



Candidate Survey Response

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CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT

I am not a career politician. I am a successful business woman and Professor of Public Administration at Southern University at New Orleans. I am a mother and grandmother. I work hard every day for my students and my clients. I serve them with honesty and integrity. As your clerk of court I will put people first to serve your needs as I do my students, clients and community. I'm #9 on the ballot and humbly ask for your vote.

SURVEY TOPICS

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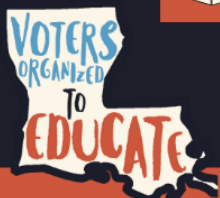
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PROCEDURAL

KNOW YOUR VOTE

Would you keep the Clerk's office open until 5pm, rather than the current 3pm closure?

YES

When do you expect the Court to move to an e-filing option, in an integrated case management system, to make the court far more efficient and covid-friendly?

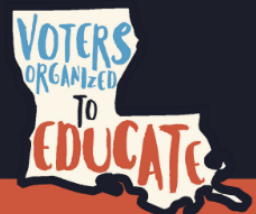
This is a great question. I would like to see e-filing options. We have to make sure it is secure and free from hackers, consistent with applicable state laws and best practices.

Will you change the Clerk's website regarding the ineligibility based on felony convictions?

YES

Please elaborate, including specific actions you will take if elected to office

It is imperative that all facets of the clerk's office operate consistent with applicable state law and acts of the legislature.



JURY POOLS

KNOW YOUR VOTE

Would you expand the jury pool by pulling names of residents over 18 from the Office of Motor Vehicles?

YES

Yes, although this is not a function of the clerk's office

Please elaborate, including specific actions you will take if elected to office

How often, and when, will you enter new names into the jury pool?

I do support initiatives that can expand the jury pool to ensure defendants are afforded a jury of their peers, provided this effort is allowable under state law.



PROVIDING ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION

KNOW YOUR VOTE

YES

Will you provide assistance to pro se petitioners, particularly those who are incarcerated, consistent with the American Bar Association Standard 3.5 regarding Assistance to Pro Se Litigants, to ensure technical errors and procedural mistakes do not deny people their 5th Amendment access to the courts?

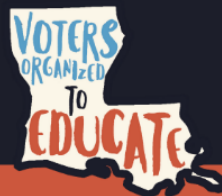
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I will make sure that all pro se petitioners including those incarcerated the assistance they are entitled to under Louisiana law.

RECORD EXPUNGEMENT

Considering how complex it is for eligible people to obtain an expungement from the court, what would you do to help simplify and streamline this process?

I have a lot of experience with grant writing. I believe and will pursue all grants that will allow the clerk's office to better serve individuals seeking expungements so they can get their lives back on track as productive citizens.



COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AND POLICY

KNOW YOUR VOTE

Do you believe the CDC has the pandemic under control in the building? If not, what procedures or changes would you implement to make it a safer place for the people?

YES

Please elaborate, including specific actions you will take if elected to office

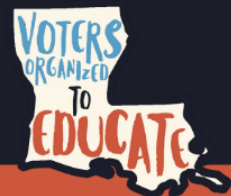
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The Clerk of Court has several collections agents. Considering the economic crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, does the court now, or can you foresee in the future, a moratorium (or forgiveness) on collecting fines and fees of the court?

NO

Please elaborate, including specific actions you will take if elected to office

Courts operations depend on fines and fees. I don't foresee a moratorium or forgiveness with respect to collection of fines and fees. We have to remember fines and fees are also a part of sentencing. however; should the judiciary elect to suspend, wave, forgive and or place a moratorium on fines and fees because of COVID-19 hardships, and have an alternative source of funding to support its operations, I would have no objections. that will not



DRUG TESTING AND ACCURACY

KNOW YOUR VOTE

I'm not aware that this is a function of the clerk's office.

How would you select your drug testing vendor, and how would you monitor their performance?

Please elaborate, including specific actions you will take if elected to office:

(no answer provided)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Are you fully versed in the laws regarding people registering and voting with a past felony conviction, whether on probation or parole, whether a sentence is currently active or completed?

YES

I am aware of the change in the law. As the Chief Elections Officer I intend to work closely with the local registrar of voters and the Secretary of State to assist in any way my office can to ensure that ex-offenders are able to register and vote in elections. I will also coordinate with the OMV to partner with them to establish a satellite office on site to help individuals get their driver's licenses reinstated.

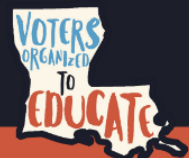
Please elaborate with any additional comments?

Considering that many registration issues do not arise until someone is at the polls and trying to vote, will you ensure that all people in the Clerk's Elections Division, including all commissioners and poll workers, are fully trained on the details of voter registration by people with felony convictions?

YES

Please elaborate, including specific actions you will take if elected to office:

this is of paramount concern to me that all registered voters regardless of prior incarceration have the right to vote on election. I will make sure that the clerk office staff and those working at the polls are trained sufficiently to address election day issues. I will work with the local registrar of voters and the Secretary of State to have a process in place that addresses these and other concerns at the polls and resolve them so that everyone registered can vote.



ENDING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

KNOW YOUR VOTE

As a public official, will you commit to publicly supporting efforts that end discrimination against people with criminal records?

YES

Please elaborate, including specific actions you will take if elected to office

I have worked with individuals with a criminal record to get jobs and housing and understand their issues. I will continue to advocate for persons trying to get their lives back on track.

