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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIPS: See Below

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Qualification for the Office you seek: I am a lifelong resident of Metairie. Graduate of De La Salle high school, graduate of Loyola University, 13 year veteran of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Fellow of the Loyola Institute of Politics, active member of many political organizations.

Political campaign experience: Harry Lee Sheriff Campaign's, Bobby Jindal for Governor 2003 Bush/Cheney '04 Steering Committee, David Vitter for US Senate 2004, Bobby Jindal for Congress 2006.

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

Ethics Reform: Until we reform the way we conduct our business as a state, companies will not want to invest in Louisiana.

Hurricane Recovery: Until we have a comprehensive plan for statewide recovery, with open lines of communication from civic organizations and parish government to our Congressional delegation we cannot move our state forward.

Crime: Until we get a handle on the crime problems that plague our communities we cannot attract families. We need to provide the necessary tools to law enforcement to keep our streets safe.

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

Ethics reform: I support legislation for complete, full disclosure of elected officials' income.

Hurricane Recovery: I support legislation that will address the insurance crisis. We need to attract medium sized companies to Louisiana.

Crime: I support legislation that will keep career criminals off of our streets.

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

The main problem I have with ethics reform legislation is the lack of financial disclosure for all elected officials. Therefore I would propose and support any legislation that would require full disclosure.

4. How would you rank infrastructure needs and how will you fund the needed improvements for the top three?

Costal Restoration must be the top priority because without rebuilding our coast line there won't be people left to use the infrastructure.

Levees: We need to strengthen our levees to protect our communities. But fixing our levees needs to compliment coastal restoration.

Roads and Bridges: We are over \$14 billion behind in simply maintaining current roads across this state. If we want commerce to continue we need better roads.

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

I would support legislation that establishes technical and vocational schools across the state. If we want to attract businesses to Louisiana we need to be able to provide a workforce of mechanics, welders and other skilled jobs



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Treasurer and Board Member - North Bridgedale Civic Improvement Organization

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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION**MEMBERSHIPS:**

Pelican State Pachyderm Club - Member

Republican Women of Greater New Orleans - Associate Member

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

A. Taking the opportunity of term limits, to make sure our new legislature is ethically sound to improve our image with outside agencies.

B. Cutting our budget! I believe our citizens do not want a tax and spend government in Baton Rouge. With the huge increase in government spending, it is time to eliminate the "special" projects and account for the money that we do spend.

C. Make a significant step towards funding our coastal restoration, without coastal restoration; we will never get the insurance rates that we had in the past.

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

A. Improving our ethics laws to prohibit legislators from government contracts and creating a position to enforce these laws that is outside of the political arena. This position is needed to allow for an outside inspector to have enforcement powers instead of a governor appointed inspector or an elected district attorney. I propose that we have the deans of the four law schools appoint someone independent.

B. I believe that we can split the appropriations committee into smaller groups for review of the budgeted items. Such as allowing the education and criminal justice committees to review their own budget and set a list of priorities before going to the appropriations committee for final review.

C. Using our excess budget and proceeds that will be derived from budgetary cuts to match with federal dollars. This must be a priority and not an afterthought of the funds left over.

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

Enforcement is done by elected officials or their political appointment, leaving the image of impropriety. Right now we must rely on the federal government to weed out corruption, because our local District Attorneys and current Inspector General are to politically connected.

We can create a separate position, as discussed above, which is appointed by a group other than elected officials. My suggestion is the four law school deans.

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.

Coastal Restoration -
Mississippi River Port -
Roads -

All of these can be funded further by prioritizing our budget. We should have a specific list of priorities and specify that no "special" projects are allowed until our needs are funded and that may require saving in order to fund our bigger projects in the future.

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

We must protect our children from other disruptive children in the classroom. If you ask many teachers, there major complaint is not money; it is spending too much time on discipline and not teaching. Parental involvement is a must, offer incentives for involved parents and create special classrooms for discipline problem children, who are then given opportunities to earn their way back into the classroom.

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