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Parish President

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PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat

PROFESSION: Attorney

PRESENT EMPLOYER/POSITION (if self-employed, what type of business)

Self-Employed Attorney and serving in an "of-counsel" capacity at the D'Aquila, Volk, Mullins & Contreras Law Firm and the Parish of Jefferson as Parish President

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION (include graduation date): Law School at Loyola University 1973

APPLICABLE TRAINING: Graduated East Jefferson High School 1966, LSUNO with a BA in History in 1970 and Law School at Loyola University in 1973.

CIVIC EXPERIENCE: Knights of Columbus Member, Kenner North Kiwanis Member, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Grandparent's Club and Men's Club, Argus Club, Touchdown Club and Vice President Saints Hall of Fame.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIPS: Jefferson Parish School Board '74-'77, Jefferson Parish Council '77-'82, Mayor of Kenner '82-'95, Jefferson Parish Councilman at Large '95-'04 and Jefferson Parish President '04-'07.

1. What are your top three priorities for the office and why?

1. Completion of our one hundred year hurricane protection plan, completion of our Corps levee hurricane projects, all SELA projects and Jefferson Parish local drainage projects with particular emphasis on finding federal funding for the Hoey's Basin "Pump to the River" on the East Bank and completion of the east of the Harvey Canal flood wall and completion of the Company Canal projects in Westwego, both on the West Bank. As well as promoting congressional funding of innovative protection of our Louisiana wetlands including but not limited to Jefferson Parish.

2. Forming active partnerships between Parish government and law enforcement agencies to battle crime and blight.

3. Completion of all pending federal interstate projects, state roadway projects and parish road bond issue projects as well as water and sewerage improvements.

2. What experience or education qualifies you for this position?

Jefferson Parish School Board '74-'77, Jefferson Parish Council '77-'82, Mayor of Kenner '82-'95, Jefferson Parish Councilman at Large '95-'04 and Jefferson Parish President '04-'07.

3. How do you see the current ethics reform legislation affecting your office and what additional reform would you support to ensure the highest ethical standards for Jefferson Parish?

I will continue to insist on an open and transparent government.

I will continue to require appointed officials of my administration to divulge any outside interests and/or outside employment.

I supported, and will continue to support, the Council initiative to require contractors to divulge any subcontractors involved in Jefferson Parish contracts.

My administration has and will continue to process contingency contracts which will be put into effect only to purchase supplies and services upon declaration of an emergency, thereby creating a certified contingent of vendors that won their contracts through open, transparent, and competitive bidding, in order to have those goods and services readily available if and when they are needed, and only if they are needed, and at the best possible price to the taxpayers.

4. How would you rank infrastructure needs and how will you fund the needed improvements for the top three? For example: roads, bridges, levees, ecosystem reconstruction, municipal water and sewer systems and public transportation?

Please see my answer to question number one of this questionnaire. My top priorities are infrastructure improvements; levees, ecosystem reconstruction, roads, bridges, water and sewer systems and public transportation. Funding would come from the federal government for levees and SELA projects; surplus SELA millage tax money for local drainage projects; one of three federal funding options for the Hoey's Basin Pump to the River project; and Harvey Canal flood wall and completion of the company Canal surge gate are already funded or have commitments to fund by the federal government. As the founder of Parishes Against Coastal Erosion(PACE), I see it as one of my challenges to promote federal funding of projects to restore and protect the wetlands.

For roads, the interstate projects are funded by the federal government; our Public Works department is very aggressive and successful at seeking federal and state money for road projects; and parish road bond projects are funded locally by the parish road bond-we completed \$210 million in road bond projects and began another \$75 million in road bond projects this summer.

A consultant is now studying the Water Department to determine what improvements are needed in the water plants, water piping, and water meters, and what funding options may be available. That report will provide a blueprint for what needs to be done, set priorities, and break jobs down for funding and bidding purposes. The Sewerage Dept. is creating a strategy to modernize the West Bank sewerage system.

5. What efforts would you support to educate a workforce for advancing the economic development of Louisiana?

I have hosted on-going meetings with school leaders, JEDCO, the business community, and the Jefferson Edge 2010 which is a "dream team" of JEDCO, The Jefferson EDGE, Parish Officials, and Community & Civic Leaders to work toward retaining our middle and upper income residents through leadership, quality of life, and economic development. The three components of this initiative are a more effective criminal justice system, flood protection and drainage, and public education. We are addressing this from a regional approach, which is something I am comfortable with and experienced in as a member of the Regional Planning Commission.

I support the parish school system's efforts to provide more options for students, from specialized academies to vocational and trades training (an example is the automotive curriculum at Bonnabel High School) in order to create a more diversified, trained work force for our area. The Churchill Technology Park, which I have championed, will be home to the Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy. The Academy will be located in the midst of the park's technology incubator, our JEDCO headquarters, and business and research institutions. The Tech Park will be part of the explosion of growth in economic development on the West Bank once the Huey P. Long Bridge expansion is complete.



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HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION : J.D. Law, May 1977 Loyola Law School;
Univ. of Miami, May 1978 LLM in Taxation

APPLICABLE TRAINING: I have an accounting degree from LSUNO Dec. 1973 & 2 law degrees.

CIVIC EXPERIENCE: South Beverly Knoll Neighborhood Association

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIPS: 1977 Ron Fauchaux for Congress campaign

1. What are your top three priorities for the office and why?

Jeff Parish leads the nation in repetitive flood loss claims. This is a #1 ranking we need to lose. Repairing the 17th St floodwall should be a top priority given the 28 breaches that need to be cured. Let's secure Bucktown, Kenner and the lakefront. We need to secure our borders.

We need the Pump to the River to finally rid Hoey's Basin of 30 years of flooding. Our very civilization is at stake.

We need to beautify Jefferson Highway, Airline, and Veterans Highway. It looks like a concrete jungle. Making the Parish attractive will keep citizens stay here.

We need to finally turn our attention south and focus on coastal erosion. Jeff Parish does end at Lapalco Blvd. The vanishing coast is an abstraction for most folks. A private toll road from Lafitte to Grand Isle would energize West Jefferson, support national security by giving Port Fourchon more access, and giving direct access to help cure coastal erosion.

2. What specific legislation would you formulate or support to implement your priorities?

I have an accounting degree from LSUNO and two law degrees which should be most helpful in being a CEO which is what the Jeff Parish President is.

3. What problems do you see with existing ethics reform legislation and what additional reform would you support?

By definition, unethical means to take unfair advantage of another. I do believe should put an end to all no bid contracts in Jeff Parish. I understand the safe houses were the products of no bid contracts. \$4milliona pop for each safe house seems very rich to me. A Sunshine Law that exposes all contracts connected to political friends, relatives and campaign contributors should be exposed. The gravy train needs to end. I believe in cost effectiveness.

4. How would you rank infrastructure needs and how will you fund the needed improvements for the top three? For example: roads, bridges, levees, ecosystem reconstruction, municipal water and sewer systems and public transportation.

I would like to see the Airport buses on AIRLINE HIGHWAY to reach downtown New Orleans like it did years ago. Veterans Highway should also get more busses if there is a demand.

We need to secure our borders. The 17th St. Canal floodwall has 28 breaches. I lost 3 houses in Old Metairie compliments of the US Corps of Engineers and the faulty 17th St Canal floodwall. I was in chest deep water Aug 30 and 31 before being rescued by boat.

For numerous reasons, national security, economics, coastal restoration, we need to finally link Lafitte, La to Grand Isle, La. With a 30 mile private toll road.

5. What legislation would you support to educate a workforce for advancing the economic development of Louisiana?

I am so disappointed that Jeff Parish is 50th out of 64 parishes education. Certainly, something is wrong with this picture. Perhaps, we should look at remedial English and Math classes on Saturday and in the summer. The KIPP agenda should be looked at. The Knowledge is Power Program was successful up north. Our Jefferson Parish children are on the fast track into becoming members of the permanent underclass.



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PROFESSION: Real Estate, Property Management

PRESENT EMPLOYER/POSITION: Owner Keller Williams Realty

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION: Graduate Loyola University 1997

APPLICABLE TRAINING: BOARDS SERVED ON:

1987-1992- Board of Directors of Apartment Owners Association of Greater New Orleans

1991 - Secretary of the same board

1992 - Treasurer of the same board

Member of the Manager of the Year Committee for the Apartment Association of Greater New Orleans for three years.

2003 - present: Nominated Loyola University Colleges Visiting Committee, Approved by The University President.

2006 - Honorary member of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Program

2006 - present: Louisiana/American Italian Sports Hall of Fame Committee Member

2007 - present: Elected to the Clearview/Transcontinental Neighborhood Civic Association as a Board of Director.

2007 - present: National Republican Congressional Committee: Congressman Tom Cole Business Advisory Council: Honorary Chairman from Louisiana

2007-present: Appointed to "The Old State Capitol Foundation Board by the Secretary of State of Louisiana

Affiliations:

N.A.R - National Association of Realtors

G.S.R.E.I.N - Gulf South Real Estate Info Network

1. What are your top three priorities for the office and why?

1. Safety of our Citizens - I will address the needs of the fire department, including payroll. I will also work with the Sheriff's department to get crime under control and work with the school board so we have good teachers and high standards. Flood protection and adequate emergency healthcare is extremely important to the safety of the public.

2. Flood Protection and Traffic - I will make sure our levees and canals are strong and secure. Better roads means better driving conditions. These needs must be addressed ahead of time, not just during elections.

3. Develop an Advisory Board - I will develop a coalition consisting of Neighborhood Associations, Churches, and Businesses to help plan the future development of our community.

2. What experience or education qualifies you for this position?

I have previously worked in the insurance industry, and recently testified in Baton Rouge on how to solve the escalating cost of insurance. I am 4th generation real estate management, ownership and

construction. I am now a licensed realtor and owner of a Keller Williams franchise. This has given me the knowledge about what affects property values. I hold a degree in organizational behavior from Loyola University, and will hire qualified, talented, motivated people for jobs in parish government.

3. How do you see the current ethics reform legislation affecting your office and what additional reform would you support to ensure the highest ethical standards for Jefferson Parish?

No person holding a political office in Jefferson Parish should have their business participate in parish contracts. If they own 5% or more of a corporate company, they should not be able to contribute to campaigns. They should not profiteer. I also feel this would be unethical. They should represent the people.

4. How would you rank infrastructure needs and how will you fund the needed improvements for the top three? For example: roads, bridges, levees, ecosystem reconstruction, municipal water and sewer systems and public transportation?

We need category 5 protection! If we can build a casino and high rise in Las Vegas in one year, we should be able to do this here in under 10 years.

5. What efforts would you support to educate a workforce for advancing the economic development of Louisiana?

Jefferson Parish needs Vo Tech schools on both the Eastbank and Westbank. Avondale Shipyard has more work than skilled workers. A skilled workforce is needed to set the growth of our community. We need to improve our public schools. We do not want to compare ourselves to New Orleans, but successful communities like Houston.

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