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State Senator, 10th Senatorial District

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PARTY AFFILIATION: Independent

PROFESSION: 1-year Retired as Chief of Kenner Fire/ Public Safety (14 years as Chief)

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

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION (include graduation date): College - 1993

APPLICABLE TRAINING: Graduated LSU Continuing Ed. Government Manager & Elected Officials. (Ran 2nd. Largest City Dept. Under Mayor)

CIVIC EXPERIENCE: Grandlake Civic Assoc.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIPS: I was a Civil Service employee. I could not get involved in politics.

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

Take control of our insurance rates. Before the hurricane, insurance companies were making over 6 Billion Dollars. Just after the hurricane, insurance companies still were able to make 4 Billion Dollars. Now, one to two years after the hurricane, the insurance companies have rebound to 6 Billion Dollars and more. There is no reason that insurance companies need to continue to keep rates this high. The state can also bid and/or use the method of grouping the entire Gulf Coast and have insurance companies work, (lower rates), to get this big business.

1B) Place state fees on all off shore oil drilling and use it for Education and Coastal Restoration.

1C) Just as the state did before the hurricane, I will start funding local hospitals for indigent patients. The funds were already budgeted before the storm. The state is not funding now and causing problems to

all hospitals.

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

At the end of each budget year, if funds are left over, I will support that these funds go to the most needed problems caused by the storm first before any other use is considered.

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

I see that there is no enforcement of the laws. I do not believe that additional laws will help. We need to enforce and do so equally. I also would support back-ground checks prior to running)

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 agree!! You named the most important, roads and bridges are unsafe. I have already spoken about levees and the coast. As I stated in my above answer, each year there is left over funds. We must fund the items that I stated above. Safety is first. If any funds are in reserve, those funds can be used for infrastructure and Federal Grants.

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

Support legislation that allows all of our state colleges to develop and teach our adult workforce within their budget.

If a technical school, I would allow a tax break which would off-set the fee for our workforce. In other words, the tax savings at each school would pay fully or pay in part to teach our workforce. This would greatly assist our state and help keep our louisiana citizens here in our state. It would also bring more workers in as well as allow businesses to pay more as a salary.

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