

CANDIDATES:

OPDEC:

Voters are permitted to bring this list in the voting booth -

Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee **“A”** REFORM TICKET
"Rebuilding the Party Starts With Your Vote on Saturday, February 9.
Vote the entire "A" Reform Slate to get this party started!"

The District "A" Reform Ticket does not include public officeholders or members of the committee. Its purpose is to advance the fresh voices of involved activists who, once elected, will work together to energize and modernize the local Democratic Party.

In alphabetical order...

Philip Costa, an Attorney and former candidate for the Judiciary is currently the Chairman of the Board of Neighborhood Partnerships Network, a post-Katrina non-profit, working to empower neighborhoods and citizenry in rebuilding our community.

Lisa Gagliano Dawson is a teacher who is interested in promoting quality education and working to build a sustainable structure for local Democrats, through OPDEC-sponsored events that can foster parish-wide discussion of ideas and issues.

Karen Gadbois lives with her family in the Carrollton area. She has been active City wide in Recovery Issues, and now serves on the Board of the Urban Conservancy and Silence is Violence. She is the founder and Executive Director of Common Knowledge and runs a web site dedicated Preservation and demolitions and redevelopment issues.

Danny Hammers is a 26 year old Louisiana native, Chairman of the Young Democrats of Louisiana, former College Democrats of America GLBT Vice Chair and former UNO Student Government Vice President and Senate President.

Dr. Michael Homan is an Associate Professor of Theology at Xavier University of Louisiana, where he also serves as department chair. Michael served as Chair of the Education Committee for the Mid-City Neighborhood Organization from 2005-2007. Michael is the author of several articles and books about the Bible and archaeology, including The Bible for Dummies. Michael, his wife Therese Fitzpatrick, and their two children have lived in Mid-City for seven years, and they are in the process of rebuilding their flooded home.

Alan Langhoff is a New Orleans native, owner and operator of Lagniappe Consultants for 25 years, a full service consulting company specializing in software development and support. In 2004, he began Louisiana's first Democratic grassroots email bulletin, www.LaRoots.net. Alan, wife Deborah, and their three children lost their Lakefront home in the Katrina Disaster, but worked together to rebuild quickly in their current Mid-City location.

Deborah Langhoff ended a 30-year hiatus from public politics by volunteering for the 2002 U. S. Senate campaign. In the 2004 Presidential campaign, she organized statewide for the Democratic Party as a volunteer, and in 2005 she co-chaired the first Louisiana Democratic grassroots convention – Beaucoup Blues. After the Katrina Disaster, she focused on recovery concerns, which led to a run for the District 94 legislative seat, where she drove the 32-year strong Republican machine into a spirited run-off election. She is President of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association, a writer for the LaRoots bulletin, and continues to work statewide to bring Louisiana Democrats together. Deborah is also running for Democratic State Central Committee- District 94.

Megan Langhoff is a 22-year old native New Orleanian who returned to her hometown in May after graduating with honors from Fordham University Lincoln Center. Having volunteered for political campaigns in the past, she joined the staff in the Legislative race for House District 94. She is a recent contributor to the LaRoots bulletin. Megan believes that OPDEC can achieve meaningful reform by engaging first-time and young voters in the political process.

Kimberly Marshall recently completed law school and is studying for the Bar exam which follows soon after the February 9th election. She is the organizer of the Rising Tide Conference, a community-building weekend gathering of New Orleans area bloggers which is going into its third year. In the blogosphere she is well known as Dangerblond.

Andrew Pilant is an attorney and practices corporate law. He served in the U.S. Navy for 6 years, including an assignment as a White House Social Aide during the Clinton Administration. Following his Navy service, he obtained his law degree from the University of Virginia and then moved to New Orleans, his wife's hometown. Since 2006, Andrew has served as the President of the Audubon Riverside Neighborhood Association.

Jack Sullivan is on the Executive Committee of the Forum for Equality and serves as Development Chair. The Forum is a political action committee and civil rights organization dedicated to the establishment of a society free from discrimination and to the support of good government.

John Thibodeaux has been a Democratic campaign operative for over ten years. He most recently worked to re-elect Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu. John currently volunteers for Friends of Lafitte Corridor which advocates and facilitates the creation of a greenway with bicycle and pedestrian paths linking neighborhoods, historic sites, retail areas and public spaces.

Janis van Meerveld is a partner with Adams and Reese LLP in its New Orleans office, where she specializes in employment law. She is very active on the board of Boys Hope Girls Hope of New Orleans, where she also serves as secretary. Since Katrina, Janis has joined her husband of 14 years, Charlie Cerise, and their two children ages 10 and 8, in numerous clean up efforts in the city. Janis was recently selected to serve as a member of Senator Landrieu's Louisiana Leadership Network. She writes, "Like many New Orleanians, I have been watching the post-Katrina reforms with interest and respect, and OPDEC presents an exciting opportunity to keep cleaning up the city, to keep this parish moving toward much needed reforms, and to improve the image and participation of local Democrats."

Evan Wolf just completed his first run for public office in House District 95. A Tulane graduate, he was President of the College Democrats and also President of the Louisiana State Federation of College Democrats. He is multi-lingual, a veteran of the U. S. Navy, teaches a course at UNO on U. S. foreign policy in the Middle East, and is a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He is a member of the board of directors of the Carrollton/Riverbend Residents Assn, the Urban League of

Greater New Orleans, the American Civil Liberties Union, and he attends the Greater St John Missionary Baptist Church.

City Council District "B" - 34 candidates are on the ballot - please select 14 from among the 18 candidates supported by LaRoots and listed alphabetically:

Andrew Amacker Freret Area community leader

Charmaine Baker-Fox Central City neighborhood leader

Maggie Carroll is originally from North Louisiana but she and her husband have made New Orleans home. She is the Board Secretary for the Broadmoor Improvement Association. She joined the campaign staff in the recent race for House District 94 where she put her graphic knowledge to work and organized an array of volunteers. She was an important part of Team Beaucoup Blues in 2005. Maggie is also currently a candidate for DSCC District 95A.

Karen Carter Peterson - State Representative District 93, House Speaker Pro Tempore - currently also serves on the Executive Committee of the DSCC
http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Reps/members.asp?ID=93

Bill Devlin Broadmoor neighborhood activist

Joe Friend Attorney, Baronne Street Neighborhood Assn

Jessie Schott Haynes Attorney, Irish Channel

Natacha Hutchinson Attorney, Former candidate House District 91

Felicia Kahn is a past member of Democratic State Central Committee and Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee, Delegate National Democratic Party Conventions, Past president of League of Women Voters of New Orleans, Past member of CBD Historic Districts Landmarks Commission. Felicia is retired from real estate, and a current member of the Baronne St. Neighborhood Association. Felicia's experience is rivaled only by her activism and hope for a better future for the Democratic Party and for our nation, which she spreads to all who meet her.

Wes Kungel serves on Senator Landrieu's staff

Robert Lansden Law librarian, Faubourg Bouligny

Walt Leger State Representative District 92

Ed McGinnis Engineer, Irish Channel Neighborhood Association President

John Mcknight is a neighborhood organizer and lives at 7808 Colapissa Street. He is a graduate of Tulane University, a former teacher in the Orleans Parish School system. He has taught at Lafayette, Bethune, and Dumbar Elementary Schools

Mark Moseley Political blogger

Maurice Ruffin is a Civil Law attorney and life-long resident of New Orleans. Maurice has helped raise thousands of dollars for NOLAC, an organization devoted to providing free legal services to families that cannot afford an attorney. Maurice also volunteers at various New Orleans schools where he encourages young people to enter the practice of law. Maurice believes that this is a crucial time for citizens in New Orleans to become engaged.

Norma Jane Sabiston is a native New Orleanian who is President of Sabiston Consultants. She enjoyed a 25-year Capitol Hill career, including service to former Congressman Billy Tauzin, (R-La), former Congressman and Senator John Breaux, (D-La) and U. S. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-La). She was honored with a Pollie Award for "Most Valuable Player" by the American Association of Political Consultants and in 2004 was inducted into the Women in Government Hall of Fame at Nicholls State University.

Nyka Scott Attorney, Faubourg Delachaise

City Council District C, in alphabetical order

Larry Bagnaris

Carol Greve

Erika Hahne, 39, has always called Orleans Parish home. A graduate of Eleanor Mc Main Secondary School and Loyola University, she has served on the Pastoral Council at St. Anthony of Padua Church and on the Parent Teacher Student Association board of Lusher Charter School. She currently teaches at Louise S. McGehee School. Erika hopes to work with other members of the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee to generate local interest in the Democratic Party and to increase voter awareness of current issues vital to the healthy recovery of our city and state.

Cody F. Heitmeier

Telley S. Madina

Dan Zimmerman is running for the District C seat on the OPDEC as well as the State Central Committee seat in 86B. For the last 2+ years he lived in Jefferson Parish where he served as the 2nd Vice Chair of the JPDEC. Dan states, "On December 12th my wife and I purchased a house in Algiers, but my desire to help people has not changed even though my address has." FFI www.votefordan.net

City Council District D

Scott Darrah, past president of Gentilly Civic Improvement Association, has recently been appointed part-time aide to District D Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell.

City Council District E, in alphabetical order

Errol George

James A Gray II

BATON ROUGE: Voters in 70806, 70809, 70816, & 70817 zip codes are asked to directly contact and help elect:

Irv Peckham DSCC District 69-B

"I have been an English teacher for twenty-nine years, 13 at the high school level and 16 at the college level. For the past seven years I have been the director of the University Writing Program at LSU. My priorities are clear: my family comes first; my profession comes second, and my commitment to the community comes third... I have never run for public office. I have been a social activist in some community organizations, primarily those that focus on social justice issues and peace over war, and in national organizations that link my profession to political activism...

This step of running for the State Central Committee is a consequence of my commitment to making the Louisiana Democratic party responsive to voters at the grass-roots level, voters who do not care about who has the money and who are disaffected with the relationships between office holders and people who benefit from political decisions. Because I am very satisfied with my professional life, I can say clearly that I am not running for this office to gain material benefits or to build a foundation for a later political career. I want only to work for an improved image of Louisiana and for a stronger democratic party that places values over images. This kind of party has to be composed of people who have entered the political arena to serve, not to personally benefit...My political philosophy can be boiled down to two phrases: we need to take care of each other, we need to take care of the earth. If you are interested in promoting communality over personal profit, you should consider voting for me in the February primaries. For a copy of Irv Peckham's complete comments, please directly contact him at ipeckh1@lsu.edu 225-578-3040

Merritt E McDonald Sr DSCC District 70-B

BOGALUSA: Please elect

Brad Orman DSCC District 75-B - both a parish Democratic leader and a supporter of grassroots community efforts - Washington Parish will be well served by electing Brad Orman to the State Central Committee to serve along with

Dianne Applewhite DSCC District 75-A

JEFFERSON PARISH: Please elect:

Donald Blum DSCC District 82-B Donald Blum is an attorney who was an active volunteer in the 2004 Presidential campaign – for further information <http://www.blumlawfirm.net/index.html>

David Gereighty DSCC District 80-B A graduate of Tulane University and post graduate of George Washington University, he has run for the conservative CD-1 and State Senate, District 9 seats. David has worked in the engineering field. For further information <http://www.gereightylouisiana.com>

David Huynh DSCC District 87-B

Vinny Mendoza DSCC District 79-B A retired U.S. Air Force engineer, Vinny Mendoza is a Guatemala native who came to the U.S. 30 years ago. He has run for statewide office previously and in those campaigns said the nation's resources are being wasted in Iraq when they could be put to work in Louisiana. Mendoza noted that his son is in Kuwait — and on his way to Iraq in a civil engineering battalion. Mendoza is a real estate investor, an organic farmer, and currently a candidate for CD-1

LaRoots also acknowledges the candidacies of student leaders Ralph Johnson and Zack Hudson for DSCC District 79-B.

Dan Zimmerman DSCC District 86-B Also running for a District C seat on OPDEC – for more information www.votefordan.net

LAFAYETTE: Please elect

Barbara J. Conner DSCC District 45-A Barbara Conner is a civic and human rights activist in the Acadiana Region. She's also a philosophy professor at UL Lafayette. She served as Treasurer of Mike Stagg's 2006 campaign for Congress in the 7th Congressional District. She also serves as a member of the Lafayette Parish Zoning Board.

John D. Bernhardt DSCC District 45-B John Bernhardt is an oil and gas attorney in Lafayette who has raised money for a number of Democratic candidates across the state, including Foster Campbell's campaign for governor last year. John was elected without opposition to the Lafayette Parish Democratic Executive Committee and is the odds-on favorite to be elected chairman when the new panel takes office later this month.

LAKE CHARLES: Please elect:

Mark Zimmerman DSCC 36-B

Jeff Sanders DSCC 47-B – Jeff Sanders is an IBEW leader in the Lake Charles area. The district covers Cameron and Vermillion parishes. Jeff is a stalwart of the labor movement and the Democratic Party. He and his union are always at the forefront of party activism in Southwest Louisiana. He will bring new vigor and activism to the state party Central Committee. Jeff was elected without opposition to the Cameron Parish Democratic Executive Committee.

NEW ORLEANS DSCC: Please elect:

Natacha Hutchinson District 91-A

Cory Heitmeier District 91-B

Deborah Langhoff District 94-A

Maggie Carroll District 95-A

Evan Wolf District 95-B

Cheryl Gray District 98-A

Pamela Netto-Stewart District 102-A

Eric Bopp District 103-B

SPRINGFIELD: Please elect:

DeVan Pardue DSCC District 88-B

ST. TAMMANY PARISH Please elect:

Della Rose Perkins DPEC District 2

Zella Walker DPEC District 10

Dual Endorsements from LaRoots for 74-A:

Alicia Breaux DSCC District 74-A Member of the St Tammany Democrats for Change ticket and an active member of Progressive Northshore Democrats - Also running for At-Large DPEC
<http://www.dems4change.org:80/>

Dottie Belletto DSCC District 74-A Founder and President of event planning business for over 20 years - Clients include U.S.Senator Mary Landrieu, Mitch Landrieu, La Dept of Economic Development, America's Wetland, and United Way. Nominated "2006's Top Business Woman of the Year" by New Orleans Magazine dbelletto@nocci.com

Frank Wagar DSCC District 74-B

Susie Deano DSCC District 89-A

Dual Endorsements from LaRoots for 89-B:

Daryl Pettit DSCC District 89-B Member of the St Tammany Democrats for Change Ticket and organizer of West St Tammany Democrats support group in 2004 Presidential campaign
<http://www.dems4change.org:80/>

Michael Fagan DSCC District 89-B Founder and moderator of the U.S. Democrat Yahoo Network since 2000, with state groups active nationwide and also at the parish level
mpfagan1@bellsouth.net

Richard Boyd At-Large

Alicia Breaux At-Large

Renee Pitre At-Large

Jim Long At-Large

SHREVEPORT Please elect:

Richard Anderson #27 DSCC District 1

Please contact Richard directly at 972-398-6713. "Richard Anderson's life has always been about seizing opportunities. Born in Shreveport, Louisiana to W.P. and the late Rosie Anderson, it was his upbringing in Caddo Parish that prepared Richard for his destiny in public service. He attended public schools at Walnut Hill Elementary/Middle School and graduated from Southwood High School in 1973. During that tenure, Richard participated in a myriad of extracurricular activities from student council to athletics and other positive endeavors. Richard continued that trend when he attended Louisiana Tech University in the mid 1970s where by his participation in various ventures which included being a Student Government Senator, minorities obtained new accesses to programs never experienced before in the history of the institution. He also participated in several civic projects and political campaigns from which he enjoyed a high rate of being successful with winning variety of campaigns. Upon earning the Bachelor of Arts Degree, Richard accepted the call of his country by serving as a Commissioned Officer with the United States Air Force with a specialty in Resource Management. During that period, he did post graduate work in Public Administration and Management Information Systems and Strategies at Webster University, Grambling State University and Pepperdine University. After his service in the military, Richard performed needed management experiences with several companies in the private sector before being appointed by the late Caddo Parish Administrator and Chief Executive Officer Francis P. Bickham as an Administrative Assistant to the Administrator. Upon later years, Richard served Caddo Parish with great distinction by his leadership as a District Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America where his district was ranked 1st of 39 districts in the Louisiana/Texas area in membership growth for youths in Scouting. With the myriad of accomplishments and achievements throughout the years, his greatest pleasure lies with his faith in God along with providing needed guidance to his immediate family which includes his one and only wife of 30 years, Sandra Moses Anderson, two sons-Richard Francis Anderson and Adrian Anderson and five grandchildren. Far too many people leave Caddo Parish, Louisiana for opportunities elsewhere never having the chance to give back to where they were nurtured. Richard wishes to reverse that trend by being elected as the Democratic State Central Committee Member, 1st Legislative District, Place "B" (# 27) where his creative management approaches can make proactive opportunities in Caddo Parish and Louisiana a reality. If you have any additional questions and/or comments, you may contact me @ (972) 398-6713"

Patti Cox DSCC District 5 Patti Cox was born in Shreveport and grew up in Homer, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Lt. Colonel Homer T. Cox, Jr. who was killed in the Vietnam War. She's a graduate of Centenary College and Stephen F. Austin State University, and has worked as a petroleum geologist and environmental consultant in Shreveport. Cox instituted a lawsuit against Jim McCrery for not living in the district while serving in Congress.

With an amazing number of committed candidates in the Greater New Orleans area, there is a likelihood that some errors have been made in compiling this list. Please advise to correct mistakes. Brief bios are welcome from candidates listed.

Thank you to all candidates for tossing your hats in the ring!

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