

NOVEMBER 2nd 2010 VOTER GUIDE for New Orleans

Lt. Governor

Caroline Fayard **Recommended** *Not clear whether or not she is pro-choice, but Dardenne certainly is NOT. Also, her youth (32) is an exciting factor. Potential for a bit of a fresh perspective.*

"Jay" Dardenne **Not recommended**

US Senate

"Charlie" Melancon **Recommended** *Best shot to get Vitter out.*

David Vitter **Not recommended** *If we have to pick just one reason, let's go with racism. Vitter sees nothing wrong with his ads which have demonized Latinos. This speaks more meaningfully about his approach to governing than any of his "whoremongering" does.*

Michael Karlton Brown, R. A. "Skip" Galan, Milton Gordon, Randall Todd Hayes, Thomas G. "Tommy" LaFargue, William Robert "Bob" Lang, Jr., William R. McShan, Sam Houston Melton, Jr., Michael Lane "Mike" Spears, Ernest D. Wooton: *None of these candidates can challenge Vitter's base.*

US Congress District 1

Myron Katz **Recommended** *Garden variety Democrat in the face of two staunch conservatives.* "Steve" Scalise **Not Recommended** Arden Wells **Not Recommended**

US Congress District 2

Cedric Richmond **Recommended** *On one level, it's about issues like preserving reproductive freedom, supporting healthcare legislation, etc. Richmond supports a basic Democratic party line. It is also about redistricting, and thinking about what it means to lose a Black power base. Louisiana stands to lose one congressional seat. The map will be drawn by state legislators but US Congress plays a role in disputes and regulation of redistricting. Also, the make up of Congress is obviously impacted if numbers shift in terms of representation.*

Anh "Joseph" Cao **Not recommended** *I keep seeing these "Democrat for Cao" signs. Are you kidding me? Reproductive freedom means nothing to you, "Democrat"? Cao is not pro-choice. Women's lives matter.* Anthony Marquize "Jack" Radosta.

Judge 1st City Court Section

Veronica E. Henry **Recommended**

Jennifer B. Eagan **Not recommended** *The fact that Eagan is highly recommended by Vitter supporters is a bad sign.*

Constitutional Amendments on the Ballot

ACT 539: Sets effective date for salary increases for statewide elected officials to term following adoption of increase.

ACT 541: Sets amount of severance tax to be remitted to parish of production.

ACT 1049: Allows for a doubling of homestead exemption for property owned by veterans with one hundred percent disability.

ACT 542: Allows a taxing authority to increase millage rates with certain conditions.

ACT 1050: Allows an extension of special property assessment following a disaster under certain conditions.

ACT 1048: Provides that only the state legislature can alter the benefits of any state retirement system subject to legislative authority.

ACT 540: Increases the authority to sell sufficient property to cover taxes, interest, penalties and costs.

ACT 1051: Requires certain judgments that are rendered in worker's compensation claims be reargued before a panel of five judges under certain conditions.

ACT 1052: Deletes the requirement that property expropriated for health or safety threats, or disuse must first be offered back to rightful owner. *We recommend a vote against.* A vote for would remove the requirement that public authorities first offer expropriated property for resale to its prior owner before selling it to a third party. It also would eliminate the requirement that property taken for health and safety reasons be sold only by competitive bid to the general public, thus potentially allowing large blocks of land to be sold to developers. Eliminating these protections could have a disproportionate impact on lower-income property owners who cannot afford to hire an attorney to help them through the process.

ACT 1053: Sets time limits for defendant to waive his right to a jury trial. *We recommend a vote against.* A vote for would allow criminal defendants to waive their right to a jury trial in non-capital cases only if the waiver was made at least 45 days prior to the beginning of trial and would provide that once the waiver was made, it could not be revoked. A vote against would continue to allow criminal defendants to waive their right to a jury trial in non-capital cases without any time restriction and would permit the Constitution to remain silent on whether such a waiver could later be revoked. Source: Public Affairs Research Council

You Have the Right to Vote!

- Polls will be open from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM on November 2, 2010
- Voters that are in line to vote at 8:00 pm will be allowed to cast their ballots.
- Voters must provide one of the following: A Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana identification card or any other generally recognized picture ID. If you do not have a picture ID, then you may present any other identification card plus further information such as a utility bill and a completed Voter Identification Affidavit.
- You have the right to bring this Guide (or any other) into the voting booth with you.
- To locate your polling place or report difficulty, visit <http://www.geauxvote.com> or call Election Protection at 1-800-687-8683

Who We Are

We are a group of people, living in New Orleans, who have come together around common issues to create a voter guide that speaks to our concerns. Specifically, we seek a society that functions in a just, equitable, anti-racist and anti-oppressive way, and we support candidates and measures that point toward that goal.

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