



Secretary Of State to Test Election Results for November 3 Presidential General

BATON ROUGE, La. — Ahead of the upcoming November 3 Presidential election, Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin's office will test its electronic election results system on Thursday, October 29 at 2 p.m. During the test period, mock results will be displayed on the secretary of state's website. These election results are only for testing purposes and do not reflect any actual results.

Media outlets are strongly urged to test their election night broadcast systems, graphics and websites in conjunction with our testing so that any technical issues can be identified and remedied with assistance from the secretary of state's IT staff prior to election night. In an effort to combat misinformation, we urge outlets to put banners on their websites showing

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Many of La.'s Record Number of Early Votes Due to Mail-in Ballots

BATON ROUGE, La. - Early voting in Louisiana is officially over. If you didn't cast your ballot, you'll now have to wait until Election Day on Nov. 3.

Nearly a million people early voted for this election, compared to about 500,000 in the 2016 presidential election.

Some of those record high numbers can be attributed to mail-in ballots, with nearly 150,000 sent so far. It's not so much that we're scared to go inside, I can't risk getting sick," Vivian McCalman says.

She says it is a luxury for her and boyfriend, Jeremy Rhodes, to leave home due to her compromised immune system, but they were still determined to cast their votes.

"We were just talking about this the other night we were just like if we don't vote in this election. We are going to be so angry at each other because it's an important election," McCalman says.

According to the regis-

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WEATHER

3 day Forecast BR Area	
	MON. 11/02 Sunny High 64°.
	TUE. 11/03 Sunny High 70°.
	WED. 11/04 Partly Cloudy High 74°.

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YOUR GOVERNMENT. YOUR CHOOSE!

Everything voters need to know to get you through Election Day

The November election is just a few weeks away—so now's the time to make sure your voter information is updated and you are ready to cast a ballot in some of the most important elections of our time.

Early voting has ended as of 7 p.m. Tuesday with record-breaking turnout in Louisiana. Millions voters having cast their ballots a week before the Nov. 3 Election Day.

WHAT YOU NEED TO VOTE IN PERSON

A valid photo ID. That can be: a Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana special ID card (obtained for free at the Office of Motor Vehicles by showing your voter information card), a Louisiana Wallet digital driver's license, or any other picture ID card that contains your name and signature. If you do not have a form of ID, you can still vote in person by signature on a voter affidavit, which will be later verified by an election official.

ELECTION DAY INFO

Polls will be open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. on Election Day. "If the polls close while you're still in line, stay in line—you have the right to vote," according to the ACLU.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

Besides the presidential race and our mayor race, here are some other items you'll see on the ballot Nov. 3.

METRO COUNCIL

Voters will select a Metro Council member for all 12 districts except for District 3, where Republican Rowdy Gaudet ran unopposed.

SENATE

Republican Senator Bill Cassidy faces 14 challengers for his reelection, including Democratic Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins, who is regarded as a top challenger.

CONGRESS

All six Louisiana delegates of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for grabs. In the Capital Region, incumbent Democrat Cedric Richmond of District 2 faces five challengers, and incumbent Republican Garret Graves of District 6 faces three challengers.

AMENDMENTS

There are seven amendments requiring a "yes" or "no" vote. Among them is an amendment concerning abortion rights as allowed by the state constitution. Others deal with property taxes, homestead exemptions and the use of funds for disasters.

FIND OUT MORE

Get the latest election updates as well as detailed information for your voting precinct at the Secretary of State's website, sos.la.gov.

EARLY VOTING STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN

BATON ROUGE, La. — Early voting has concluded across the state, and Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin is proud to announce record-breaking turnout numbers. 964,181 Louisiana voters demonstrated enthusiasm and resolve during the challenging times of a pandemic to make their voices heard in the election.

"A pandemic or two hurricanes did not prevent nearly one million Louisi-

anians from exercising their right to vote during early voting," Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin said. "Louisiana voters are energized and eager to make their voices heard in critical elections from the presidency down to local races. It is my strong



Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin

desire to see 2020 set the record for Louisiana's highest turnout."

Attached is a statewide breakdown of early voting. The data contains insight into remaining eligible voters, expected eligible voters, as well as comparisons between this 2020 and 2016 early voting.

For more information about the Secretary of State's Elections Division, visit www.GeauxVote.com or call 225.922.0900.

Amy Coney Barrett Confirmed to Supreme Court, Takes Constitutional Oath



Amy Coney Barrett was sworn in as the 115th Supreme Court justice, succeeding the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg. WSJ's Jess Bravin unpacks why Republicans moved quickly and how Democrats could respond to the court's conservative majority.

The Senate has voted 52-48 to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, just about a week before Election Day and 30 days after she was nominated by President Trump to fill the seat of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

In a White House ceremony following the vote Monday evening, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas administered the constitutional oath to Coney Barrett.

President Trump spoke at the event, thanking Senate Majority Leader Mitch

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La. State Police Superintendent Col. Kevin Reeves Retires

Gov. John Bel Edwards announced the retirement of Col. Kevin Reeves from the Louisiana State Police, after 30 years of service. Reeves has been planning his retirement since last year and it will be effective on Friday, October 30. A replacement will be named in the coming days.

"I am deeply grateful to Col. Reeves for his decades of dedicated service as the consummate law enforcement professional committed to serving and protecting the people of Louisiana. Public safety has always

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Col. Kevin Reeves

Elect Joel G. Porter for Judge, Division K #77

At an early age, Porter had his eyes set on the practice of law. While attending McKinley High School, when asked, "What his long-term aspirations were," Porter fondly recalls telling his High School advisor, that he wanted to be a Judge so that he could "bring about justice in a world where there was none." As Porter matured and successfully matriculated through Southern University, earning a Bachelors of Arts degree in

Philosophy, he was inspired to join the United States Navy in service of his country. Upon his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, he entered the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in order to learn more about what he has described as a "calling" on his life. Graduating with



Joel G. Porter

honors with a Masters of Divinity degree in Historical and Theological Studies, Joel began preaching the "Word of God."

As a pastor, while answering the many needs of his congregation and his community, Porter soon came to realize that acquiring a firm conceptual and technical grasp of the legal system could be an instru-

ment of great service and benefit to his people. Joel immediately enrolled, and was accepted to the Southern University Law Center. Two years later, Joel was elected Student Bar Association (SBA) President. As a third year law student, Joel applied and was accepted and commissioned as a Jag Officer in the United States Navy. Porter went on to graduate from Southern University Law Center, Cum Laude, earning a Juris Doctorate degree.

Over the past twenty-eight (28) years, Porter has honored his commitment to be of service to all who call upon him and are in need. During that time, Porter has represented a cross-section of this community. After fighting for women's rights, children's rights, senior's rights, civil rights, human rights and for justice and equality for people of color and as a criminal

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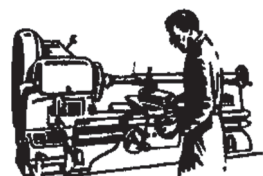
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STATE & LOCAL

La. Voters Will Decide if Lawmakers Can Spend Unclaimed Property Money on Nov. 3

BATON ROUGE, La. - Louisiana voters will decide whether lawmakers should spend unclaimed property money the state is supposed to be safeguarding.

Louisiana is watching over some \$900 million that is 'lost' when checks go uncashed or refunds and land royalties are forgotten. Louisianans can claim the money, which belongs to them, at any point.

The state collects more money than it pays out each year, meaning there is always some cash left over. But instead of saving the leftover money for its owners, lawmakers have funneled it into the state budget to pay for education and health care costs.



"This program was never created for government's use," Treasurer John Schroder said. "Nobody ever stopped to question it because there was never any reason to. It was just working."

But new technology has helped the state find more unclaimed property owners, meaning money is flowing out of the

fund faster. Twice, Schroder did not have enough cash on hand to pay people who made claims on time.

"It's like going to a bank with a check... and the bank says, 'Well, the check is good but can you come back in five or six weeks? We don't have the money right now,'" Schroder said.

It's why he's backing constitutional amendment seven, a compromise that would lock the unclaimed money in a savings account lawmakers could not tap, though they would be able to spend the interest the fund earned.

"It's like lagniappe," he said. "We can still hold it and keep it for the citizens, but the state can utilize the money. In 20 years, it could be kicking off about \$40 million a year (in interest)."

Schroder says the trust fund would ensure people get their money on time, while also giving lawmakers more money to budget with without raising taxes.

Election day is Nov. 3.

Gov. Edwards Suing Legislature

BATON ROUGE, La. - Governor John Bel Edwards is suing the Louisiana House of Representatives to defend the coronavirus rules they're attempting to throw out. A judge will ultimately decide whether Louisianans have to continue following the mitigation measures Gov. Edwards implemented through an executive order.



Governor John Bel Edwards

On the final day of the fall special session, lawmakers sent a petition to Gov. Edwards instructing him to sign a new executive order that lifts all COVID-19 restrictions for a week. The law that allows the legislature to do this also says the governor has to comply.

But Gov. Edwards argues the law is unconstitutional, primarily because it allows one chamber of the legislature to act on the entire legislature's behalf. He is ignoring the petition.

"You cannot violate a law that is unconstitutional, by definition," Gov. Edwards said Monday, Oct. 26. "Secondly, there are other statutes that tell me I cannot end the public health emergency until I believe the threat to public health is behind us. No rational person believes that."

The law also requires the legislature to consult with the public health authority before it moves to end a public health emergency. It's not clear if the public health authority has to sign off on the idea for lawmakers to move forward.

Baton Rouge District Judge William Morvant will decide the issue, to defend coronavirus rules.

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trator of voters, mail-in ballots for most voters must be physically received by 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 2. For voters in the military, overseas, or in the hospital, mail-in ballots must be received no later than 8 p.m. (close of polls) on Election Day (Nov. 3). Postmark dates are not considered with any mail-in ballots.

Ballots not physically received by the above-noted dates will not be counted.

"It's not so much that we're scared to go inside, I can't risk getting sick," McCalman ex-

plains.

With record high early voting numbers, it is clear being counted is a top priority for millions of Americans.

"I did my part I did probably the most American thing which is to vote in an election and I'm proud of that," Rhodes says.

The U.S. Postal Service's recommended deadline to get your ballot in the mailbox has already passed, but you can still drop off your absentee ballot in person to your parish's registrar of voter's office by the deadline.

Voters can still request an absentee ballot through October 30.

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their readers/viewers that the results are only test results and not official.

In preparation for election night, media outlets should reserve their seat at the Secretary of State's Office if they are interested in watching results via our Elections Registration Information Network. This seat can also serve as a backup for your election night plans.

If any issues are encountered, to sign up for the XML feed or to reserve a seat at ERIN, please contact Tamisha

Ashworth in the Communications Office at 225.362.5108 or tamisha.ashworth@sos.la.gov.

Finally, the Communications Office for Election Day will be staffed by Press Secretary Tyler Brey and Public Information Officer Tamisha Ashworth. Brey can be reached at 225.362.5086 (office), 443.605.7870 (cell) or tyler.brey@sos.la.gov. Ashworth can be reached at the information listed above.



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SAMPLE BALLOT

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS (SELECT 1)

- Joseph R. Biden, Kamala Harris Democratic Democrat
- Jo Jorgensen, Jeremy Cohen Libertarian Libertarian
- Donald J. Trump, Michael Pence Republican Republican
- Brian Carroll, Amar Patel American Solidarity Party Other
- Jade Simmons, Claudeliah Roze Becoming One Nation Other
- President Boddie, Eric Stoneham C.U.P. Other
- Don Blankenship, William Mohr Constitution Party Other
- Brock Pierce, Karla Ballard Freedom and Prosperity Other
- Tom Hoefling, Andy Prior Life, Liberty, Constitution Other
- Gloria La Riva, Sunil Freeman Socialism and Liberation Other
- Alyson Kennedy, Malcolm Jarrett Socialist Workers Party Other
- Kanye West, Michelle Tidball The Birthday Party Other
- Bill Hammons, Eric Bodenstab Unity Party America Other

U. S. SENATOR (SELECT 1)

- Beryl Billiot #1 No Party
- John Paul Bourgeois #2 No Party
- "Bill" Cassidy #3 Republican
- Reno Jean Daret, III #4 No Party
- Derrick "Champ" Edwards #5 Democrat
- "Xan" John #6 Other
- David Drew Knight #7 Democrat
- M.V. "Vinny" Mendoza #8 Independent
- Jamar Montgomery #9 No Party
- Dustin Murphy #10 Republican
- Adrian Perkins #11 Democrat
- Antoine Pierce #12 Democrat
- Melinda Mary Price #13 Other
- Aaron C. Sigler #14 Libertarian
- Peter Wenstrup #15 Democrat

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (SELECT 1)

- Garret Graves #42 Republican
- Shannon Sloan #43 Libertarian
- Richard "RPT" Torregano #44 No Party
- Dartanyon "DAW" Williams #45 Democrat

DISTRICT JUDGE 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, ES 1, DIV. D (SELECT 1)

- Dele Adebamiji #72 Democrat
- William "Will" Jordan #74 Democrat

DISTRICT JUDGE 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, ES 1, DIV. K (SELECT 1)

- Eboni Johnson-Rose #75 Democrat
- Quintillis K. Lawrence #76 Democrat
- Joel Porter #77 Democrat

MAYOR-PRESIDENT METRO COUNCIL, CITY OF BATON ROUGE (SELECT 1)

- Sharon Weston Broome #87 Democrat
- Steve Carter #88 Republican
- "E Eric" Guirard #89 Independent
- C. Denise Marcelle #90 Democrat
- Jordan Piazza #91 Republican
- Frank Smith, III #92 Republican
- Matthew "Matt" Watson #93 Republican

COUNCILMAN METRO DISTRICT 10 (SELECT 1)

- Quentin Anthony Anderson #125 Democrat
- Carolyn Coleman #127 Democrat
- Eugene Collins #128 Democrat
- Andrea Cosey #129 Democrat
- Markeda Cottonham #130 Democrat
- "Jay" Gaudet #131 Democrat

CA NO. 1 (ACT 447, 2019 - HB 425) - RELATING TO DECLARING THERE IS NO RIGHT TO AND NO FUNDING OF ABORTION IN THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

CA NO. 2 (ACT 368 - HB 360) - AMENDS DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF OIL OR GAS WELL (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

CA NO. 3 (ACT 367 - HB 267) - AMENDS USE OF BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

CA NO. 4 (ACT 366 - HB 464) - LIMITS EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR STATE GENERAL FUND (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

CA NO. 5 (ACT 370 - SB 272) - AUTHORIZES COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR TAX EXEMPTIONS (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

CA NO. 6 (ACT 369 - HB 525) - INCREASES INCOME LIMIT FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVEL (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

CA NO. 7 (ACT 38, 1ST ES - SB 12) - CREATES LOUISIANA UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PERMANENT TRUST FUND (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

PW SPORTS WAGERING - AUTHORIZE SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES - ACT 215, 2020 (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - 10 MILLS RENEWAL - MC - 5 YRS. (SELECT 1)

- YES
- NO

A Breakdown of the Amendments on Your November Ballot

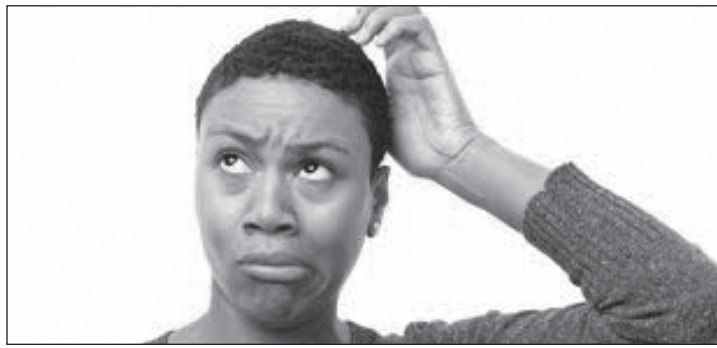
BATON ROUGE, La. - Election Day is just around the corner, and the first day of early voting is even closer.

Now that registration is over with, we want to help you understand what you are voting for, or against, when you cast your votes.

The Public Affairs Research Council, or PAR, has released an independent, non-partisan review so the community can better understand the amendments.

The following amendments and proposition are on the ballot for the November election:

■ Amendment 1 "Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found



in the Louisiana Constitution?"

■ Amendment 2 "Do you support an amendment to permit the presence or production of oil or gas to be included in the methodology used to determine the fair market value of an oil or gas well for the purpose of property assessment?"

■ Amendment 3 "Do you

support an amendment to allow for the use of the Budget Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy-Day Fund, for state costs associated with a disaster declared by the federal government?"

■ Amendment 4 "Do you support an amendment to limit the growth of the expenditure

limit for the state general fund and dedicated funds and to remove the calculation of its growth factor from the Constitution?"

■ Amendment 5 "Do you support an amendment to authorize local governments to enter into cooperative endeavor ad valorem tax exemption agreements with new or expanding manufacturing establishments for payments in lieu of taxes?"

■ Amendment 6 "Do you support an amendment to increase the maximum amount of income a person may receive and still qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption?"

■ Amendment 7 "Do you support an amendment to create the Louisiana Unclaimed

Property Permanent Trust Fund to preserve the money that remains unclaimed by its owner or owners?"

■ Proposition Shall sports wagering activities and operations be permitted in the parish of _____?

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McConnell and calling today a "momentous day" for America, the constitution and the rule of law. He also praised Barrett's intellect and poise during the confirmation process. Several Republican senators were also in attendance.

Barrett must still take the judicial oath.

While Senate Democrats tried to slow down the confirmation process of Trump's third Supreme Court nominee with

various procedural maneuvers, the fact that Republicans control the Senate has always meant a Barrett confirmation was all but promised.

"The Senate is doing the right thing. We're moving this nomination forward, and, colleagues, by tomorrow night we'll have a new member of the United States Supreme Court," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on Sunday.

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been his highest priority," Gov. Edwards said. "I have appreciated his partnership and counsel for the past several years as Superintendent, especially as Louisiana has navigated cybersecurity incidents, natural disasters, peaceful protests and the COVID pandemic. Throughout his career with Louisiana State Police, from his early

time on motorcycle patrols to his promotion to Superintendent, Col. Reeves has been a model of professionalism. His experience made him a steady and strong leader in trying times, and I personally thank him and, on behalf of the state of Louisiana, I wish him and his family well in his much-deserved retirement."

"It has truly been an honor to serve as Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Public Safety," Col. Reeves said. "I am forever grateful to Governor Edwards for having the faith and confidence in me and, more importantly, for the support he provides the men and women of the Louisiana State Police. As humbling as this opportunity has been, my greatest professional ac-

complishment remains the title of Trooper, a title I have the honor of sharing with the over 1,100 men and women who wear our badge. Throughout my career, I have advocated for the men and women of the Louisiana State Police and the heroic work they do each and every day. They will always be family. As I reflect on my career, one thing is for certain, none of this would have been possible without the unwavering

support of my family and I look forward to heading back to north Louisiana and spending more time with them."

Reeves was appointed the 25th Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police in March 2017. Reeves' career with LSP started in 1990 as a trooper on motorcycle patrols for Troop A in Baton Rouge. His career in the State Police brought him to Troop F in Monroe in 1993, where he

served as a squad leader for the mobile field force and as a case agent and undercover agent on many narcotics investigations and operations for the Bureau of Investigations. In 2008, he was promoted to Troop Commander of Troop F before assuming the role of Command Inspector of Patrol Operations and Commander of Statewide Mobile Field Force Team in 2013.

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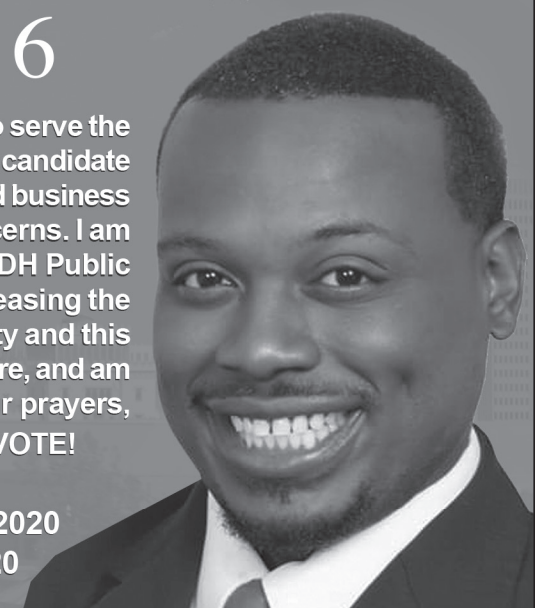
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Dr. Tony Evans

People often say, "What difference can one person make?" Let me ask you, what difference can one spark make in a dry forest? You can make a lot of difference.

One way you make a difference is by your vote. Christians who do not vote are shunning their responsibility to be a voice for righteousness in the public square.

Your vote can be a protest against an ungodly worldview and an endorsement of the biblical worldview. But you must be informed to cast your vote for righteousness and justice. You need to know what the values of the kingdom of God are in order to cast a vote for the party, person or platform that best reflects those values.

I am often asked this question: "Why do I need to vote if God has already decided who is going to win or lose?" I usually answer that by asking another question: "Why bother to pray if you know that God is going to do what He wants to do anyway?"

Of course there are things that God has decided He will do. And there are things He has decided He will not do. But in between those two lines are a whole group of things God might do,

but He has decided that He will only do them in response to His people's prayers. So if you don't pray, you don't get them (James 4:3).

There are also certain things that God is willing to do in a society, but He won't do them until we as Christians take up our responsibilities in that society. Our actions can determine which way God will move.

Dr. Tony Evans is the founder and senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, founder and president of The Urban Alternative and author of over 100 books, booklets and Bible studies. The first African American to earn a doctorate of theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, he has been named one of the 12 Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World by Baylor University. Dr. Evans holds the honor of writing and publishing the first full-Bible commentary and study Bible by an African American. His radio broadcast, The Alternative with Dr. Tony Evans, can be heard on over 1,400 radio outlets daily and in more than 130 countries. Dr. Evans' sermons are also streamed and downloaded over 20,000,000 times annually.

Faith and Community Leaders to Government Officials: Protect the Vote, Count the Votes

More than 1,100 faith leaders representing the full political, theological and denominational spectrum call on public officials to safeguard free and fair elections

WASHINGTON, — A group of more than 1,100 faith and community leaders representing communities in all 50 states today issued a joint call for federal, state and local public officials to do everything in their power to guarantee that Americans are able to cast votes free of fear and intimidation and that every vote cast in the 2020 elections will be counted.

"The values of our faith traditions inform our dedication to this cause," the leaders wrote in a joint letter to government officials demanding clear commitments to support election integrity. "All of the constitutional freedoms that we enjoy, including our religious freedom, depend on the integrity of our elections — the foundation of

American democracy." Faith Leaders United, which organized the letter, is a bipartisan, multifaith coalition that bridges political, theological and denominational divides. The coalition is calling on public officials to make four specific commitments, including:

- Leaders should share timely, accurate information about the election results and resist and avoid spreading misinformation.
- Leaders must actively and publicly support a peaceful transition of power or continuation of leadership based on legitimate election results.
- Our leaders must ensure a free and fair election in which all eligible Americans can safely cast their votes without interference, suppression or fear of intimidation.
- Leaders and election officials must count every vote in accordance with applicable laws before the election is decided, even if the process takes a longer time because of precautions in place due to COVID-19.

Sent this week to political and governing bodies including both major party presidential campaigns, the Republican National Committee, the Democratic National Committee, the National Governors Association, National Association of Secretaries of State

and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the letter has garnered support from faith leaders across the country. A full list of signers can be found online: <https://faithandelections.com/signers/>.

In addition to its appeal to public and civic leaders, the faith leaders are calling on "neighbors of all beliefs and backgrounds to join us in this urgent commitment to support free and fair elections, especially at this crucial moment for our democracy."

To access the full text of the letter, please visit: <https://faithandelections.com/>.

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Gov. Edwards Vetoes 2 bills Authored by Republican Lawmakers During Second Special Session

BATON ROUGE, La. — Gov. John Bel Edwards announced Tuesday, Oct. 27 he vetoed two bills authored by Republican lawmakers during the second special legislative session of 2020.

The governor said he vetoed HB 4, authored by Rep. Mark Wright (R-Covington), and HB 51, authored by Rep. Blake Miguez (R-Erath).

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Gov. John Bel Edwards

gov/ to read Gov. Edwards' letter about vetoing HB 4

• Visit <https://gov.louisiana.gov/> to read Gov. Edwards' letter about vetoing HB 51

HB 4 would have given the Louisiana Legislature power to overturn emergency declarations declared by the governor. HB-4 is different than the petition signed by 64 republican legislators Friday, Oct. 27 that lawmakers claim over-

turns Gov. Edwards' COVID-19 restrictions.

Gov. Edwards' administration filed a lawsuit Monday, Oct. 26 contesting the legality of the petition. A judge in the state's 19th Judicial District Court will determine if the petition is constitutional.

HB 51 prohibited the use of private funds for any part of the State of Louisiana's election system.

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defense lawyer for the past twenty-eight years, my experiences with the criminal justice system and with members of the judiciary have afforded me a unique perspective of how racial and ethnic biases, racial disparities and systemic racism and injustices have acutely affected people of color. As a criminal defense

lawyer, Porter has been a zealous advocate for "justice and fairness for all." Reputed as a fearless and aggressive attorney, he has given a "voice to the voiceless" and fought back the tides of systemic racism and injustice within the criminal justice system and the judiciary. And when he was personally at-

tacked, he put on the "whole armor of God" and successfully stood up against the principalities and powers of this city and state.

Porter believes that police brutality and systemic racism are the greatest threats to the health, wealth and safety of the black community. Black people are being murdered and brutalized by racist police with impunity. Porter has personally witnessed the devastating affects that the criminal justice

system has on black families. He has seen insensitive judges disrespecting and degrading black men and women; speaking to them in the most inhumane and humiliating manner. He believes the criminal justice system should not be used as tool to repeatedly enslave Black people.

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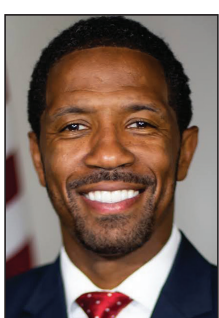
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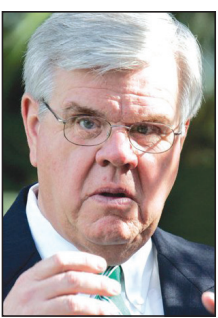
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BATON ROUGE, La. – Saturday, the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana voted to endorse Democratic candidates for Congress and the Public Service Commission.

The DSCC endorsed the following candidates:

■ **Lee Ann Dugas** was endorsed in the First Congressional District.

■ **Congressman Cedric Richmond** was endorsed on July 30 for the 2nd Congressional District.

■ **Rob Anderson** and **Braylon Harris** were endorsed in the Third Congressional District.

■ **Kenny Houston** was endorsed in the Fourth Congressional District.

■ **Martin Lemelle, Jr.** was en-

dorsed in the Fifth Congressional District.

■ **Dartanyon Williams** was endorsed in the Sixth Congressional District.

■ **Allen Borne** was endorsed in Public Service Commission District One.

■ **Foster Campbell** was endorsed in Public Service Commission District

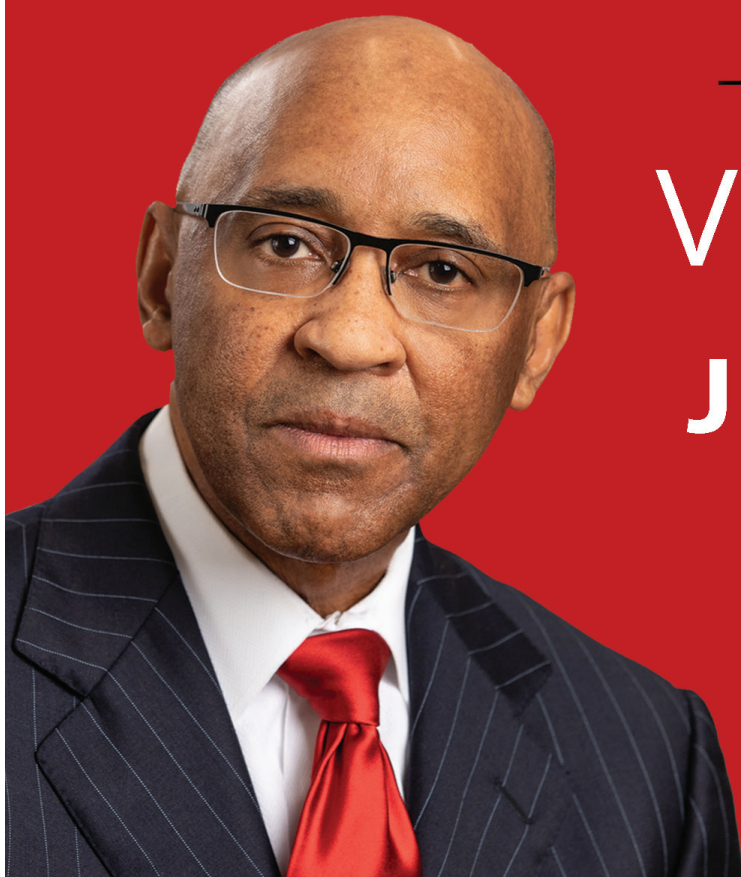
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“We’re excited to endorse this slate of Democrats and work to elect them this November,” Katie Bernhardt, Chair of the Louisiana Democratic Party said. “I couldn’t be prouder of these candidates connecting with their communities and running strong campaigns in every

corner of the state.

“Together, we’re engaging and turning out our base, mobilizing new voters, and building a winning coalition. Alongside our slate of candidates, Louisiana Democrats will build off of enthusiasm across our state and expand the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives.”

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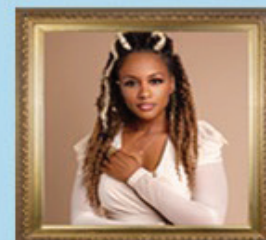
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