>

	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	<p>I have read SB 79 in its entirety. But the intent of the legislation is something I can support. In fact, I would like to go much further and replace our property tax system with a land-value tax. A modern taxation system that ensures that everyone pays their fair share and doesn't push costs onto the people least able to afford it should be something everyone in Louisiana will support.</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?</p>	<p>Like many of the state's tax credit programs. This is a credit that had to be enacted because the underlying tax structure was not fair and harmed many struggling communities. I am not a tax specialist and cannot comment on the specifics. But ensuring that we encourage development instead of penalizing it is a priority of mine. And this particular problem is one that my tax proposal would address.</p>	<p>3.6</p>
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	<p>yes</p>	<p>5</p>

	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>I am running because our legislators don't work with our local communities. I want to include my constituents as much as possible. Not just with housing, but with every issue that impacts them. My current non-profit work is focused on education. But I believe that work carries over. I am not in the business of running a program or providing a shrink wrapped program designed elsewhere. We work with local leaders to build custom programs that specifically meet their needs. We provide ongoing support as needed, but the key decisions are made locally and our goal is to make the solution permanent and self-sustaining.</p>	<p>4.4</p>
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?(+5)</p>	<p>Yes. I believe that local municipalities should have local control over as many issues as possible, minimum wage included.</p>	<p>5</p>

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues? (+11)	<p>Advancing these issues in a Democrat-controlled legislature is easier. But in the (likely) event of a Republican controlled legislature, it is important to put the legislators we need in a position where voting for our legislation benefits them and where voting against it would be harmful. This means traveling to their districts and making sure that the legislation addresses problems their voters are having as well. It means designing the campaign for the legislation in a way that a yes vote is politically aligned with their publicly professed values. And it means occasionally providing political cover for legislators who are on the edge. While my earliest memories are here in New Orleans, I grew up in rural Mississippi. My family has a long history of fighting for civil rights and I have personal experience working with people in Northern Louisiana to get things done, even antisemitic individuals who might otherwise have not been willing to work with someone Jewish</p>	9.4
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		21.6
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		90.8

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Ravi Sangisetty, HD 98	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	I support the action plan 100% and will work as a legislator to support this organizations initiatives. I fundamentally believe that if you work in New Orleans you should be able to afford to live here.	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	Yes	4

	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	Yes	4
	6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)	Yes	5
	7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)	Yes	5
	8. If Proposition 4 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)	Yes	5
	9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)	Yes	4
	10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)	Yes	5

	11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)		4
	12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)	Yes	5
	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)	I have been active in the legislature through my professional association as a lawyer and executive committee member of the Louisiana Association for Justice. I am a civil rights attorney and have developed many relationships in Baton Rouge which will help in advancing an equitable economic growth model for New Orleans.	9
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		18

	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		87

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Kea Sherman, HD 98	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	One of my most desired house committees is appropriations, where I can help ensure money is going where it is most needed In our state and city. Funding for housing is an absolute necessity for any budget bill that comes through the legislature.	3
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes	4
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	Would need more information on this proposal, but I am open to any opportunity to create more affordable housing.	4
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	Yes	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. This is how we were able to afford and renovate a property on Freret St. that we now run as a small business.</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, I plan on working with local communities on housing needs. Non-profits like GNOHA have expertise that cannot be found at the state capitol, and I plan on using groups like yours as a resource and partner. I have served on boards of a number of non-profits in New Orleans, including Kingsley House and Educare, as well as founding Emerge Louisiana, which recruits and trains Democratic women to run for office.</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)</p>	<p>I would support this legislation if brought up again. I also have a number of ideas on how we can increase the minimum wage for both municipalities as well as the whole state.</p>	<p>5</p>

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)	So far in my campaign I have had broad support from Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. I know that is not just the best way to campaign, but also the best way to get things done at the legislature. Any item of importance to our city must be brought in a bipartisan manner in the legislature in order to pass, and that is the mentality I intend to bring to every bill I work on.	8
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		18
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		86

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Carlos Zervigon, HD 98	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	I would agree that finding creative ways to leverage federal dollars and private investments to fix our affordable housing crisis is a no-brainer. While I support the idea of looking for a dedicated funding sources, it is not something that I could commit to at present given the budget hold we just got out of last session. That said, with the number of new Legislators that will be coming in and another 4 years with Governor Edwards, there may be some opportunities to find recurring revenues to grow our affordable housing supply.	3
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Strongly, yes.	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	Yes	4

	<p>5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, but these programs must be designed to support affordable housing in neighborhoods that need redevelopment assistance. I would not want to see programs that end up, whether indented or not, incentivizing gentrification, thereby displacing low and middle-income residents.</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. I would look forward to seeing the working group's recommendations. There are many models around the country we can look to for examples.</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)</p>	<p>Most Definitely.</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>4</p>

	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	<p>Historic tax credits are a very positive tool when they are used to save historic buildings from destruction while shoring up and stabilizing distressed historic neighborhoods. During periods of urban decay, large parts of our New Orleans historic building stock would have been lost without these incentives. On the other hand, I am not in favor of tax credits being used in “hot” real estate markets. In such markets, historic buildings are not threatened with ruin and the credits only serve to increase developers profits while having a negative impact on affordable housing, thereby displacing long-time residents.</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, I would. Affordable, quality housing is a critical need in District 98 and the entire state. Working with advocacy and community groups is part of a legislator’s job. For me as a legislator, these groups will be an important source of expert information and support as, together, we pursue legislative solutions.</p>	

	12.The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)	Not only would I fight against preemption, I would fight for a living wage for all workers in the state with a \$15 minimum wage as the starting goal. This is a critical component in tackling the problem of affordable housing in the Greater New Orleans Area and beyond.	4
	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)	The issue of affordable housing is one of fundamental human decency and respect. While access to affordable housing is a major concern in New Orleans, it is also a problem across the state, including in rural areas. Nearly half of our population is what the United Way describes as ALICE (asset limited, income constrained, employed). This issue provides important opportunities to build bridges among legislators in Baton Rouge. Working with legislators from across the state, we can build coalitions to address solutions. We need to support working class Louisianans, whether they're in New Orleans, Iota, Monroe or Eunice.	8
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		20
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		88

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Marion Freistadt, HD 98	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	<p>Louisiana is a resource-rich state. Successful resource-rich countries and states, such as Norway and United Arab Emirates, have a sovereign wealth fund. This is basically a savings account using resource profits to benefit the economy and the citizens. 10 US states have this. Texas and Alaska are at >\$50 billion. Alaska give every citizen an annual payout. Louisiana is called LEQTF. Assets are about \$1.4 billion. . Leqtf "is the result of a 1953 federal settlement with several states over offshore drilling and development." (BESE). It is currently, dedicated to education, used for college savings plans, BESE and LEQSF.</p> <p>ii. We need to expand the sovereign wealth fund to cover all corporate profits from our resource rich state.</p> <p>iii. We need to expand the use of the sovereign wealth funds to infrastructure and climate change mitigation. Housing falls under both categories.</p> <p>iv. I also support incremental gas tax increases. As above, this tax revenue will be used to improve infrastructure, including housing and to mitigate climate change, such as installing more pumps. Currently, the cost of gas is artificially low, from subsidies and not taking into account the long term cost of fossil fuel consumption. We need to slow the use of fossil fuels in transportation. Although this may hurt low income drivers, it is a long term initiative which will help prevent additional climate change. The cost of not stopping climate change will be much higher in the long run.</p>	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	Yes	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	Yes	5
	6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)	Yes. Currently, property insurance rates are very high due to our weather events. Climate change will make this worse. We need to have the for-profit insurance companies bear some of the burden of climate change. Funds mentioned above which will be used to mitigate climate change damage could be used for this also.	5
	7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)	Yes	5

	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. Sb 79 is a “constitutional amendment to authorize ad valorem tax exemptions in Orleans parish to promote affordable housing.” It was adjourned “sine die,” so it was effectively defeated. This would help in the expansion of affordable housing since it would lower landlord costs. I would fight for this.</p>	5
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. This is important because the “greenest” house is the one that is standing. In addition to environmental benefits, it is essential to preserve the wonderful architecture of New Orleans.</p>	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	<p>To be candid, I am new to politics and i am running primarily on a platform of climate justice. So i am on a learning curve for the details of housing advocacy. I seek to learn. As a scientist, i am good at articulating difficult problems, absorbing complex data, visualizing creative solutions and achieving new approaches. My values are aligned with Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance in the sense that decent, affordable housing should be a right not a privilege. I will work hard to promote any pertinent legislation. I am active in Justice And Beyond & Alliance For Affordable Energy, so I have good relationships with these community groups. I look forward to developing additional ones.</p>	4
	<p>12.The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. We need to overcome the pre-emption that is holding back minimum wage.</p>	5
	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)</p>	<p>National and state politics is highly polarized right now. We need to all work together because we need each other to solve the existential climate crisis. As a newcomer to the baton rouge state house, i will meet and network with all legislators. I will work with everyone, regardless of partisan or other differences. We are in a unique historic moment: we have the opportunity to solve the climate crisis while bringing social justice to communities which have been historically marginalized. I am running primarily on a platform of fighting against climate change and promoting climate justice. I view all issues through this lens.</p>	7

	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		20
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		90

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Carling Dinkler, 91	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	I believe that increasing the stock and increasing access to affordable housing is a moral and economic issue for our community. We cannot grow our economy in an equitable manner if the people who support our businesses cannot live, work, recreate and worship in the community. Creating and giving greater access to such housing stock requires investments in rental assistance programs, support for first time/low-income homebuyers, development of affordable and mixed rate housing, and better coordination among regional transit providers. We also need to make sure we are maximizing federal dollars that can be utilized to increase affordable housing stock. We certainly should ensure that our state government has the ability to draw down as much federal funding as possible.	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	I need more information about this specific program. However, in general, I believe that our state needs to overhaul our tax system – which relies on a high rate of regressive sales tax, a business tax structure that is overly complicated, and personal tax system that does not do enough to help working class people. The product of our overly complex tax system is that there is little predictability from year to year on our level of cash flow. This means that we often jump from fiscal crisis to fiscal crisis and important programs get left on the cutting room floor. Even worse, we put ourselves at risk of missing opportunities to maximize our ability to draw down federal dollars.	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes. If we want to integrate formerly incarcerated persons back into our community and economy, it is critical that we give those individuals a stable platform from which to rebuild. Housing, access to employment, and public transportation are key pieces to this issue.	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	I don't have enough information about this question. Would be happy to discuss this during the interview process.	4

	<p>5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. If we can put more of our blighted properties back into commerce while creating affordable housing stock, I believe that would make a positive impact on our community and economy.</p>	5
	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)</p>	<p>Ensuring that people in New Orleans have access to affordable housing is not only a moral obligation, it is also an economic necessity. I will certainly review the results of the study and work on policies that ensure working class families can live in the places that they work, worship, and recreate.</p>	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. I am absolutely open to proposals that would keep property insurance rates more affordable.</p>	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, in fact, I led the coalition of statewide stakeholders working with Rep. Jimmy Harris to renew the tax credit this past session. I testified in the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee and met with many lawmakers about the importance of this program.</p>	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	<p>Being a good legislator means being vey aware of the stakeholder groups speaking up for the community. I took time early in the process of running for office to engage with some key housing groups. I would hope to have a high level of collaboration with such organizations.</p>	4

	12.The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)	First, I absolutely believe that the minimum wage should be increased above the \$7.25 set by the federal government. The very best way to do this would be to have an increase at the state level. However, I also understand the road blocks that have been put in place to prevent this from happening in Baton Rouge. If legislative efforts are unsuccessful, I would prefer to see the minimum wage increased via referendum, which would also require a legislative change. If such a statewide effort is not successful, I would support providing local control on this issue.	5
	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)	To me this is the most important question. Orleans Parish is losing a group of talented and dedicated legislators who have been able to advance policies despite being the political minority at the Legislature. I can build support for and advance legislation because it is what I have done throughout my career. For nearly seven years, I served as a policy aide to two members of Congress. I worked in the majority and in the minority. I was a staff member designated to be a part of the Democratic whip operation and spent time on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives working with lawmakers to pass legislation. In my current day job, I advocate on behalf of state and federal programs that support small businesses without access to capital, provide investment in low-income communities, create clean energy, increase affordable housing stock, and encourage the redevelopment of historic buildings. While I am a Democrat, I have worked with lawmakers from both parties in states across the country. To date, I have actively advocated in a dozen states and helped enact legislation in a number of those. I will bring my experience with me to Baton Rouge and find ways to represent the progressive values of our city while still getting things done by working across geographic, political, and even personal lines. Our community is struggling with drainage and infrastructure problems, affordable housing, crime, and access to quality education. Only someone with experience working with the legislature can tackle these problems. I am that person.	9
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		21
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		92

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Robert Mcknight ,91	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	Yes.	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	<p>It's time to ensure that no Louisianan has to worry about where they and their families will sleep. I plan on supporting this legislation through a dual approach focused on communication and education.</p> <p>It is important that our families are aware and knowledgeable of how the Housing Trust Fund can be accessed and how it can impact their families. As a public defender in New Orleans, I have had the unique opportunity to disseminate information, and educate on a myriad of issues. I would use many of the skills I developed as a Public Defender to and bring together families throughout my district by hosting family-friendly town halls at accessible meeting locations such as churches, community centers and schools. I would use these gatherings as opportunities to share information and inform my constituents. the importance to preserve safe and affordable housing for extremely low and very low-income households, including homeless families and individuals.</p>	
	Question 2 Cont'd:	<p>Secondly, I will support this legislation by proving, with evidence, how fiscally smart it is to provide sustainable housing. I will work with legislators across both parties to educate and prove to them how providing permanent housing is, by far, the least expensive way to provide shelter for those who need it. Unfortunately, people end up in overcrowded apartments, homeless shelters, hospitals, institutions for the mentally or physically disabled, jails or on the street for lack of affordable housing. Each of these alternatives costs taxpayers substantially more than paying for permanent places to live.</p> <p>I understand the importance of preserving and providing safe and affordable housing options for our neighbors who need it the most. This legislation not only improves the current status of our communities but has the ability to provide positive changes for our youngest New Orleanians as it gives children a good start to life.</p>	4

	<p>3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)</p>	<p>Yes. I will support legislations that aims to secure funding for housing for people who are formerly incarcerated because it will have a huge impact on whether he/she will successfully reenter the community as a law abiding citizen. As a Public Defender in New Orleans, I see daily the need for housing when returning homes. Without safe, sustainable and secure housing, those formerly incarcerated see no light, no hope, and they fall into the same circle, again.</p>	
		<p>The limited housing options for people with felony records raises questions about the community's ability to rehabilitate criminals and get them off a path that leads back to an overcrowded corrections system. As such, housing is more than shelter for the night. Housing is really fundamental to people staying out of the criminal justice system.</p>	5
	<p>4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	5
	<p>5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, vacant, abandoned and blighted properties are linked to increased rates of crime and declining property values. The maintenance or demolition of vacant properties is a huge expense. Blighted properties are more than just a symptom of larger economic forces at work in our community; their association with crime, increased risk to health and welfare, plunging property values, which contribute to overall community decline and disinvestment. I will support any incentive that puts families in sustainable housing.</p>	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes will introduce and support legislation to support renter's rights. I support legislation that will strengthen renter's rights. Landlords can file for eviction one day after rent is due and even if a renter is only short by a few dollars. Additionally, renter's are not allowed in Louisiana to withhold rent to try to force a landlord to repair a dilapidated rental. We must strengthen renter's rights to ensure no family is being bullied by a landlord. Lastly, landlords can force those tenants to move out in 10 days for no reason. The national standard is 30 days.</p>	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, I am willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable because property owners and policyholders need affordable insurance to mitigate against flooding damage and meaningful measures to reduce flood insurance rates through effective mitigation in times of devastation.</p>	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, I am willing to reintroduce SB 79, authored by Senator Troy Carter. I am committed to keeping families in their homes and neighborhoods. Far too many homeowners experiencing increases in their assessments, and I will support and reintroduce a measure of defense, which will allow local control to lower or exempt property taxes on low to moderate homeowners earning no more than 120 percent of the area's median income.</p>	5
	<p>9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, I would support reauthorizing the state historic tax credit, provided that, after discussion with expert, it remains beneficial to the state of Louisiana in order to provide affordable housing. It is my understanding that this tax credit was created to encourage the redevelopment of income-producing historic buildings.</p>	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, I will commit to working with local communities on their housing needs. As a fourth generation New Orleansian, I have a vested interest in the community and have cultivated several relationships. Currently, I serve as the President of the Police Community Advisor Board – NOPD 2nd District, co-founded my neighborhood association – Together Gert Town, and provide free notary services with the Broadmoor Improvement Association. Being an ongoing ally looks like, first, listening to the advocacy and community groups to whom I am an ally. Then, I will seek to amplify the voices of those groups. As an ally, I will work with integrity and direct communication, and take guidance and direction from the groups for whom I am an ally.</p>	4
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes, will support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage. I believe that local communities should have the power to determine the local minimum wage, and that local leaders should have the ability to ensure that jobs in their communities can sustain families. Local municipalities currently set their own policies on zoning, permitting, taxes, and economic development incentives. I support the common sense approach to lift state preemption, and let local government govern.</p>	4

	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)</p>	<p>My strategy to build support for and advance my agenda will be based on understanding relationship, coupled with my prior experiences working at both the federal and state level. I have worked for a Louisiana Congressman, a State Senator, two State Representatives, and a State Agency. I am a bridge builder, and understand in a Republican controlled house, getting legislation passed must, simply, start with building relationships. I have already developed those relationships, and will continue to strengthen such relationships to ensure that New Orleans, and Louisiana as a whole, has the best possible outcome as it relates to affordable housing.</p>	<p>9</p>
	<p>Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)</p>		<p>21</p>
	<p>Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)</p>		<p>5</p>
	<p>Total Score</p>		<p>92</p>

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Candace Newell , HD 99	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	Working to find additional funding sources that may be available, determining what legislation is being proposed or may need to be written, and securing support on both sides of the aisle to secure votes in favor or proposed bills.	3
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	Yes	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	Yes	5

	6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)	Yes	4
	7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)	Yes	5
	8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)	Yes	5
	9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)	Yes	4
	10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)	Yes	5
	11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)	Yes. I will work with local communities on their housing needs by maintaining contact with groups such as GNOHA and meeting on a regular basis to discuss solutions to issues and concerns. I will also attend community and advocacy meetings to listen to concerns and to receive input.	4
	12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)	Yes	5

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)	Yes . My Strategy is to use the working relationships I've developed on both the state and local levels to determine the level of support for fair housing. I'll work with supporters and advocacy groups to develop strategy to address concern or issues that are deterring others from giving their support, in order to get their votes.	7
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		21
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		85

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Ethan Ashley, HD 97	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	I would be willing to be an author of this type of legislation, vote in favorable in committee if my committee assignments permit, testify in favor of this legislation in committee, speak on the house floor in favor of this legislation and vote for this legislation. I am also willing to help secure votes for this type of legislation.	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	I am favorable to such an idea, but I would be interested in learning more about the protocol language.	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	Yes	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes will commit to reviewing the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>8. If Proposition 4 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>

	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	<p>if the impact of the legislation does not provide the needed relief, I am willing to work with advocates and community to develop another strategy to help create tax relief for homeowners.</p>	5
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	4

	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)</p>	<p>It starts with building strong relationships with the community and affordable housing advocates. I will work on creating an intentional two-way line of communication with both groups. Second, I will work to organize with the New Orleans Delegation on these important matters. I know that passing legislation is a team sport. I would like to work with our team members locally to strategize on ways to improve our affordable housing crisis. Additionally, I will work with local elected officials to determine ways that we can work collectively to address the housing needs of our community. Third, start to form relationships with my new colleagues and determine their interest in supporting legislation on these issues. Last, seek critical committee placements to help advance the agenda.</p>	<p>9</p>
	<p>Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)</p>		<p>20</p>
	<p>Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)</p>		<p>5</p>
	<p>Total Score</p>		<p>89</p>

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Matthew Willard, 97	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	I think it is imperative that, when we have opportunities to leverage state dollars with Federal and private matches, we take full advantage of it. In Orleans Parish alone it is estimated that we will need over 33,000 affordable housing units over the next five years to address the needs of our community. Our city is a net exporter of tax revenue to Baton Rouge. That has to change.	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes. Our formerly incarcerated individuals have a tough enough time adjusting to life once released. We need to do more to ease their transition so they can contribute to society and not fall victim to the dark lures of criminal activities.	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	Yes, but I would want to be sure that protocol is limited to properties that cannot or will not be used as school facilities.	5

	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	Yes	5
	6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)	Yes	5
	7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)	Yes	5
	8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)	Yes.I would work with other legislators to introduce bills that will increase the homestead exemption which has not been raised since 1982, put a cap on the percentage a property's value can rise in a given assessment year, and to lower the age requirement and/or the income threshold for individuals eligible for the senior tax freeze.	5
	9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)	Absolutely	5
	10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)	Yes	5

	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	<p>I currently sit on the Board of a nonprofit organization called Jason's House that will soon provide housing services for up to 21 men following their stays in a rehabilitation program for alcohol and drug addiction. Jason's House will also provide counseling, medical care, transportation, education, legal, job placement and other services needed to re-enter society as sober, productive, working individuals.</p>	5
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5
	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)</p>	<p>I am a solutions oriented person. I understand the political realities of our state and nation as a whole. Coalition building is something I have done my entire career, and it is because I'm willing to meet people where they are. You cannot walk into Baton Rouge with a 'my way or the highway' attitude. I have a core set of beliefs that make me who I am, but I am keenly aware that compromise is part of the legislative process by design. And that requires being able to build a relationship of trust with people in Baton Rouge. That is a challenge I look forward to embracing. I will start by identifying more moderate Republicans, and I will try to arrange meetings with them in their districts. I will request to tour those districts so that I can get an understanding of the local issues. From there I will find commonality in our issues and work with those legislators to pass legislation in the interest of our respective districts.</p>	9

	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		22
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		95

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Pepper Bowen Roussel, HD 91	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	I am happy to work with organizations doing this work to understand and more completely leverage the legislature's capacity in service of all the people.	5
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	Yes. But not just for the FIP. Women especially need adequate housing that would permit family reunification.	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	Yes. I would further require efforts asbestos and other environmental- quality hazard remediation of those properties so as to not jeopardize the health and well being of occupants.	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	Yes	5
	6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)	Yes	5

	7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)	Yes	5
	8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)	Yes	5
	9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)	Yes	5
	10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)	Yes	5
	11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)	Being an ally looks like quietly listening to the need then engaging in productive dialogue to accomplish the goal. I work in food; housing injustice is closely related. As Culinaria Director, I am loosely connected to GNOHA through LifeCity and Jane Place via BCC.	4
	12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)	Yes	5

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)	My strategy is to first follow the lead of organizations already working in housing to learn what has been attempted, what failed/worked, and why. Then to sponsor and/or write legislation that builds upon that knowledge; crosses sectors; and more completely support the constituents.	10
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		22
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		95

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Aimee Freeman, HD 98	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	It is clear that New Orleans and Louisiana has a serious affordable housing crisis. It is a complex problem and a serious one that should have all of our attention. When I am in the state legislature, I will make sure to work with fellow organizations and legislators to work on solutions.	3
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes	4
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?	Yes	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?	Yes	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	<p>yes. In parishes and cities across Louisiana, renters are in a vulnerable place. Evictions are happening very easily with little protections for citizens and landlords are allowed to evict informally and through the courts. We need to bring Louisiana in line with national standards.</p>	5	
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	<p>Yes</p>		5
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		5
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>I am looking forward to sitting down, discussing and learning from diverse groups working on a number of different issues such as the Vera Institute for Justice and the New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center.</p>		3
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		5

	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?</p>	<p>I plan to meet with individual representatives to understand the concerns and needs of their constituents. I will listen to their housing concerns and consider how we can build policy to provide affordable housing. I will also meet with the following organizations: the New Orleans Data Center, Urban Institute, New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, and Power Coalition for Equity and Justice to understand the data behind housing needs</p>	<p>8 16 5 83</p>
	<p>Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)</p>		
	<p>Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)</p>		
	<p>Total Score</p>		

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Mandie Landry , HD 91	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	<p>One of the main priorities of a New Orleans-area representative is to work to ensure funding for New Orleans, for roads, infrastructure, housing, and education. The New Orleans delegation was able to work on behalf of the city to assist the mayor in receiving additional funds this past year for infrastructure. We can and should do the same for housing. Next year, I'd work with the rest of the New Orleans delegation to try to find steady funding for the LHTF. One idea would be to include housing in legislation that is proposed for sports betting.</p>	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	<p>Yes. .I will strongly support legislation to help secure funding for housing for formerly incarcerated people. Integrating back into society is tough for the formerly incarcerated. We can and should break down as many of those barriers as we can.</p>	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?	<p>Yes. using property already owned by government entities lowers the cost of new affordable housing units and in the case of public school properties, it puts at-risk families near educational opportunities.</p>	5

	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?	Yes. This is a win-win scenario, where you bring blighted properties back into commerce while at the same time increasing the affordable housing stock in the city.	5
	6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.	Yes. Louisiana law has almost no protections for renters. I would support the resolution noted, and would be willing to work closely with advocates to address the lack of protections for renters.	5
	7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?	Yes	5
	8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)	Yes	5
	9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?	Yes	5
	10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?	Yes	5

	11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?	Yes, I will commit to work with local communities on housing needs. Being an ally to community groups as a state representative would require regular communication and in-person meetings with these groups. Meeting with individuals who are currently experiencing housing issues would also be crucial to this effort. I've gained this kind of firsthand knowledge from friends and neighbors over the past few years, and it is invaluable.	4
	12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?	Yes	5
	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?	I plan to do what I've always done - research, work hard, and ask for help when I need it. I've been a lawyer and advocate for 14 years. I know how to reach and surpass goals, how to find creative solutions, and how to get things done.	9
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		20
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		92

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Jon "Frankie" Hyers	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)	yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)	By addressing the complete lack for ANY principles whatsoever, where OUR representation is concerned	1
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	yes	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	yes	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>	Can't wait to find out! I worked with a non-profit for several yrs. dedicated to putting pianos in	3
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)</p>	yes	5

	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)</p>	<p>I've already begun to build a coalition among candidates in both Orleans, and Jefferson parishes, to end the disenfranchisement, and lacking for principled representation. Only ONE senator from either, is "speaking/deciding" for their respective parishes, exclusively! The rest? Mine included, are forced to serve 2-3 parishes, and thus 2-3 masters, thereby diluting the power of their office of trust. Forced to neglect or be beholder to some constituents over the interests of their neighbors. This betrays the very liberty, WE, as citizens are obligated to Secure! I mean to affect meaningful change, structurally. One term, one task, apportionment principles matter!</p>	6
	<p>Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)</p>		11
	<p>Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)</p>		0
	<p>Total Score</p>		71

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Joseph Bouie, Sen. Dist. 3	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (5 points)		5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation? (5 points)		5
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?(5 points)	yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(5 points)	yes	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop blighted properties? (5 points)	yes	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections. (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords? (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?) (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit? (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs? (5 points)</p>	yes	5
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like? (5 points)</p>		5
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (5 points)</p>	yes	5

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advance your legislative agenda around the above issues? (11 points)	Nurturing Positive relationships with legislative colleagues.	9
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		23
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		96

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Marguerite Green, Comm. Of Agriculture	1. What innovative strategies can be used to link urban agriculture and housing?	<p>Unfortunately, the popular model of incorporating community gardens into the building of mixed-use housing is frequently ineffective because it assumes residents have the desire and ability to garden. The most viable option I have seen, which I advocate for, is centrally located greenspace with city or non-profit support (staff to manage, municipal composting) for residents to grow food. Additionally, cooperatively or employee-owned urban farms among housing when properly managed and acting as good neighbors, can significantly increase the quality of life in all communities. Lastly, many cities give empty peri-urban land, which may not be suited for housing to farmers at a subsidized rate and write leases contingent on environmental stewardship. In this model, farmers can live in the city, produce food for their neighbors, but operate on large enough land to make a living farming.</p>	13
	2. Many Louisiana communities, especially those that have affordable housing, are identified as food deserts. How will you ensure increased food access in these communities across the state?	<p>Food access is a problem in communities when we base the distribution of food on a profit incentive for stores. To fix the issue of 'food deserts,' we need to believe that the solution is not a lack of outside investors into communities (again, without profit incentive they won't come), but a lack of capital for residents which prevents them from fixing the problem in the ways they see fit. Community-owned grocery stores or privately owned grocery stores by a resident as well as the availability of space to garden for low-income and food-insecure neighborhoods is the solution. The bigger question is how do we make sure that folks have the economic tools to create solutions for their own neighborhoods? In the meantime making city ordinances more amenable to growing food and tax incentives for fresh food retail in low-income neighborhoods are the best tools we have.</p>	14

	<p>3. What strategies do you have in mind to promote Louisiana agricultural products?</p>	<p>Louisiana has a serious marketing and market development problem for agricultural crops. We have a huge opportunity for the development of specialty row crops. Development of new markets like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -sustainable cotton - Louisiana marketed cane sugar and cane related drinks -sweet potatoes for specialty products like vodka - grain production for specialty/organic milling, -corn production for Louisiana made corn products (grits, tortillas, flour) -sustainable soybean production for food <p>These are all options that require a level of cunning and creativity from farmers; they often can't muster when full-time farming. LDAF could advocate for and elevate the food of Louisiana to increase our economic impact. Additionally, I would like to see the development of more dairies and believe that our state could incentivize sustainable dairy operations through more transparent regulation and inspection information.</p>	13
	<p>4. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our agriculture and farming productivity as the warm summer season is extended, impacting when and if we can farm certain crops. How will you work across political divides to unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana's climate impact? Furthermore, how will you prepare farmers for increased flooding events?</p>	<p>Using coalition building and polling data from communities to show their elected officials that their constituents are ready and pretty desperate to have these conversations. Also, bringing political leadership on go-see trips to witness the impact climate change is having on our state. As for building resiliency for farmers, we should be helping them access NRCS programs and federal funds. We should be making sure they have precise inspection and regulation information of food safety of flooded crops and the best info on crop insurance. Also, we should create programming (like distribution of free cypress saplings) to help farmers mitigate flooding.</p>	14
	<p>5. Non-point source pollution is one of our greatest environmental problems, especially since 70% of America's watershed empties into Louisiana through the Mississippi River. How will you help farmers in implementing best practices that reduce nutrient pollution in storm water runoff?</p>	<p>Farmers contribute to non-point source pollution not because of malice or greed, but lack of educational programs and business planning that helps them identify how much money they are spending on inputs. It's hard to help farmers who are set in their ways transition, even with evidence that they should both for their profit and community. A culture shift in the department, and many additional employees should be added to visit farmers and help them calculate their yield versus inputs to show them the long term financial reality of polluting behavior. Since poor farming choices impact the state, it should be working hard to curb them.</p>	14
	<p>Interview/Forum (Max - points)</p>		23
	<p>Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)</p>		5

	Total Score		95
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Candidate	Question	Responses	Avg. Score
Teresa Kenny, Treasurer	1. Will you commit to serving on the Louisiana Housing Corporation Board of Directors as State Treasurer?	The LHC Board of Directors currently includes the State Treasurer, and I would be honored to continue as a member of the board.	7
	2. Will you support GNOHA's recommended suggestions to the LHC in our 2019 QAP Comment Letter?	I support the research done by GNOHA and believe their comments are the best possible path to a fair	7
	3. Do you pledge to encourage the LHC to exercise its power, through the QAP, to extend affordability periods of regulated properties to the greatest extent possible to avoid expiration and preserve affordability?	Yes	7
	4. If so, how	I would pledge to addresss this common sense solution to expiring properties.	6
	5. Do you pledge to continue to release a QAP annually and punctually, in order to ensure timely deployment of resources to support our state's affordable housing needs?	The QAP is the governing document for many of the LHC's programs. Without a timely, accurate QAP	6
	6. Will you join us in regulating the LHC to ensure that it makes affordable housing accessible to all Louisiana citizens in a fair and equitable way that fights racial segregation?	As Treasurer, a key part of my platform is financial equality. I firmly believe our institutions are in the best position to be at the forefront of fighting racial segregation, I can take those learnings and best practices to the LHC	6
	7. Will you as treasurer support the use of state CDBG funds in communities that are currently experiencing an affordable housing challenge and do not receive direct funding from HUD?	Our state develops its own spending priorities for the CDBG gants, and I will work to influence those priorities to reach our most vulnerable populations.	6

	8. In your role on the state bond commission, will you work to expedite affordable housing developments across the state?	As the chairperson of the bond commission, I will expedite developments that meet the requirements and will have a significant impact on the state's unhoused population.	7
	9. Will you ensure that Participating Jurisdictions are no longer marginalized regarding the allocation to LHC funding?	As Treasurer, one of my platforms is Financial Equality. I understand that the LHC may not treat all regions fairly – it would be my duty to create economic value for people in need. Identifying pain points and small changes that can make the process more equitable is a good first step.	12
	Interview/Forum (Max - points)		22
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		91

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Eugene Green, HD 97	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	I will co-sponsor legislation	3
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes. A TWO-TIER PROGRAM THAT HELPS IN THE FIRST 72 HOURS AFTER RELEASE, AND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING THEREAFTER.	4
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?	YES. PIERRE A. CAPDAU SCHOOL IN MY DISTRICT IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF ADAPTIVE RE-USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?	YES	4

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 43 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	<p>I WILL COMMIT TO WORK WITH ADVOCATES AND THE COMMUNITY ON A STRATEGY THAT PROVIDES PROTECTIONS.</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	<p>yes</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>4</p>
		<p>Yes</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>I WILL SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES INCENTIVES TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO OFFER AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO WORK TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE THAT WILL OFFER BETTER PAYING JOBS. I VALUE THE TAX CREDITS THAT HAVE MADE SOME PROPERTIES AFFORDABLE, WHILE NOT PENALIZING THOSE THAT INVEST IN THE PROPERTY. I WILL BE A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING CREDITS THAT HAVE SERVED EVERYONE.</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?	I SEEK TO SECURE THE OPINIONS AND SUGGESTION OF ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ADVOCATE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICIES IN OUR CITY AND STATE. I WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY THE ACTIVITIES AND POLICY MAKING EFFORTS OF THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION AND LOCAL ENTITIES WITH AN AIM TOWARD OFFERING ASSISTANCE AND LEGISLATION THAT HELPS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN EXIST.	6
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		14
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		74

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Ashonta Wyatt, BESE 2	1. Will you support policies that address needs of homeless youth (and young adults), specifically to allow them to stay in school? (+8)	Yes! All students deserve access to a free and appropriate public education. Educational policies should work to address the holistic needs of all students despite their socioeconomic status or living arrangements.	8
	2. Will you support policies that will ensure community access to school buildings?(+8)	Yes! Neighborhood schooling options should be an option available to all families. Policies that work for inclusivity of ALL students, parents and stakeholders should be the standard. Community access would help also help to uphold accountability.	8
	3. Will you support guaranteed and efficient transit for students who live outside of the immediate neighborhoods where they are enrolled? (+8)	Although neighborhood schools would work to reduce exorbitant transportation costs, I am in support of efficient transit for students who opt to attend school outside of their neighborhoods.	8
	4. What policies will you introduce to support housing insecure youth so that they are able continue academic participation and achievement? (+8)	Non secure housing such as group homes or temporary housing in shelters/facilities should have priority bedding to support housing needs of homeless youth.	8

	5. Will you commit to serve on at least one Housing NOLA working group, such as the Opportunity Youth Committee? (+8)	Yes! It is imperative that those in charge of educational policy also understand the holistic needs of those who the policies most affect, specifically youth.	7.8
	6. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?(+8)	Yes!	8
	7. If so, in what ways will you support this legislation?(+8)	Many of the dilapidated school buildings can be used to house our housing insecure youth and homeless population. These buildings can be leased at a nominal rate to families with school aged children to ensure that insufficient housing isn't a deterrent to school attendance.	7.8
	8. How can the school board work with community partners to provide supportive services and education initiatives in affordable housing developments for student residents? (+15)	As mentioned above, the dilapidated buildings can be used to secure families with school aged children. The school board can work with community partners to provide supportive services (Wrap Around) and education initiatives to improve attendance rates to ensure families are serviced in and out of school.	14.6
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		23.6
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		98.6

	Question	Responses	Average Score
Adonis Expose, 99	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (+5)	Yes	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	I will work with affordable housing advocates, stakeholders and legislators across the state to identify a dedicated revenue source and exhaust all efforts to get the legislation passed. (+5)	5
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?	yes	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?	yes	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	yes	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	yes	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	yes	5
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?</p>	yes	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	Yes	5

	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>District 99 is comprised of very diverse neighborhoods with very distinct housing issues within each. I will work jointly with residents and advocates to develop strategies that address the neighborhood's particular needs. For example, the Lower Ninth Ward residents view blight and a lack of homeownership investment as the primary concerns in their neighborhood. I plan to work with neighborhood groups and affordable housing developers to create a strategy that increases affordable homeownership in their neighborhood. Additionally, we will address the concerns of existing homeowners regarding their ability to retain their homes given the issues beyond their control such as increased taxes and insurance. This affordability issue is the same for many residents in the Bywater/Marigny neighborhood as well. However, the other pressing issue for this neighborhood is providing more affordable housing in an area, that as of late, is ripe with NIMBYism. (+5)</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>5</p>

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?	I will work with community residents, affordable housing advocates and stakeholders to solicit input and gather data to craft legislation that is truly rooted in the needs of the community. I will, in turn, work with the New Orleans delegation to educate fellow legislators across the state to gain the support needed to pass legislation that is really beneficial and impactful to the residents of District 99 and the entire city. (+11)	5
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		24
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		94

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Marion Bonura, BESE 2	1. Will you support policies that address needs of homeless youth (and young adults), specifically to allow them to stay in school? (+8)	Yes	5
	2. Will you support policies that will ensure community access to school buildings? Yes! Neighborhood schooling options should be an option available to all families. Policies that work for inclusivity of ALL students, parents and stakeholders should be the standard. Community access would help also help to uphold accountability. (+8)	yes	6
	3. Will you support guaranteed and efficient transit for students who live outside of the immediate neighborhoods where they are enrolled? (+8)	yes	6

	4. What policies will you introduce to support housing insecure youth so that they are able continue academic participation and achievement? (+8)	An important factor for students to stay in school is extra-curricular activities. Therefore I support any policy for students that give them the opportunity to enjoy student life. If it's a activity bus or other policies that would make this possible.	4
	5. Will you commit to serve on at least one Housing NOLA working group, such as the Opportunity Youth Committee? (+8)	Absolutely, My Career has been working with children.	6
	6. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development? a. If so, in what ways will you support this legislation? (+8)	yes	6
	If so, in what ways will you support legislation?	Redevelopment of property that is not in use are is blight should be used to help with the problem of low cost housing.	5

	7. How can the school board work with community partners to provide supportive services and education initiatives in affordable housing developments for student residents? (+15)	It is necessary for an agency that deals with the most important sector of our future to do all it can to give them the tools to be successful in life and improve their quality of life.	7
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		17
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		66

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Jason Hughes, 100	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (+5)	Yes.	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	<p>Since receiving a one-time allocation of \$25 Million under the Blanco Administration (Where I held dual appointments on Governor Blanco's Legislative and Policy Teams), the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund has provided financing assistance to hundreds of affordable housing units across the state. Those dollars were put to good use; however, there is still a great need for affordable housing, especially in urban communities such as New Orleans. I support a dedicated revenue source to the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund and am open to explore options (which have been done in other states and cities) such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Impact fees placed on non-residential development -Condominium conversion fees -Demolition fees -Reallocation of Hotel and motel taxes -Document recording fees -Real estate transfer fees -Interest from state held funds (such as unclaimed property funds and budget stabilization funds) -Interest from real estate escrow or mortgage escrow accounts 	5
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Absolutely. It is vital that we create housing programs for formerly incarcerated citizens. In addition to job skills training and working with prospective public and private sector employers to create opportunities, we must ensure our formerly incarcerated citizens have adequate transportation options and quality, stable housing.	5
	4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?	yes	5
	5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?	yes	5

	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	<p>Yes, I look forward to reviewing the results of the study and working to enact effective legislation.</p>	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	<p>yes</p>	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	<p>Yes. It is my sincere hope that this constitutional amendment is not defeated this fall. However, in the event it is, I will be happy to reintroduce legislation next year that would create such tax relief. This is absolutely vital.</p>	5
	<p>9. Will you vote in support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?</p>	<p>yes</p>	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>• Homeownership is an American dream and a pathway to building assets. However, there are many who may choose not to pursue homeownership for various reasons and need safe, quality affordable housing. The average income of citizens in America, including New Orleans, often forces them to choose between quality of life essentials such as gas, medicine, and food, and housing. We can no longer allow for housing to be more than 30% of the American household expenses. We must combat this struggle with more affordable housing. I have a history of working to assist citizens in finding affordable housing through my work at the municipal, state, and federal levels of government. I have worked to help homeless citizens and working class citizens find affordable housing and will continue to be an advocate of affordable housing by joining such organizations as the Louisiana Housing Alliance, and seeking input on solutions to our affordable housing crisis from those that work in the field. In addition, as Chairman of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, I consistently demonstrated my commitment to this important issue. I also am a supporter of mixed income housing and would encourage more of such developments to ensure communities are not oversaturated with affordable housing but offer a mixed array of housing that encourages young and veteran professionals to live together. As Vice Chairman of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, I was a proud and vocal supporter of the proposed mixed income development in Bywater, despite very vocal opposition.</p>	5
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?</p>	<p>Yes. During his campaign for House District 93, I served as Senior Advisor to Royce Duplessis. He can confirm that I worked with him to bring HB 422 during the 2019 Regular Legislative Session. If I am elected, I have already agreed to cosponsor this legislation with Rep. Duplessis.</p>	5

	13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build a legislative agenda around housing, I would work to implement the following strategies: A. Form a statewide Affordable Housing Advisory Board. This board will serve as an independent advisory commission to the Governor and Legislature on Affordable Housing Challenges and Opportunities across the state. B. Read and assess annually the Affordable Housing Study that is regularly performed by the Louisiana Housing Corporation and work to address the challenges identified in this report related to gaps in affordable housing. C. Tear down any barriers that pit rural affordable housing policies and developments against urban affordable housing policies and developments. Affordable housing is a need in both communities and resources should be allocated to both in a sustainable manner. 	10
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		22
	Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)		5
	Total Score		96

	Question	Responses	Avg. Score
Tammy Savoie, HD 94	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (+5)	Yes,	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	I would support legislation for additional funding sources for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. I would vote for legislation to this end, ensuring that any such program was sustainable long-term.	4
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes. I understand how difficult it is to find secure and affordable housing, especially for those who have previously been incarcerated.	5

	<p>4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?</p>	<p>Yes. I would support legislation that would aim to dedicate public school property for affordable housing. The lack of affordable housing in this city is appalling. The minimum salary of New Orleans residents cannot keep pace with inflation, let alone the cost of housing. What that means is that more and more native New Orelanians are being pushed out of their homes and forced to leave the city.</p>	5
	<p>5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?</p>	<p>Absolutely. The amount of declining properties in our city calls for action and incentives are useful in reinvigorating our housing market and ultimately, our city.</p>	5
	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	<p>Yes, rental prices in this city have gotten out of control, particularly with AirBnB entering the market. Again, housing rates are not affordable because the stock of available housing has plummeted. Our housing needs are ballooning, as are our rents. I will commit to reviewing the results and working with the community creating protections.</p>	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	<p>Yes - our insurance across the board is far too expensive. We must examine solutions to fix lower the cost of all forms of insurance, including property insurance.</p>	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	<p>I would very happy to look into solutions to tax relief should SB 79 be defeated. This year's property tax evaluation is horrendous and means that so many people, people who have been in their homes for decades, could potentially lose their housing. That is in no one's interest.</p>	5
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?</p>	<p>Yes, I believe in the state historic tax credit.</p>	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5

	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>I will work with the local communities regarding their housing needs. What it looks like is how I have been running my campaign: speaking to residents about what is working for them and more importantly, what is not working for them. While I do not have any specific connections with housing advocacy and community groups, I would look forward to building them, listening to their insight, and gaining their advice.</p>	4
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?</p>	<p>YES! This is one of the core tenants of my campaign platform. The minimum wage in, say, Bunkie, LA will not work here in New Orleans. The minimum wage should absolutely be set locally.</p>	5
	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?</p>	<p>My first strategy is to seek out advisors who can speak to these issues in much more detail than what I know. I am not an expert in these matters, but I do know that we need to do better – or we lose what makes New Orleans New Orleans, the people. I have a research team who have raised many of these points already and I would use that along with working with community groups and residents to find and implement fixes.</p>	
	<p>Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)</p>		21
	<p>Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)</p>		5
	<p>Total Score</p>		94

	Question	Responses	Avg. Score
Tammy Savoie, HD 94	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. (+5)	Yes,	5
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	I would support legislation for additional funding sources for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund. I would vote for legislation to this end, ensuring that any such program was sustainable long-term.	5
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes. I understand how difficult it is to find secure and affordable housing, especially for those who have previously been incarcerated.	5

	<p>4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?</p>	<p>Yes. I would support legislation that would aim to dedicate public school property for affordable housing. The lack of affordable housing in this city is appalling. The minimum salary of New Orleans residents cannot keep pace with inflation, let alone the cost of housing. What that means is that more and more native New Orelanians are being pushed out of their homes and forced to leave the city.</p>	5
	<p>5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivize the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?</p>	<p>Absolutely. The amount of declining properties in our city calls for action and incentives are useful in reinvigorating our housing market and ultimately, our city.</p>	5
	<p>6. Will you introduce legislation to support renter's rights? The Louisiana Constitution prohibits rent control. Renter protection bill SB 28 was made into a study resolution--will you commit to review the results and work with advocates and community to create a strategy to create policy that provides real renters protections.</p>	<p>Yes, rental prices in this city have gotten out of control, particularly with AirBnB entering the market. Again, housing rates are not affordable because the stock of available housing has plummeted. Our housing needs are ballooning, as are our rents. I will commit to reviewing the results and working with the community creating protections.</p>	5
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	<p>Yes - our insurance across the board is far too expensive. We must examine solutions to fix lower the cost of all forms of insurance, including property insurance.</p>	5
	<p>8. If SB 79 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	<p>I would very happy to look into solutions to tax relief should SB 79 be defeated. This year's property tax evaluation is horrendous and means that so many people, people who have been in their homes for decades, could potentially lose their housing. That is in no one's interest.</p>	5
	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?</p>	<p>Yes, I believe in the state historic tax credit.</p>	5
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	5

	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>I will work with the local communities regarding their housing needs. What it looks like is how I have been running my campaign: speaking to residents about what is working for them and more importantly, what is not working for them. While I do not have any specific connections with housing advocacy and community groups, I would look forward to building them, listening to their insight, and gaining their advice.</p>	3
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage?</p>	<p>YES! This is one of the core tenants of my campaign platform. The minimum wage in, say, Bunkie, LA will not work here in New Orleans. The minimum wage should absolutely be set locally.</p>	5
	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues?</p>	<p>My first strategy is to seek out advisors who can speak to these issues in much more detail than what I know. I am not an expert in these matters, but I do know that we need to do better – or we lose what makes New Orleans New Orleans, the people. I have a research team who have raised many of these points already and I would use that along with working with community groups and residents to find and implement fixes.</p>	10
	<p>Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)</p>		23
	<p>Bonus Points for Signing #PutHousingFirst Pledge (max. 5)</p>		5
	<p>Total Score</p>		94

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Governor John Bel Edwards	1. Will you support legislation that aims to identify and secure additional funding sources, including a dedicated revenue source for the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.	Yes	3
	2. If so, how or in what ways will you support this legislation	Louisiana has a continued need for affordable housing solutions that assist low-income individuals and families access housing that they can afford. The Louisiana Housing Trust Fund is an affordable housing tool with unique flexibility that should be leveraged to strengthen the State's ability to provide pathways to affordable housing opportunities in every region of our state.	1
	3. Will you support legislation that aims to secure funding for housing programs for people who were formerly incarcerated?	Yes. In 2017, I signed into law the most comprehensive criminal justice reform in the state's history. The bi-partisan measures were designed to steer people convicted of less serious crimes away from prison, strengthen incarceration alternatives, reduce prison terms for those who can be safely supervised in the community, and remove barriers to re-entry. The lack of affordable housing solutions for persons transitioning out of the criminal justice system is a significant barrier to successful reentry. I will continue to work toward eliminating this barrier.	3

	<p>4. Will you support legislation that aims to secure public development protocol that dedicates public school property for affordable housing development?</p>	<p>Yes. We've seen so many examples of the creative housing opportunities that can be provided by dedicated and repurposing a school building that is no longer in use to develop affordable housing. Abandoned or blighted district and parish owned school properties are eligible solutions to develop affordable housing. I will continue to support local and state efforts to tackle blight and to create housing opportunities. The Low Income Housing Tax Credit and the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit have been vehicles for such redevelopment.</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>5. Will you support legislation that aims to incentivizes the use of blighted property programs to redevelop declining properties?</p>	<p>Yes, I will continue to support local and state efforts to tackle blight and to create housing opportunities. Louisiana has thousands of blighted and abandoned properties in our communities – including adjudicated properties that are contributing to a statewide affordable housing shortage. Many local officials and community stakeholders have referred to blighted property as one of the top housing priorities and concerns in their communities</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>6. Will you support legislation that expands and protects renter's rights?</p>	<p>I support any effort to ensure that the rights of tenants are protected. Such effort must ensure that the current laws are being enforced and that tenants are not only knowledgeable, but have systems in play for recourse where applicable.</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>7. Are you willing to explore policies that will make property insurance more affordable to homeowners and landlords?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>8. If Proposition 4 is defeated, are you willing to introduce legislation next year that will create tax relief for homeowners (and renters who are being pushed out due to property tax increase?)</p>	<p>I generally support efforts to provide for affordable housing solutions at the local level, provided that such efforts do not erode the state's financial footing.</p>	<p>1</p>

	<p>9. Will you vote I support of reauthorizing the state historic tax credit?</p>	<p>Yes. History and culture are at the heart of what Louisiana is and who we are. Maintaining the architectural personality of our communities is critical, not only to our tourist economy, but to our understanding of who we are and from whence we came.</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>10. Will you commit to work with local communities on their housing needs?</p>	<p>Yes. History and culture are s communities heart with what Louisiana the and who we are. Maintaining communities architectural personality with our communities the critical, not only ei our tourist economy, but ei our understanding with who we are and from whence we came.</p>	<p>2</p>
	<p>11. If so, what does it look like to be an ongoing ally to advocacy and community groups? Do you already have any of these relationships and what does it look like?</p>	<p>The LHC administers a portfolio of housing programs and services – several programs and services through partnerships with community-based organizations. LHC’s Community Connection Initiative is aimed to educate and inform community leaders about housing opportunities and solutions provided by LHC. At its core, this initiative is a collaborative approach designed to bring the full capacity of state, federal and local governments together to identify solutions and address the barriers of their housing needs at the local level. LHC has existing partnerships with municipalities, housing advocates, non-profits, public housing authorities, Community Housing Development Organizations and Community Action Partners.</p>	<p>2</p>
	<p>12. The 2-bedroom housing wage is \$19.38 in New Orleans, and \$16.86 on average across Louisiana, will you support legislation that allows local municipalities to set their own minimum wage? (+5)</p>	<p>I have been a strong supporter of raising the minimum wage all across Louisiana. \$7.25 is just not enough for people to live and raise a family in Louisiana.</p>	<p>2</p>
	<p>13. What is your strategy to build support for and advice your legislative agenda around the above issues? (+3)</p>	<p>When you look at my record and what we’ve been able to accomplish in a bipartisan way since I took office, I’m confident that working together, we can keep working for Louisiana over the next four years. That includes making sure we prioritize raising wages for thousands of Louisianans, and ensuring more of our families have good, safe, affordable housing.</p>	<p>2</p>

	<p>14. Will you support GNOHA's recommended suggestions to the LHC in our 2019 QAP Comment Letter?</p>	<p>I value the feedback of GNOHA and other housing advocates with regard to the state's QAP and will weigh these recommendations as I consider its approval. I will evaluate GNOHA's recommendations as well as those received from other advocates throughout the state as I consider the QAP's approval.</p>	<p>2</p>
	<p>15. Will you encourage the LHC to exercise its power, through the QAP, to extend affordability periods of regulated properties to the greatest extent possible to avoid expiration and preserve affordability?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>16. Will you join us in regulating the LHC to ensure that it makes affordable housing accessible to all Louisiana citizens in a fair and equitable way that fights racial segregation?</p>	<p>Yes. Affordable housing should be fair and accessible to all Louisiana, both as a fundamental belief and as required under the law.</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>17. Will you as Governor Support the use of state CDBG funds in communities that are currently experiencing an affordable housing challenge and do not receive direct funding from HUD?</p>	<p>Yes, absolutely. We currently do not use state CDBG funds for housing in the Small Cities program. Our priorities are drinking water, sewer systems, and roads. When LHC was created, we removed housing from the priorities for Small Cities. This would be a change. I think the better approach is to promise to ensure future CDBG and HOME investments through LHC will consider the affordable housing needs in rural areas.</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>18. Will you ensure that Participating Jurisdictions are no longer marginalized regarding the allocation to LHC funding? I don't know what this is.</p>	<p>I don't know what this is. Planning is already underway to ensure that all available resources are used "together" to leverage affordable housing dollars to their greatest use. A key component of this work is for LHC to prepare agreements with municipalities to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of how housing resources are coordinated locally and regionally.</p>	<p>2</p>

	<p>19. Will you as Governor Support the use of state CDBG funds in communities that are currently experiencing an affordable housing challenge and do not receive direct funding from HUD?</p>	<p>Yes. See the answer to questions 16 above.</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>20. Will you support the creation of a loan loss reserve program using leftover Katrina/Rita funds that will provide funding for homeowners to either help them rebuild or to fund a service program that will address their regulatory obligations (i.e. filling out paperwork to absolve obligations)</p>	<p>I support the use of remaining Katrina/Rita or disaster related CDBG funds to assist homeowners in their affordable housing endeavors.</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>21 .Questions regarding support for/execution of the Coastal Master Plan: How will you prevent displacement in communities where coastal protections are being invested in?</p>	<p>I have awarded more than \$41 million, through HUD’s National Disaster Resilience Competition funding, to six coastal parishes for flood-resilience improvement projects developed through Louisiana’s Strategic Adaptions for Future Environments (LA SAFE). LA SAFE is an innovative effort designed to create and implement adaptations to ongoing coastal land loss and rising seas.</p>	<p>2</p>

	<p>22. Questions Regarding support for/execution of the Coastal Master Plan: How will you ensure that communities where there is affordable housing are being protected, and that affordable housing will be incentivized in neighborhoods that have been equipped with protections?</p>	<p>Enhancing the resilience of all our communities, including coastal communities, is an imperative for our future. Ensuring the safety and resilience of affordable housing in those communities is absolutely critical to that effort.</p>	2
	<p>23. Would you support the use of state general funds for programs using evidence-based and emerging practices to reduce and prevent homelessness? (+5)</p>	<p>Yes. The Louisiana Housing Authority through the LHC has been working diligently and creatively using such practices to address the issues in our state for those without homes. The Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCO) and its coalition of homeless service providers have worked for decades to prevent and end homelessness in Louisiana. Over the last several years, Louisiana's homelessness population has decreased more than 50%, as many dedicated organizations have worked to provide people experiencing homelessness with the housing and supportive services they need to achieve permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Bolstering these efforts with additional funding would further enhance the ability of these programs to assist people in returning from homelessness to housing as quickly as sustainably as possible.</p>	4
	Interview/Forum (Max - 24 points)		
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	Total Score		57