

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
<p>2019 Gubernatorial Candidate Debate Governor John Bel Edwards</p>	<p>1. Did the candidate present or speak on the importance of the issue of affordable housing? Yes/No (+15)</p>		0
	<p>2. How prepared was the candidate to give facts and examples when answering questions regarding quality of life policies that could impact housing priorities in the future (tax reform, healthcare, education jobs, etc.) (+15)</p>		13
	<p>3.After watching the 2019 Gubernatorial debate, Given the composition of the legislature, rate the candidate on their potential abilities to advance quality of life and fiscal policies that positively impact housing priorities in the legislature. (+15)</p>		13
	<p>4. Overall, after watching the Gubernatorial Debate, how well did the candidate do on actually answering questions regarding quality of life policies that could impact housing priorities in the next four years?(tax reform, healthcare, education, jobs, etc.) (+15)</p>		13

	5. Overall, how effective was the candidate in responding to his opponents challenges regarding quality of life policies that could impact housing priorities in the future (tax reform, Healthcare, education, jobs, etc. (+15)		14
	6. Based on the 2019 Gubernatorial Debate, how well do you feel like the candidate would align with the agenda of #PutHousingFirst supporters, housing advocates, and residents combatting the affordable housing crisis (+25)		17
	Total Score		69

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2019 Gubernatorial Candidate Debate Eddie Risponse	1. Did the candidate present or speak on the importance of the issue of affordable housing? Yes/No (+15)		0
	2. How prepared was the candidate to give facts and examples when answering questions regarding quality of life policies that could impact housing priorities in the future (tax reform, healthcare, education jobs, etc.) (+15)		3
	3. After watching the 2019 Gubernatorial debate, Given the composition of the legislature, rate the candidate on their potential abilities to advance quality of life and fiscal policies that positively impact housing priorities in the legislature. (+15)		3
	4. Overall, after watching the Gubernatorial Debate, how well did the candidate do on actually answering questions regarding quality of life policies that could impact housing priorities in the next four years?(tax reform, healthcare, education, jobs, etc.) (+15)		3

	5. Overall, how effective was the candidate in responding to his opponents challenges regarding quality of life policies that could impact housing priorities in the future (tax reform, Healthcare, education, jobs, etc. (+15)		3
	6. Based on the 2019 Gubernatorial Debate, how well do you feel like the candidate would align with the agenda of #PutHousingFirst supporters, housing advocates, and residents combatting the affordable housing crisis (+25)		6
	Total Score		17

Candidate	Question	Responses	Average Score
Aimee Freeman, HD 98	<p>1. For the second year in a row, New Orleans was not awarded a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTEC) deal. If elected, would you support GNOHA's suggestions regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to end policies that continue to marginalize New Orleans? (+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>2. If elected, will your office commit to conducting outreach to residents regarding the importance of Louisiana's participation in the 2020 census to bring much needed resources to Louisiana?(+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>3. In the past, redistricting often has been distorted by manipulating boundaries to stack the deck in favor of a political party or incumbent candidates. This has allowed legislatures and political parties to select their voters rather than allowing voters to freely select their representatives. If elected, would your office help to stop gerrymandering and ensure that congress and state legislatures are representative of their districts? (+6)</p>	Yes	6

	<p>4. If elected, would you support the creation of an emergency housing trust fund In order to prepare for emergencies and seed it with \$15 million from the surplus? (+6)</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, United Way, Urban Institute, New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, and Power Coalition for Equity and Justice to understand the data behind housing needs. With surplus dollars and state savings money, I will work to look at the entire budget and make sure we meet the needs of Louisiana’s low income citizens who deserve to have affordable housing, an increased minimum wage, and education opportunities starting at birth for their children.</p>	<p>5</p>
	<p>5. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our infrastructure, and housing. Will you support climate policies that will unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana’s climate impact? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>6. Will you also commit to work to undo the damage that has been done to the health of the communities inside the petro-chemical corridor and work with the LA DEQ to address issues like the air toxicity in St. John the Baptist? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>7. If elected, would you commit to investing the state’s savings, achieved through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), into creating housing for the formerly incarcerated, including transitional and permanent housing?(+6)</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, United Way, Urban Institute, New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, and Power Coalition for Equity and Justice to understand the data behind housing needs. With surplus dollars and state savings money, I will work to look at the entire budget and make sure we meet the needs of Louisiana’s low income citizens who deserve to have affordable housing, an increased minimum wage, and education opportunities starting at birth for their children.</p>	<p>5</p>

	<p>8. If elected, would your office support reform that allow municipalities to have more control over and increased transparency over the processes within each municipality's Tax Assessor's office?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>9. If elected, will you support programs to that help residents who own a family home through inheritance obtain a free and clear title? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>10. If elected, will you seek to create legislation that will correct the proven inequities in the Road Home Program and commit to find resources (i.e. surplus funding) to help hundreds of displaced homeowners return to their communities? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes, with surplus dollars and state savings money, I will work to look at the entire budget and make sure we meet the needs of Louisiana's low income and working class citizens who deserve to have affordable housing, an increased minimum wage, and education opportunities starting at birth for their children.</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>11. According to the Out of Reach Report, the housing wage for a two-bedroom in Orleans Parish is \$19.38. Given the challenges around raising the minimum wage and the difficulties of convening a constitutional convention, what legislation would you author to help combat the affordable housing crisis? (+8)</p>	<p>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. 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>5</p>

	<p>12. Given the composition of next year's legislature, what strategies would you use to advance housing priorities? (+8)</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, United Way, Urban Institute, New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, and Power Coalition for Equity and Justice to understand the data behind housing needs. With surplus dollars and state savings money, I will work to look at the entire budget and make sure we meet the needs of Louisiana's low income citizens who deserve to have affordable housing, an increased minimum wage, and education opportunities starting at birth for their children.</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>Interview Score (out of 24)</p>		<p>22</p>
	<p>Total Score</p>		<p>90</p>

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Kea Sherman, HD 98	<p>1. For the second year in a row, New Orleans was not awarded a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTEC) deal. If elected, would you support GNOHA's suggestions regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to end policies that continue to marginalize New Orleans? (+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>2. If elected, will your office commit to conducting outreach to residents regarding the importance of Louisiana's participation in the 2020 census to bring much needed resources to Louisiana?(+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>3. In the past, redistricting often has been distorted by manipulating boundaries to stack the deck in favor of a political party or incumbent candidates. This has allowed legislatures and political parties to select their voters rather than allowing voters to freely select their representatives. If elected, would your office help to stop gerrymandering and ensure that congress and state legislatures are representative of their districts? (+6)</p>	Yes	6

	<p>4. If elected, would you support the creation of an emergency housing trust fund In order to prepare for emergencies and seed it with \$15 million from the surplus? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>5. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our infrastructure, and housing. Will you support climate policies that will unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana's climate impact? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>6. Will you also commit to work to undo the damage that has been done to the health of the communities inside the petro-chemical corridor and work with the LA DEQ to address issues like the air toxicity in St. John the Baptist? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>7. If elected, would you commit to investing the state's savings, achieved through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), into creating housing for the formerly incarcerated, including transitional and permanent housing? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>

	<p>8. If elected, would your office support reform that allow municipalities to have more control over and increased transparency over the processes within each municipality's Tax Assessor's office?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>9. If elected, will you support programs to that help residents who own a family home through inheritance obtain a free and clear title? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
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	<p>11. According to the Out of Reach Report, the housing wage for a two-bedroom in Orleans Parish is \$19.38. Given the challenges around raising the minimum wage and the difficulties of convening a constitutional convention, what legislation would you author to help combat the affordable housing crisis? (+8)</p>		<p>7</p>

	12. Given the composition of next year's legislature, what strategies would you use to advance housing priorities? (+8)		6
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Mandie Landry, HD 91	<p>1. For the second year in a row, New Orleans was not awarded a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTEC) deal. If elected, would you support GNOHA's suggestions regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to end policies that continue to marginalize New Orleans? (+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>2. If elected, will your office commit to conducting outreach to residents regarding the importance of Louisiana's participation in the 2020 census to bring much needed resources to Louisiana?(+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>3. In the past, redistricting often has been distorted by manipulating boundaries to stack the deck in favor of a political party or incumbent candidates. This has allowed legislatures and political parties to select their voters rather than allowing voters to freely select their representatives. If elected, would your office help to stop gerrymandering and ensure that congress and state legislatures are representative of their districts? (+6)</p>	Yes	6

	<p>4. If elected, would you support the creation of an emergency housing trust fund In order to prepare for emergencies and seed it with \$15 million from the surplus? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>5. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our infrastructure, and housing. Will you support climate policies that will unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana's climate impact? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>6. Will you also commit to work to undo the damage that has been done to the health of the communities inside the petro-chemical corridor and work with the LA DEQ to address issues like the air toxicity in St. John the Baptist? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>7. If elected, would you commit to investing the state's savings, achieved through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), into creating housing for the formerly incarcerated, including transitional and permanent housing?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>

	8. If elected, would your office support reform that allow municipalities to have more control over and increased transparency over the processes within each municipality's Tax Assessor's office?(+6)	Yes	6
	9. If elected, will you support programs to that help residents who own a family home through inheritance obtain a free and clear title? (+6)	Yes	6
	10. If elected, will you seek to create legislation that will correct the proven inequities in the Road Home Program and commit to find resources (i.e. surplus funding) to help hundreds of displaced homeowners return to their communities? (+6)	Yes	6
	11. According to the Out of Reach Report, the housing wage for a two-bedroom in Orleans Parish is \$19.38. Given the challenges around raising the minimum wage and the difficulties of convening a constitutional convention, what legislation would you author to help combat the affordable housing crisis? (+8)	Last year, the Unleash Local campaign was able to raise the issue of local preemption, and did great work in moving that issue forward. In my opinion, removing the local preemption is much more likely to pass than a statewide increase in the minimum wage. This would allow us to raise wages faster in more expensive localities like New Orleans, and would also allow places like NO to raise their minimum wage higher than the fifty cents or a dollar that we would maybe see statewide. I would be proud to be a sponsor of legislation that would work again to remove the local preemption on wages.	6

	12. Given the composition of next year's legislature, what strategies would you use to advance housing priorities? (+8)	There are many of us in this state, and in state government, who believe that safe and affordable housing is a human right. However I do acknowledge that there are people who unfortunately think differently. I think it would help to impress upon them that all of us - state, city, community - benefit when our residents have healthcare and safe housing. Without these two critical items, people may not be able to work, go to school, or take care of their children. I consider healthcare and safe, affordable housing to be investments, not costs, and would work to encourage and convince my fellow legislators of their importance.	6
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Robert Mcknight, HD 91	1. For the second year in a row, New Orleans was not awarded a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTEC) deal. If elected, would you support GNOHA's suggestions regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to end policies that continue to marginalize New Orleans? (+6)	Yes	6
	2. If elected, will your office commit to conducting outreach to residents regarding the importance of Louisiana's participation in the 2020 census to bring much needed resources to Louisiana? (+6)	Yes	6
	3. In the past, redistricting often has been distorted by manipulating boundaries to stack the deck in favor of a political party or incumbent candidates. This has allowed legislatures and political parties to select their voters rather than allowing voters to freely select their representatives. If elected, would your office help to stop gerrymandering and ensure that congress and state legislatures are representative of their districts? (+6)	Yes	6
	4. If elected, would you support the creation of an emergency housing trust fund In order to prepare for emergencies and seed it with \$15 million from the surplus? (+6)	Yes	6

	<p>5. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our infrastructure, and housing. Will you support climate policies that will unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana's climate impact? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>6. Will you also commit to work to undo the damage that has been done to the health of the communities inside the petrochemical corridor and work with the LA DEQ to address issues like the air toxicity in St. John the Baptist? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>7. If elected, would you commit to investing the state's savings, achieved through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), into creating housing for the formerly incarcerated, including transitional and permanent housing?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>8. If elected, would your office support reform that allow municipalities to have more control over and increased transparency over the processes within each municipality's Tax Assessor's office?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>9. If elected, will you support programs to that help residents who own a family home through inheritance obtain a free and clear title? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>

	10. If elected, will you seek to create legislation that will correct the proven inequities in the Road Home Program and commit to find resources (i.e. surplus funding) to help hundreds of displaced homeowners return to their communities? (+6)	Yes	6
	11. According to the Out of Reach Report, the housing wage for a two-bedroom in Orleans Parish is \$19.38. Given the challenges around raising the minimum wage and the difficulties of convening a constitutional convention, what legislation would you author to help combat the affordable housing crisis? (+8)	My strategy to build support for and advance a housing agenda will be based upon relationships, and working across party aisles. 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	7
	12. Given the composition of next year's legislature, what strategies would you use to advance housing priorities? (+8)	<p>First, I 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, one may still face eviction. Additionally, renter's are not allowed in Louisiana to withhold rent to try to force a landlord to repair a dilapidated rental, which is problematic. We must strengthen renter's rights to ensure no family is being bullied by a landlord.</p> <p>Secondly, 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 are 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>	8
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Adonis Expose, HD 99	1. For the second year in a row, New Orleans was not awarded a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) deal. If elected, would you support GNOHA's suggestions regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to end policies that continue to marginalize New Orleans? (+6)	Yes	6
	2. If elected, will your office commit to conducting outreach to residents regarding the importance of Louisiana's participation in the 2020 census to bring much needed resources to Louisiana?(+6)	Yes	6
	3. In the past, redistricting often has been distorted by manipulating boundaries to stack the deck in favor of a political party or incumbent candidates. This has allowed legislatures and political parties to select their voters rather than allowing voters to freely select their representatives. If elected, would your office help to stop gerrymandering and ensure that congress and state legislatures are representative of their districts? (+6)	Yes	6
	4. If elected, would you support the creation of an emergency housing trust fund In order to prepare for emergencies and seed it with \$15 million from the surplus? (+6)	Yes	6

	<p>5. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our infrastructure, and housing. Will you support climate policies that will unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana's climate impact? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>6. Will you also commit to work to undo the damage that has been done to the health of the communities inside the petro-chemical corridor and work with the LA DEQ to address issues like the air toxicity in St. John the Baptist? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>7. If elected, would you commit to investing the state's savings, achieved through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), into creating housing for the formerly incarcerated, including transitional and permanent housing?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>8. If elected, would your office support reform that allow municipalities to have more control over and increased transparency over the processes within each municipality's Tax Assessor's office?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>9. If elected, will you support programs to that help residents who own a family home through inheritance obtain a free and clear title? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>

	<p>10. If elected, will you seek to create legislation that will correct the proven inequities in the Road Home Program and commit to find resources (i.e. surplus funding) to help hundreds of displaced homeowners return to their communities? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>11. According to the Out of Reach Report, the housing wage for a two-bedroom in Orleans Parish is \$19.38. Given the challenges around raising the minimum wage and the difficulties of convening a constitutional convention, what legislation would you author to help combat the affordable housing crisis? (+8)</p>	<p>I would take the approach of addressing both of these issues on parallel tracks. While it has been challenging to increase the minimum wage in the state, we will still continue to pursue this goal it until is achieved. However, until that time, we must create policy and obligate the funding to address the needs of our citizens TODAY. Specifically, although Constitutional Amendment 4 was unsuccessful, we will continue to work to 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 with both local and statewide legislative solutions. 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 to across the state to gain the support needed to pass legislation that creates dedicated revenue sources for housing, including the allocation of a portion of state CDBG funds.</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>12. Given the composition of next year's legislature, what strategies would you use to advance housing priorities? (+8)</p>	<p>Much of the lack of support for affordable housing is based upon biases that consider it an issue only affecting "those poor people". Given the composition of next year's legislature, I will work to educate all legislators on the commonality of the affordable housing crisis across the entire state. This education process will include highlighting the "new" faces of affordability which includes people from all walks of life like teachers, first responders, municipal workers, service industry workers, nonprofit employees etc. and developing solutions for housing affordability for citizens at various levels.</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>Interview Score (out of 24)</p>		<p>22</p>
	<p>Total Score</p>		<p>94</p>

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Tammy Savoie, HD 94	1. For the second year in a row, New Orleans was not awarded a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTEC) deal. If elected, would you support GNOHA's suggestions regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to end policies that continue to marginalize New Orleans? (+6)	Yes	6
	2. If elected, will your office commit to conducting outreach to residents regarding the importance of Louisiana's participation in the 2020 census to bring much needed resources to Louisiana?(+6)	Yes	6
	3. In the past, redistricting often has been distorted by manipulating boundaries to stack the deck in favor of a political party or incumbent candidates. This has allowed legislatures and political parties to select their voters rather than allowing voters to freely select their representatives. If elected, would your office help to stop gerrymandering and ensure that congress and state legislatures are representative of their districts? (+6)	Yes	6

	<p>4. If elected, would you support the creation of an emergency housing trust fund In order to prepare for emergencies and seed it with \$15 million from the surplus? (+6)</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, United Way, Urban Institute, New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, and Power Coalition for Equity and Justice to understand the data behind housing needs. With surplus dollars and state savings money, I will work to look at the entire budget and make sure we meet the needs of Louisiana’s low income citizens who deserve to have affordable housing, an increased minimum wage, and education opportunities starting at birth for their children.</p>	6
	<p>5. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our infrastructure, and housing. Will you support climate policies that will unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana's climate impact? (+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>6. Will you also commit to work to undo the damage that has been done to the health of the communities inside the petro-chemical corridor and work with the LA DEQ to address issues like the air toxicity in St. John the Baptist? (+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>7. If elected, would you commit to investing the state’s savings, achieved through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), into creating housing for the formerly incarcerated, including transitional and permanent housing?(+6)</p>	Yes	6

	<p>8. If elected, would your office support reform that allow municipalities to have more control over and increased transparency over the processes within each municipality's Tax Assessor's office?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>9. If elected, will you support programs to that help residents who own a family home through inheritance obtain a free and clear title? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>10. If elected, will you seek to create legislation that will correct the proven inequities in the Road Home Program and commit to find resources (i.e. surplus funding) to help hundreds of displaced homeowners return to their communities? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>11. According to the Out of Reach Report, the housing wage for a two-bedroom in Orleans Parish is \$19.38. Given the challenges around raising the minimum wage and the difficulties of convening a constitutional convention, what legislation would you author to help combat the affordable housing crisis? (+8)</p>	<p>I would author or support legislation to allow municipalities to set their own minimum wage so that New Orleans can set a livable wage for its residents.</p>	<p>5</p>

	12. Given the composition of next year's legislature, what strategies would you use to advance housing priorities? (+8)	We have to reach out to other municipalities across Louisiana that would benefit from the ability to set its own minimum wage. Housing issues exist across the state, not just in New Orleans. We have to develop a strong coalition with representation across the state so that legislators can't ignore the housing issue or the minimum wage issue.	4
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Matthew Willard, HD 97	1. For the second year in a row, New Orleans was not awarded a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTEC) deal. If elected, would you support GNOHA's suggestions regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to end policies that continue to marginalize New Orleans? (+6)	Yes	6
	2. If elected, will your office commit to conducting outreach to residents regarding the importance of Louisiana's participation in the 2020 census to bring much needed resources to Louisiana?(+6)	Yes	6
	3. In the past, redistricting often has been distorted by manipulating boundaries to stack the deck in favor of a political party or incumbent candidates. This has allowed legislatures and political parties to select their voters rather than allowing voters to freely select their representatives. If elected, would your office help to stop gerrymandering and ensure that congress and state legislatures are representative of their districts? (+6)	Yes	6

	<p>4. If elected, would you support the creation of an emergency housing trust fund In order to prepare for emergencies and seed it with \$15 million from the surplus? (+6)</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, United Way, Urban Institute, New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, and Power Coalition for Equity and Justice to understand the data behind housing needs. With surplus dollars and state savings money, I will work to look at the entire budget and make sure we meet the needs of Louisiana’s low income citizens who deserve to have affordable housing, an increased minimum wage, and education opportunities starting at birth for their children.</p>	6
	<p>5. Louisiana will experience increased storms and rain events as a result of our warming climate. Flood events and temperature changes will impact our infrastructure, and housing. Will you support climate policies that will unify political leadership around policies that help reduce Louisiana’s climate impact? (+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>6. Will you also commit to work to undo the damage that has been done to the health of the communities inside the petro-chemical corridor and work with the LA DEQ to address issues like the air toxicity in St. John the Baptist? (+6)</p>	Yes	6
	<p>7. If elected, would you commit to investing the state’s savings, achieved through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), into creating housing for the formerly incarcerated, including transitional and permanent housing?(+6)</p>	Yes	6

	<p>8. If elected, would your office support reform that allow municipalities to have more control over and increased transparency over the processes within each municipality's Tax Assessor's office?(+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>9. If elected, will you support programs to that help residents who own a family home through inheritance obtain a free and clear title? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>10. If elected, will you seek to create legislation that will correct the proven inequities in the Road Home Program and commit to find resources (i.e. surplus funding) to help hundreds of displaced homeowners return to their communities? (+6)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>11. According to the Out of Reach Report, the housing wage for a two-bedroom in Orleans Parish is \$19.38. Given the challenges around raising the minimum wage and the difficulties of convening a constitutional convention, what legislation would you author to help combat the affordable housing crisis? (+8)</p>	<p>Increase the homestead exemption, which has not been raised since the 1980s, so that homeowners pay less in taxes. Thus, those who rent out properties can afford to charge less to renters. This has previously been proposed and failed, but some legislation is worth a continued fight. Cap the percentage a property's value can appreciate in a given assessment year. Some states use 3-5% and others adjust with the cost of inflation. Either way, this is something for which homeowners can budget. Much of the increase in property taxes will get passed on to renters.</p>	<p>6</p>

	12. Given the composition of next year's legislature, what strategies would you use to advance housing priorities? (+8)	<p>Living wages! It's a long shot, but again, some legislation is deserving of a tough fight. I want Louisiana to set a statewide living wage, phased in over a period of years (about 5) so that small businesses have time to prepare and adjust accordingly. We can also explore incentivizing small businesses that can adopt the pay increase earlier. I also want to end preemption which prevents a city like New Orleans from setting it's own living wage and dealing with its own property taxes, subsidies and assessments. We still have thousands of houses throughout New Orleans that still have not been renovated since Katrina. I would like to try to get some federal money, with matching state dollars, to get those property owners to redevelop our blighted properties and put them on the market as affordable rental units.</p>	5
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