



Voter Guide

November 6, 2018 Open Primary/Congressional Election

A nonpartisan service of the League of Women Voters- Lafayette

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For more information, please visit our site at <http://www.lwv-lafayette.org/>

1) Sign Up To Vote

- To vote in the November 6, 2018 election, you must register to vote by the following deadlines:
- To register in person or by mail, you must sign up by **Tues, October 8**. You can register at the following locations:
 - Registrar of Voters
 - Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles
 - Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services
 - WIC offices
 - Food stamp offices
 - Medicaid offices
 - Offices serving persons with disabilities
 - Armed Forces recruitment offices
- You can download a form online to print and mail form:
<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/RegisterToVote/Pages/default.aspx>
- Register online to vote here:
<https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/VoterRegistration>. You must sign up by **Tues, October 16**.

2) Get Ready to Vote

- In addition to the LWV-Lafayette Voter Guide, the League will also be hosting a District 3 congressional candidate forum at UL Lafayette, Griffin Hall Auditorium, on October 23rd.
- Need to find your polling place, check your registration, or see your ballot?
Louisiana Voter Portal:
<https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/>

3) VOTE!

- *Early voting:* You can vote early at the Lafayette Parish Registrar of Voters, located at 1010 Lafayette Street.
 - **Dates:** Oct 23 – Oct 30, except Sunday
 - 8:30 AM – 6 PM
- *An absentee ballot* may be collected in person or by mail.
 - The deadline to request an absentee by mail ballot through Secretary of State voter portal or at the Parish Registrar of Voters is **Fri, November 2**.
 - The deadline for the Parish Registrar of Voters to receive your mail ballot is **Mon, November 5 at 4:30 PM**.
- *Election Day* is **Tues, November 6**. Polls will be open from 6 AM – 8 PM. All voters in line by 8 PM are eligible to vote.
- *What to bring:* Be prepared to show a photo identification card with your photo and signature when voting. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free Louisiana special identification card by presenting your voter registration information card to the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) or you may vote by affidavit after correctly answering identifying information before voting.

4) Turn the Page to Learn What's on the Ballot

- Candidates for election appearing on all parish ballots
- Candidates for election in Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Scott, Youngsville, and unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish
- Statewide Constitutional Amendments
- Parish-wide propositions

Candidates for election – on all ballots in Lafayette Parish

Secretary of State

Kyle Ardoin	Republican	Baton Rouge, LA
Heather Cloud	Republican	Turkey Creek, LA
"Gwen" Collins-Greenup	Democrat	Clinton, LA
A.G. Crowe	Republican	Pearl River, LA
"Rick" Edmonds	Republican	Baton Rouge, LA
Renee Fontenot Free	Democrat	Baton Rouge, LA
Thomas J. Kennedy III	Republican	Metairie, LA
Matthew Paul "Matt" Moreau	No Party	Zachary, LA
Julie Stokes	Republican	Metairie, LA

U. S. Representative 3rd Congressional District (1 to be elected)

"Rob" Anderson	Democrat	DeQuincy, LA
Aaron J. Andrus	Libertarian	Westlake, LA
"Josh" Guillory	Republican	Lafayette, LA
Clay Higgins	Republican	Lafayette, LA
Mildred "Mimi" Methvin	Democrat	Lafayette, LA
Larry Rader	Democrat	New Iberia, LA
Verone Thomas	Democrat	Lake Charles, LA

Judge, Court of Appeal 3rd Circuit, 3rd District, Election Sec. 4F (1 to be elected)

Jonathan Perry	Republican	Kaplan, LA
Unopposed		

PSC District 2 (1 to be elected)

Craig Greene	Republican	Baton Rouge, LA
Unopposed		

* An **unopposed** candidate is declared elected and his/her name shall not appear on the ballot.

Candidates for Election in Municipal Races and in the Unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish

The following pages feature candidates for election in each of the municipalities in Lafayette Parish (Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Scott, and Youngsville), and also candidates for election in the unincorporated parts of the parish.

There are no candidates on the ballot for the November 6, 2016 for any City of Lafayette races.

BROUSSARD**Mayor City of Broussard** (1 to be elected)

"Ray" Bourque	Republican	Broussard, LA
"J.P." Morgan	Republican	Broussard, LA

Chief of Police City of Broussard (1 to be elected)

Brannon Decou	Republican	Broussard, LA
Durand Hebert	Republican	Broussard, LA

Councilman at Large City of Broussard (1 to be elected)

"Jeff" Delahoussaye	Republican	Broussard, LA
Charles E. Langlinais	Republican	Broussard, LA

Councilman, District 1, City of Broussard

Angelique "Angel" Racca	Democrat	Broussard, LA
Unopposed		

Councilman, District 2, City of Broussard

David Bonin	Republican	Broussard, LA
Unopposed		

Councilman, District 3, City of Broussard

Jesse Regan	Republican	Broussard, LA
Unopposed		

Councilman District 4, City of Broussard (1 to be elected)

Gertrude N. Batiste	Democrat	Broussard, LA
Michael Rabon	Democrat	Broussard, LA

Councilman, District 5, City of Broussard

Kenny" Higginbotham	Republican	Broussard, LA
Unopposed		

Councilman, District 6, City of Broussard

Ray Gary	Democrat	Youngsville, LA
Unopposed		

CARENCRE

Mayor City of Carencro (1 to be elected)

Tommy Angelle	Democrat	Carencro, LA
Glenn L. Brasseaux	Independent	Carencro, LA
Charlotte Stemmans Clavier	Republican	Carencro, LA

Council Member(s) City of Carencro (5 to be elected)

Jordan Arceneaux	Republican	Carencro, LA
Antoine Babineaux Jr.	Democrat	Carencro, LA
L.J. Boudreaux	No Party	Carencro, LA
Larry Breaux	Republican	Carencro, LA
Danielle Capritto	Republican	Carencro, LA
Timmy Duhon	Republican	Carencro, LA
Kimberly "Kim" Guidry	Republican	Carencro, LA
Alfred "Al" Sinegal	Democrat	Carencro, LA

DUSON

State Senator 26th Senatorial District (1 to be elected)

Jerry Gaspard	Republican	Abbeville, LA
"Bob" Hensgens	Republican	Gueydan, LA
Jean Menard	Democrat	Church Point, LA

Mayor Town of Duson (1 to be elected)

Johnny Thibodeaux	Democrat	Duson, LA
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Unopposed

Aldermen Town of Duson (5 to be elected)

Coby Duhon	Democrat	Duson, LA
Lori Forestier	No Party	Duson, LA
"Steve" Hanks	Independent	Duson, LA
Laura Isadore	No Party	Duson, LA
Harriet O'Brien	Democrat	Duson, LA
Carroll J. Pepper	Democrat	Duson, LA
Carolyn "Pepe" Richard	Democrat	Duson, LA
Wade Robin	Democrat	Duson, LA

SCOTT**State Senator 26th Senatorial District (1 to be elected)**

Jerry Gaspard	Republican	Abbeville, LA
"Bob" Hensgens	Republican	Gueydan, LA
Jean Menard	Democrat	Church Point, LA

Mayor City of Scott (1 to be elected)

Charles Larriviere	Republican	Scott, LA
<i>Withdrew</i>		
Purvis J. Morrison	Democrat	Scott, LA
Jan-Scott Richard	Republican	Scott, LA

Chief of Police City of Scott (1 to be elected)

Brian Harper	Republican	Scott, LA
Chad Leger	Republican	Scott, LA

Council Member at Large City of Scott (1 to be elected)

Troy Bergeron	Independent	Lafayette, LA
Theresa Rohloff	Democrat	Scott, LA

Council Member District 3, City of Scott (1 to be elected)

Doyle Boudreaux	Republican	Scott, LA
<i>Unopposed</i>		

YOUNGSVILLE**Mayor City of Youngsville (1 to be elected)**

"Ken" Ritter	Republican	Youngsville, LA
Unopposed		

Chief of Police City of Youngsville (1 to be elected)

Richard "Rickey" Boudreaux	Republican	Youngsville, LA
Unopposed		

Council Member Division A, City of Youngsville (1 to be elected)

Jamison "Jamey" Abshire	Republican	Youngsville, LA
Unopposed		

Council Member Division B, City of Youngsville (1 to be elected)

"Lindy" Bolgiano	Republican	Youngsville, LA
Eddie Lewis III	Independent	Youngsville, LA

Council Member Division C, City of Youngsville (1 to be elected)

Jake Abadie	Republican	Youngsville, LA
Mathew "Matt" Romero	Republican	Youngsville, LA

Council Member Division E, City of Youngsville (1 to be elected)

Kenneth "Ken" Stansbury	Republican	Youngsville, LA
Unopposed		

UNINCORPORATED LAFAYETTE PARISH

State Senator 26th Senatorial District (1 to be elected)

Jerry Gaspard

Republican

Abbeville, LA

"Bob" Hensgens

Republican

Gueydan, LA

Jean Menard

Democrat

Church Point, LA

State Constitutional Amendments – Appearing on all Lafayette Parish Ballots

CA NO. 1 (ACT 719 - SB 31) - Prohibit felon from public office

Do you support an amendment to prohibit a convicted felon from seeking or holding public office or appointment within five years of completion of his sentence unless he is pardoned? (Adds Article I, Section 10.1)

- Yes
- No

CA NO. 2 (ACT 722 - SB 243) - Unanimous jury for noncapital felonies

Do you support an amendment to require a unanimous jury verdict in all noncapital felony cases for offenses that are committed on or after January 1, 2019? (Amends Article I, Section 17(A))

- Yes
- No

CA NO. 3 (ACT 717 - SB 263) - Permit donations from political subdivisions

Do you support an amendment to permit, pursuant to written agreement, the donation of the use of public equipment and personnel by a political subdivision upon request to another political subdivision for an activity or function which the requesting political subdivision is authorized to exercise? (Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))

- Yes
- No

CA NO. 4 (ACT 720 - SB 59) - Transportation Trust Fund

Do you support an amendment to remove authority to appropriate or dedicate monies in the Transportation Trust Fund to state police for traffic control purposes? (Amends Article VII, Section 27(B)(1))

- Yes
- No

CA NO. 5 (ACT 721 - SB 163) - Extend eligibility for tax exemptions

Do you support an amendment to extend eligibility for the following special property tax treatments to property in trust: the special assessment level for property tax valuation, the property tax exemption for property of a disabled veteran, and the property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a person who died while performing their duties as a first responder, active duty member of the military, or law enforcement or fire protection officer? (Adds Article VII, Sections 18(G)(6), 21(K)(4) and (M)(4))

- Yes
- No

CA NO. 6 (ACT 718 - SB 164) - Reappraisal of residential property

Do you support an amendment that will require that any reappraisal of the value of residential property by more than 50%, resulting in a corresponding increase in property taxes, be phased-in over the course of four years during which time no additional reappraisal can occur and that the decrease in the total ad valorem tax collected as a result of the phase-in of assessed valuation be absorbed by the taxing authority and not allocated to the other taxpayers? (Amends Article VII, Section 18(A) and (F))

- Yes
- No

Analysis of each of the state constitutional amendments will be available from the [Louisiana League of Women Voters](#) in October 2018.

PW Fantasy Sports

Authorize Fantasy Sports Contests

Shall fantasy sports contests be permitted in the parish of Lafayette?

YES ()

NO ()

Summary

Passage will allow online fantasy sports contests within each parish where the measure is approved. In House Bill 484 the legislature agreed that online fantasy participation does not constitute gambling, and so it is therefore no longer subject to the state constitutional ban on gambling. Each parish will be faced with a decision to either allow or prevent online participation in fantasy sports where there are entry fees and awards. The bill that authorized the ballot measure also empowered the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to license and regulate online fantasy sports contests. The method of taxation and regulation will be decided at a later date. The measure will state “fantasy sports contests.” HB 484 further defines “fantasy sports contests” as simulation sports games played through the internet or mobile devices in which participants create teams based on the current rosters of actual amateur or professional sports teams and win prizes and awards. FanDuel and Draft Kings are examples fantasy sports operations that dominate the market today. Current Louisiana law neither prohibits nor affirms the legality of more traditional fantasy leagues played among friends and coworkers. This measure does not address that.

Supporters say

- This is a potential source of new revenue that can be generated without traditional taxes.
- Many people are participating in these online fantasy contests already. This measure could recognize that and open up a quickly growing industry to necessary regulation.

Opponents say

- This will increase the number of problem gamblers in Louisiana.
- This could chip away at some of the revenue from taxes and licensing at truck stops and casinos already existing in the state.
- Fantasy sports is gambling and should be opposed on moral grounds.

PW Prop. No 1 of 2

Minimum Security Detention and Correctional Facility (New Tax)

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy an additional 2.94 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$6,694,243 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purposes of maintaining, operating and improving the minimum security detention and correctional facility?

YES ()

NO ()

Summary

Because State law requires each parish to provide funding for its correctional facilities, this expenditure takes precedence over local parish needs. Lafayette Parish already dedicates part of its property tax collection to the operation of correctional facilities, but costs have increased and present funding is now inadequate. The parish has been meeting its obligations by using some of its sales tax revenues. If voters approve this ballot proposition, property taxes will be increased by 2.94 mills to fund the jail and allow sales tax revenue to be used to meet other Parish needs.

An increase of 2.94 mills would mean that the owner of a home worth \$200,000 would see their property taxes increase by \$36.75 per year.

Supporters Say:

- Sales tax revenues have been decreasing in recent years and are expected to continue to do so. Currently expenses which have normally been paid by sales tax collections are expected to exceed income by about \$1 million. Continuing to use sales tax revenues to supplement the correctional facilities will reduce funds available for other local needs, such as public works and protective services.
- Lafayette Parish currently has a lower property tax rate than most other Louisiana parishes — it ranks 50th in a list of 64 parishes, according to the Louisiana Tax Commission — so it makes sense to turn to property taxes as a revenue source.
- Although sales taxes are often proposed as a way to supplement budget needs, they tend to impact residents with modest incomes more than others who are relatively well off.
- This tax will expire in ten years, at which time the Parish must either find alternate funding sources or ask voters to renew the tax.

Opponents Say:

- Instead of increasing property taxes, the Parish should reduce services.
- As of 2016, Louisiana had one of the highest incarceration rates in the country — only Oklahoma was higher. Is it time to consider alternate programs for non-violent offenders and/or more rehab programs for substance abusers?

PW Prop. No 2 of 2

Operational Expenses of the District Courts (New Tax)

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a new 2.00 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$4,553,907 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purposes of maintaining, operating and paying expenses for operations of the district courts within Lafayette Parish, including but not limited to the Parish's obligations mandated under state law?

YES ()

NO ()

Summary

Because State law requires each parish to provide funding for its courthouse operations, the parish is legally required to fund these costs prior to meeting other local parish needs. Lafayette Parish already dedicates part of its property tax collection to the courthouse facilities, but present funding is now inadequate. The parish has tried meeting its obligations by using some of its sales tax revenues, but maintenance needs have been deferred, as have desirable security upgrades. If voters approve this ballot proposition, property taxes will be increased by 2 mills to fund courthouse operations and allow sales tax revenue to be used to meet other Parish needs.

An increase of 2 mills would mean that the owner of a home worth \$200,000 would see their property taxes increase by \$25 per year.

Supporters Say:

- Sales tax revenues have been decreasing in recent years and are expected to continue to do so. Currently expenses which have normally been paid by sales tax collections are expected to exceed income by about \$1 million. Continuing to use sales tax revenues to supplement the courthouse facilities will reduce funds available for other local needs, such as public works and protective services.
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Opponents Say:

- Instead of increasing property taxes, the parish should reduce other services.
- The Parish needs to provide assurances to the public that the current budget is being administered efficiently.