

Four Leading Candidates Detail Their Views

# What Next Governor Believes



U.S. SEN. DAVID VITTER (R) and wife Wendy after qualifying for governor.



REP. JOHN BEL EDWARDS (D) and wife Donna at Secretary of State's office.



PSC Commissioner Scott Angelle (R) and grandkids arrive to qualify for governor.



Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne (R) and wife Cathy after filing to run for governor.

## An Exclusive, In-Depth Look at Each Candidate's Policies

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Billy Nungesser (R)
John Young (R)

— Attorney General —




Geri Baloney (D)
Buddy Caldwell (R)

— Senate Dist. 13 —




Derek Babcock (R)
Dale Erdey (R)



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# Buddy Caldwell Has Solid Conservative Record

## Opponent's Lack of Legal Experience Becomes Issue in Atty. Gen. Campaign

**Woody Jenkins**  
Editor

**BATON ROUGE** — In 2011, Ed Gillespie, then the chairman of the Republican National Committee approached Louisiana Attorney General Buddy Caldwell and asked him to switch from Democrat to Republican. Gillespie told Caldwell that their research indicated that he was one of the most conservative Attorneys General in the United States — far more conservative than the average Attorney General — and that he would be more at home in the Republican Party. Caldwell thought it over and agreed to switch. Since then, he has not disappointed conservatives. In fact, it would be fair to say there is no more conservative attorney general in the United States. Most of us complain about the overreach of the federal government under President Obama, but Buddy Caldwell is one of the few leaders in America who has stood up to Obama and been successful in stopping him. Altogether, **Caldwell has sued the Obama administration nine times.**

Caldwell filed suit against **Obamacare** and carried that suit all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Caldwell defended Louisiana's law prohibiting **gay marriage** and won the only legal victory in the United States on that issue, prevailing in federal district court. He carried that battle to the Supreme Court as well.

In a landmark case, Caldwell filed suit to enjoin Obama's executive order providing **amnesty to more than 5 million illegal aliens.** Caldwell won that injunction, and the 5th Circuit Court of Appeal upheld it. Today, thanks to Buddy Caldwell and the attorney general in Texas, Obama's illegal amnesty plan has **not** gone into effect.

Buddy Caldwell opposed a host of **illegal Environment Protection Agency regulations** that threatened Louisiana jobs, and the EPA backed down and withdrew them.

When Obama issued a **moratorium on drilling** in the Gulf of Mexico, which was costing Louisiana workers and businesses millions of dollars a day, Caldwell intervened and got the moratorium lifted.

When **ACORN, the far left community organizing group**, which Obama had worked with, was at its height, Caldwell learned of massive theft and wrongdoing in the organization. He moved quickly against its national headquarters, seized its computers and other equipment, and put them out of business nationwide permanently, which is why we never hear about ACORN anymore.

When the federal **Census included illegal aliens in the count** and used the large number of illegals in California, Texas, and Florida to give those states additional seats in Congress, it resulted in Louisiana losing a seat. Caldwell filed suit to block that action.

When the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms pro-



Woody Jenkins



Photo by Woody Jenkins

**FEAR OF CHEERLEADERS** — The editor's grandson James, who just turned 2, attended his first football game at Wildcat Stadium in Central. Everything went well until grandpa tried to pose him with the Central High cheerleaders. It seems James is *terrified* of cheerleaders! But don't worry, moments later he was all smiles!

posed to **ban ammunition for AK-47 rifles**, Caldwell fought the ban, and the ATF backed down and withdrew it.

When the City of San Francisco passed an ordinance to require that **guns be locked at all times in a lock box**, the federal district court upheld the ban. So Buddy Caldwell and some other AG's intervened in the suit to have the ordinance struck down.

Caldwell sued **114 major pharmaceutical firms for overcharging the Louisiana Medicaid program.** Companies were charging the state outrageous sums. For example, one company regularly charged the state \$70 for the same drug consumers pay \$2.50 for at the drug store. In the end, Caldwell won, and the drug companies paid the State of Louisiana \$299 million.

In perhaps the most famous case, Buddy Caldwell sued the **BP oil company over the Deepwater Horizon oil spill** and won for the state \$6.8 billion, or \$10 billion overall — the largest settlement of a environmental disaster in the nation's history. The attorneys for the state received \$29 million — about 1/2 of 1 percent of the settlement — and the state's attorney fees were paid by BP — not the taxpayer.

After the first of the year, another important suit by Buddy Caldwell will be going to trial. He has sued State Farm for its alleged predatory practices of **requiring auto repair shops to use aftermarket parts to repair insured vehicles, instead of manufacturers' parts.** Many believe that aftermarket parts can make vehicles unsafe and reduce their value. Some insurance companies are opposing Caldwell's reelection, hoping that he and his suit will go away.

During 42 years in the private practice of law — six years in pri-

vate practice, 29 years as District Attorney, and seven years as Attorney General, Caldwell has amassed a remarkable record of success.

- In that period, he has tried
- More than 200 civil cases
  - More than 750 major criminal cases
  - More than 200 jury trials
  - More than 30 murder trials

He has empaneled more than 200 grand juries.

In his major criminal trials, Caldwell has a 99 percent conviction rate, and has only lost two cases in his entire career.

Caldwell is not only an outstanding prosecutor and civil trial attorney, he teaches attorneys all over the state.

Unlike a Congressional office, which is primarily a political office, the Attorney General's office is not a political office. Rather, it is a **law office** with 180 attorneys and more than 280 non-attorney personal. The AG's office currently has more than 5,000 civil and criminal cases. It is essential that the Attorney General be an outstanding lawyer, who at the top of his profession.

It is essential that the Attorney General, who is the State's top attorney and chief prosecutor be an actual attorney, but not only that, it is essential that he be an outstanding attorney with a great deal of real-life experience.

That leads us to Attorney General Buddy Caldwell's chief opponent, former Congressman Jeff Landry. He served in Congress for two years. During that time, he had a solid conservative record. He did that **political** job well. However, he is completely unqualified **professionally** to be the Attorney General of Louisiana.

When Mr. Landry asked the Republican Party of East Baton

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# What Governor Candidates Believe

Top Four Candidates  
Reveal Their Views,  
Philosophy on Wide  
Range of Questions

Woody Jenkins  
Editor

**BATON ROUGE** — The four leading candidates for governor in the Oct. 24 primary have revealed their views on a wide range of issues facing the state and nation.

In this exclusive report, Public Service Commission member Scott Angelle, Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne, State Rep. John Bel Edwards, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter answered questions and provided insight into how they would approach the job of serving as Louisiana's governor.

The Republicans — Angelle, Dardenne, and Vitter — gave their answers to a questionnaire submitted by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish. The Democratic candidate, John Bel Edwards, provided his answers in an interview with the *Capital City News/Central City News*. Here are the questions and their answers:

### CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Will you oppose any and all legislation which would violate the United States Constitution



**TOP FOUR CANDIDATES** for governor — Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, Rep. John Bel Edwards, PSC member Scott Angelle, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter stopped to pose before speaking at the NFIB Governor's Debate at De la Ronde Hall in Baton Rouge.

or the Louisiana Constitution as written?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

2. Should the Constitution as written be strictly followed or do

you see it as a "living document" that should be more flexible and adjusted for modern times?

ANGELLE: I hold an originalist view of the Constitution in line with Justices Scalia and Thomas. The Constitution is a timeless document that embodies the prin-

ciples of freedom and democracy that define America. We should most certainly be wary of allowing judges to interpret its text in a way that creates or redefines rights that the Founders did not intend. The fundamental liberties it establishes

See ALL CANDIDATES on Page 4

## Thank You for Allowing Me to Serve as Your State Representative Another 4 Years!

Our state continues to face challenges. As your representative, I will continue to fight for the people of District 64. In my time as your Representative, much has been accomplished. Now I am ready to continue the fight for conservative values! *On your behalf, I was honored to receive the only National Security Eagle Award. Here are some of our accomplishments over the past four years:*



Secured \$10 Million to Complete Comite River Diversion Canal Project



Secured Funding for Hooper Road Widening and Extension

Chair of Illegal Immigration Task Force



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# All Candidates Support Death Penalty

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are as true today as they were at the founding of our nation. I will fight every day to protect and uphold those liberties.

DARDENNE: I am a strict constructionist. As Governor, I will follow the constitution and all laws of the land.

EDWARDS: I have mixed feelings. For the most part, I agree with the Supreme Court approach that it has to be a living document.

VITTER: Strictly enforced. The Constitution is not a living document. The words in the Constitution mean what they say. The Federalist Papers and other writings of the Founders clearly demonstrate the Founders' original intent of the words they carefully chose to include in this document. The Constitution doesn't create "rights" for individuals since these fundamental rights already existed naturally from our Creator and therefore pre-date the Constitution. The Constitution includes a democratic process for amending the text, whereas supporters of the "living document" theory believe that unelected, unaccountable and fallible judges can create new rights and change the meaning of the document based merely on the whims of the day.

3. Will you support the security of our elections by:

(a) Requiring proof of U. S. citizenship for all new registrations?

(b) Requiring proper I.D. from all persons casting a ballot?

(c) Requiring a good reason and proper safeguards for voting by mail?



Sen. David Vitter, candidate for Governor

“The Constitution is not a living document. The words in the Constitution mean exactly what they say.”

— Sen. David Vitter, candidate for Governor

(d) Prohibiting voting online?

ANGELLE: Yes to all four

DARDENNE: Yes to all four

EDWARDS: Yes to the first three.

As to online voting, perhaps someday there will be sufficient safeguards to make it possible but we're not there yet.

VITTER: Yes to all four

4. (a) Do you support a return to

closed primaries in state elections in Louisiana? (b) Do you support a return to closed primaries in federal elections in Louisiana?

ANGELLE: Yes to both

DARDENNE: No to both

EDWARDS: No to both

VITTER: Yes

5. Do you favor the death penalty for crimes such as 1st degree

murder?

ANGELLE: Yes

DARDENNE: Yes

EDWARDS: It should be at the jury's option in the appropriate case.

VITTER: Yes

6. Will you support the ban on Internet gambling?

ANGELLE: Yes

DARDENNE: Yes

EDWARDS: Yes

VITTER: Yes

7. President Obama repeatedly refuses to enforce federal law. Yet, he attempts to "make law" by using his power to issue Executive Orders. What are your ideas on how state legislatures can force Obama and the federal government to follow the law?

ANGELLE: In Louisiana, we will not participate in any federal mandates that blatantly violate the constitution and the laws of the land. One example here is supporting "sanctuary cities." As Governor, I'll take actions with the legislature to do all within our power to crack down on sanctuary cities and enforce our immigration law.

DARDENNE: If there is a clear violation of state's rights from one of the President's executive orders, the Attorney General should file suit.

EDWARDS: Where there is federal overreach, the proper response is to file suit to stop it.

VITTER: As Governor, I would aggressively attack over-regulation at the federal level by pursuing an aggressive litigation strategy with other states to block overreaching

## Thank You...

I would like to express my appreciation for the confidence you have bestowed upon me as I continue to serve as the Representative for House Seat 65. I am honored to be your voice. John Adams once said, "Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people". Feel free to contact my office anytime. I would love to hear from you.



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# All Favor Protecting Right to Bear Arms

**“As Governor, I’ll take action to crack down on sanctuary cities and enforce our immigration law.”**  
— Scott Angelle

federal regulations.

**8. Will you oppose any state or federal legislation or treaty that yields U.S. sovereignty in whole or in part to an international organization, nation or group of nations, or any public or private entity?**  
ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes, but I would need more information on the specific proposal.  
VITTER: Yes

**9. Will you support strengthening Louisiana’s Public Records Act, in order to better protect the public’s right to information on state and local government and elected officials?**  
ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**10. Do you see yourself as an activist governor who will take the lead on many controversial issues or will you react to the issues as they arise?**  
ANGELLE: I see myself as a Governor who will unashamedly take the issues facing the people of our state head on and work with the legislature, education/business/community leaders and the people of Louisiana to find solutions that move our state forward. I won’t be afraid to stand up for what’s right, even when it’s not popular.  
DARDENNE: I will be an activist from day one.  
EDWARDS: I will be a pro-active governor, but you have to do both.  
VITTER: This is my last job elected or appointed. I’m running to take on the challenges we face head on with strong leadership and concrete solutions.

**INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**

**11. Will you support the 2nd Amendment and oppose any additional state or federal gun control?**  
ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes, more gun control isn’t the answer to gun violence. We need to better enforce the laws we have and strengthen our mental health records reporting system.  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes, I am the only candidate for Governor with an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America. I’ll fight to make sure our 2nd Amendment rights are fully protected.

**12. Do you support strengthening Louisiana’s open carry law?**  
ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes but it depends on the specific proposal. I would not for example favor legislation allowing you to open carry on the property of someone who denies permission for you to do so.  
VITTER: Yes

**13. Do you support Louisiana’s concealed carry law?**  
ANGELLE: Yes



Scott Angelle and Jay Dardenne, candidates for Governor

DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**14. Do you support Louisiana’s Shoot the Burglar Law?**  
ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**15. Will you oppose efforts by**

the state or federal government to monitor private communications by American citizens without a warrant signed by a judge particularly describing the person, place, and lawful reason for the search and seizure?  
ANGELLE: Yes. Law abiding citizens’ privacy should not be infringed without due process.  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**16. Will you oppose passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, which expired in 1982, and any legislation which suggests that it is still before the states?**  
ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes, this would not be the proper approach to passage.  
VITTER: The ERA is unnecessary because men and women are already equal under the law.

**17. Will you oppose further**  
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# Candidates Disagree on Future of Same

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### infringements on the Right to Property?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes but I would need to know the specifics.  
VITTER: Yes

### 18. Will you support efforts to retain Louisiana law that marriage is between one man and one woman?

ANGELLE: Yes. I firmly believe that marriage is between one man and one woman. I believe it's a private commitment that serves an important public purpose.  
DARDENNE: No. While I voted in the Senate and at the ballot box to define marriage as between only a man and woman, the recent Supreme Court decision has legalized same sex marriage and I will not spend tax dollars to challenge the ruling.  
EDWARDS: I support marriage as between one man and one woman and co-authored the constitutional amendment to that effect, but it is unclear to me what options are still available.

VITTER: Yes. I have coauthored legislation to protect states' historic rights and role in defining marriage without encroachment by the federal government.

### 19. Will you oppose state hate crimes laws?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: No  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

### 20. Will you oppose state legislation similar to the so-called "Fairness Ordinance" (rejected by the Baton Rouge Metro Council) which would give any



Rep. John Bel Edwards, candidate for Governor

**“I support marriage as between one man and one woman but it's unclear what options are still available.”**  
— Rep. John Bel Edwards, candidate for Governor

### special status or privilege based on sexual orientation?

ANGELLE: Yes. I disagree with making a protected class out of lifestyle choices.  
DARDENNE: No  
EDWARDS: I cannot commit to saying I would oppose it without seeing the details of what is proposed.  
VITTER: Yes

### 21. Will you support Louisiana's right to work law?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

### 22. Will you support preserving a worker's right to a secret ballot in union elections?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

### 23. Will you oppose the federal government's Real ID Law?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: No, I offered legislation to have Louisiana comply.  
VITTER: Yes

### TAXES, GOVERNMENT SPENDING, AND FREE ENTERPRISE

### 24. Will you support legislation to amend the federal Constitution to require a balanced federal budget except in time of declared war?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes

EDWARDS: No  
VITTER: Yes

### 25. Will you oppose any and all tax increases?

ANGELLE: Yes. I believe comprehensive structural budget reform must be a top priority. We need to cut all frivolous spending and end wasteful programs. The tax exemptions and credits we give out are often not producing the economic return on investment they promised. We must be more fiscally responsible and monitor those programs annually and ensure they are creating jobs and growing our economy. The gut reaction to raise taxes when we have a budget crisis is wrong and it won't be how I govern.

DARDENNE: No  
EDWARDS: No  
VITTER: I was the first candidate to announce that I would immediately call a Special Session to address wholesale spending and tax reform. I will pursue four central components of reform. First, undedicate much of the revenue in the general fund so that higher education and health care no longer have to endure death by a thousand cuts. Second, we would cut wasteful spending throughout state government and through exemptions, credits, and deductions. Third, we will actually reduce some tax rates once the budget is stabilized. Fourth, We will provide more protection for the transportation trust fund. Currently, only 11 percent of the funding goes to actual roads and bridges. The rest is siphoned off to balance the budget among other things. I'll change that. In addition, we will eliminate the inventory tax. We will make sure that local governments have new streams of revenue.

### 26. Will you attempt to reduce the tax burden on married couples and small business?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes

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# Sex Marriage, Hate Crimes, Spending

VITTER: Yes

**27. Will you oppose reauthorizing a state inheritance tax?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**28. How should the State of Louisiana address the projected revenue shortfall in the coming fiscal year?**

- a) New or increased taxes?  
b) Cut spending?

ANGELLE: I believe the solution to our fiscal crisis comes through cutting wasteful spending, addressing our under performing tax exemptions/credits and reforming our budget process and removing some of the dedications. We should also work on decentralizing state government because government works best when it is closest to the people. Just like Louisiana doesn't wait on Washington to make us great, our 303 municipalities and countless small towns should not have to wait on Baton Rouge to make them great. I'd be more than happy to provide more details about these proposals upon request.

DARDENNE: The Governor and Legislature unwisely used one time money, as well as an ultimate smoke screen — the SAVE ACT — to balance the budget. I will look first to credits, exceptions, exclusions and deductions as a means of making ends meet in this fiscal year. In reviewing spending, I will set real priorities and budget accordingly. I will not impose cuts simply across the board. I will prioritize spending and invest in programs that are efficient, that work and are beneficial to the state. EDWARDS: We'll need a combination of both. But we should start by eliminating inefficiencies and tax expenditures. VITTER: See answer 25. State government still has plenty of waste to cut.

**29. Will you oppose expanding Medicaid?**

ANGELLE: I will oppose expanding traditional Medicaid. But, as all other Republican candidates have said, I support coverage expansion with very strict terms. A stringent work requirement, a deductible and an automatic sunset provision if the funding burden changes.

DARDENNE: As it is currently proposed, Yes. I will establish a task force to quickly review our options and make recommendations for a waiver to be submitted to the federal government. The waiver must provide for flexibility and protection if the feds fail to provide funding.

EDWARDS: No

VITTER: Yes, I will oppose Medicaid expansion in its current form. I would explore accessing additional federal funding that may be available but only if we're reforming programs through a private coverage or other model, not expanding a broken, government-dominated system.

**30. Will you oppose funding for community-organizing groups such as ACORN?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: I don't think we fund them now. I wouldn't want to have a law that we couldn't fund faith-based ministries, but it really depends on the specific situation or organization.  
VITTER: Yes



Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, candidate for Governor

**“The governor and legislature unwisely used one-time money and the Save Act to balance the budget.”**

— Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, candidate for Governor

**31. Will you insure that every state “entitlement” program includes a provision that able-bodied recipients be required to work as a condition of receiving the benefits?**

ANGELLE: Yes, I have made this an important part of my campaign platform. I'm currently running TV ads highlighting the importance of this issue. It would help solve a lot of our state's fiscal problems.

DARDENNE: Yes. The current requirement of just providing “proof” that you have applied for jobs is too lenient. EDWARDS: It should be required that the person be looking for work.

VITTER: Yes

**32. Will you oppose establishing a state minimum wage?**

ANGELLE: Yes

DARDENNE: Yes

EDWARDS: I favor Congress raising the minimum wage nationwide. Only if Congress fails to act would I favor it.

VITTER: Yes

**33. Will you support efforts to repeal laws and regulations which arbitrarily or unnecessarily restrict exploration for oil and gas, the use of fossil fuels, and the refining of petroleum products?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**34. Will you support fracking?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**35. Do you support broadening the definition of “independent contractor” so that businesses and individuals would be able to contract without automatically being labelled as having the employer-employee relationship, so long as the independent contractor files state and federal taxes?**

ANGELLE: Yes

DARDENNE: Need more information

EDWARDS: Need to study this

VITTER: Yes

**36. Do you support repeal of Obamacare?**

ANGELLE: Yes

DARDENNE: Yes

EDWARDS: No but I do favor fixing portions of it.

VITTER: Yes

**37. Please explain the federal government's modern role in the interpretation of the Commerce Clause and how it affects our economy in Louisiana.**

ANGELLE: I believe the federal government has grossly misinterpreted the commerce clause and used it as a tool to expand their reach and power through programs like Obamacare.

DARDENNE: No response

EDWARDS: No response

VITTER: The Court's recent ruling on the Obamacare case as it relates to the Commerce Clause is another perilous step forward by the Court to expand the power of the federal government to regulate nearly every economic activity, no matter how localized it may be. Now, a Louisiana rice farmer is subject to the coercive power of centralized government in Washington and his individual market decisions are prisoner to the macroeconomic effects of commodity pricing beyond his control. This expansion — with its genesis in the disastrous ruling in Wickard v. Filburn — distorts the Commerce Clause beyond all recognition and subverts the original intent of the Founding Fathers.

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**38. The threat of Islamic terrorism seems to be growing worldwide. Most recently, a terrorist Islamic army has taken over northern Iraq and slaughtered thousands of innocent people with beheadings and mass executions. What are your ideas on the following:**

(a) What, if anything, should

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Mack “Bodi” ★★

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Thank You

for your continued support in allowing me the privilege to serve you in the Louisiana Senate. I will always be accessible and available to you to do the work needed to improve our communities and our state.”

Sincerely,

Mack “Bodi” White, Louisiana Senator, District 6

Mack Bodi White





# Gubernatorial Candidates Tell Views on

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**the United States do in Iraq to help the Kurds and stop ISIS?**  
**(b) What should the United States do to oppose Islamic terrorism domestically and around the world?**

**ANGELLE:** The threat posed by Radical Islam is real, imminent and coming to a zip code near you if it is not addressed sooner rather than later. We must restore America's reputation on the international stage as a defender of freedom and democracy. We must earn back the respect of our allies. Together, working with other freedom loving countries, we must push back against Radical Islam. I believe our nation's military leaders are the best in the world at what they do. We must not take any options off the table and must be willing to make the tough decisions to defend the free world against the growing threat of Islamic terrorism.

**DARDENNE:** Not applicable

**EDWARDS:** We should do everything possible to stop ISIS in the Middle East. Here at home, we should step up our efforts to protect ourselves against terrorism.

**VITTER:** a. Iraq is a perfect example of how Obama's foreign strategy of leading from behind not only fails to carry forward hard-earning American victories, but also how extremists have been allowed to go unchecked until it is too late. I have voted in favor of the U.S. stepping up actions and involvement to stop ISIS' deadly campaign. b. The current threat of global terrorism is on the rise due to a willful effort to say that terrorism was on the decline. In the past five years, our intelligence and national security budgets have been drastically cut while entitlement and social programs have been allowed to run rampant.

**39. Do you favor using military force if necessary to prevent ter-**



PSC Commissioner Scott Angelle interviewed by the media

**“I believe the solution to our fiscal crisis comes through cutting wasteful spending, addressing our under performing tax exemptions/credits and reforming our budget process and removing some of the dedications.”**  
— PSC member Scott Angelle, candidate for Governor

**rorist states such as North Korea and Iran from obtaining or building nuclear weapons?**  
**ANGELLE:** Yes  
**DARDENNE:** Not applicable  
**EDWARDS:** I don't favor a pre-emptive attack at this time. However, in the future, it would depend on how imminent the threat is and what intelligence we have on the situation.  
**VITTER:** Yes

**40. EMT, or Electro-Magnetic Pulse, is a phenomena that occurs when a nuclear weapon is detonated above ground level. A high altitude nuclear explosion could destroy the electric grid and all computers, telephones,**

**cell phones, electronic equipment, and motorized transportation for up to 1,000 miles, leaving Americans in the dark and without transportation or communication. The Congressional study on EMT estimated that within six months, half the American population would be dead. Even a single nuclear device in the hands of terrorists or a terrorist state, launched from a freighter off the East coast, could have these consequences. There is no need for a highly sophisticated missile system that can hit a specified target, only that the weapon be detonated at a high altitude. An EMT attack rep-**

**resents one of the most serious threats to American security. Will you support tax credits and/or funding necessary to harden Louisiana's electric grid to protect it from EMT attack and prioritize other safeguards to make such an attack less likely and minimize the possible impact of such an attack?**

**ANGELLE:** I believe we must do everything we can to ensure our infrastructure is strong enough to withstand such an attack. As Governor, I will work with industry leaders, security experts and federal officials to do all we can to ensure the integrity of our electric grid. As a current member of the Public Service Commission, I am leading the fight on this issue.

**DARDENNE:** No on tax credits because we have to review the tax credits we have now before we create any new ones. If such potential threat exists, I will do whatever necessary to protect Louisiana against such threats.

**EDWARDS:** This is an issue that should be addressed nationwide. I need more information to assess how imminent this threat really is.

**VITTER:** I would lead an effort to strengthen and protect our electric grid and other energy infrastructure to protect against the threats posed by storms, hurricanes, and natural and manmade electromagnetic pulse (EMPs) as laid out in my plan, Together, Louisiana Strong at davidvitter.com.

**41. Do you believe the world's climate is warming? If so, do you believe it is caused in part by human activity? Do you support controls on CO2 emissions?**

**ANGELLE:** Yes, I believe it's warming though I am unsure of what is causing it. I am opposed to any regulations on CO2 without scientific proof that the regulations are addressing the root cause.

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# Immigration, Abortion, Common Core

DARDENNE: Yes probably in a small way. No to controls on CO2 emissions.  
EDWARDS: Yes it is warming and yes it is caused in part by human activity. My support of any controls on CO2 emissions would depend on what specific regulations are proposed, the costs required, and a cost-benefit analysis.  
VITTER: No, I do not support controls on CO2 emissions and as Governor I will not submit a plan to President Obama to ensure Louisiana's compliance with such a clear overreach of federal authority.

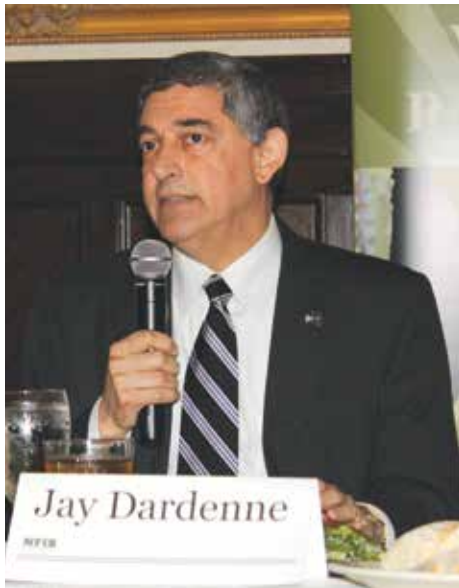
**42. Will you oppose any legislation that requires the Louisiana or U.S. to reduce its energy consumption, including a carbon tax, or Cap and Trade legislation?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes to opposing a carbon tax. but some regulations such as gas mileage requirements are the smart thing to do.  
VITTER: Yes

**43. Free trade is a value that conservatives embrace, but free trade with dictatorial or Communist regimes serves to strengthen their ability to undermine liberty. In the case of Communist China, free trade has also served to destroy America's manufacturing base, as Chinese government-owned and government-subsidized companies have captured market share, driving tens of thousands of privately-owned American manufacturers out of business.**

a) In recent years, Chinese government-owned banks have considered becoming the "private" partner in public-private partnerships in Louisiana, such as the Baton Rouge Loop. Under this proposal, the Chinese government entity would actually own and control the highway. Would you support legislation to prohibit Chinese government entities from participating in public-private partnerships in Louisiana and from owning any of the infrastructure of the state?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: No  
EDWARDS: Yes, I am against foreign governments owning or controlling our infrastructure, not just China but any foreign government.  
VITTER: Expanding trade opportunities creates American jobs and allows for better opportunities with global markets. At the same time, we should work to ensure a level



**54. Will you support the Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to prohibit the killing of the unborn except when necessary to save the life of the mother?**

ANGELLE: Yes. I am 100% pro-life, no exceptions. All life is a precious gift from God.  
DARDENNE: No. I am pro-life with the exception of rape, incest and protecting the life of the mother.  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes. I am proudly pro-life and have a 100 percent voting record with Louisiana Right to Life and National Right to Life. I'll promote and lead a positive culture of life in Louisiana.

playing field and enforce our trade laws against frequent violators, especially China that abuses intellectual property rights and illegally dumps seafood and other products into our market.

b) Two years ago, the Port of New Orleans proposed legislation to allow the ports in the state to be sold to foreign entities, including those owned by the Chinese Communist government. Will you support legislation which would prohibit our ports from being sold to such entities?

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: See answer to a) above

**44. Will you support Country-of-Origin Labelling of all fresh food, which originates outside the United States?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: I have an entire chapter in Together, Louisiana Strong on davidvitter.com on supporting Louisiana's farmers and seafood industry.

## BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION

**45. Some Republicans say, "We must secure the border first and then adopt comprehensive immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants." But other Republicans say that a promise of a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants guarantees that the border cannot be secured. Will you support securing the border, while opposing allowing illegal immigrants to stay in this country or having a path to citizenship?**

ANGELLE: Yes. We must secure the border and enforce the laws on our books. We can work to streamline the process to come here legally, but illegal aliens must go to the back of the line and enter our

country legally.  
DARDENNE: Immigration laws need to be enforced plain and simple. I will fight against sanctuary cities and illegal immigration practices that endanger our citizens or place a burden on the taxpayers of Louisiana.

EDWARDS: We need to look at the real world. We're not going to deport 11 million people. But we should build the wall and we should not provide a path to citizenship.

VITTER: Yes, I have led the Border Security and Enforcement First Caucus in the U.S. Senate. I'll continue to fight for strong immigration enforcement and against the Obama Administration dumping the problem on Louisiana and other states.

**46. Will you support strong criminal penalties for employers who hire illegal immigrants?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: See Answer 45  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**47. Will you support requiring all employers to use the rapid-response Internet system E-Verify to check employees' Social Security numbers to insure the individual is not an illegal alien?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: See Answer 45  
EDWARDS: Yes, I sponsored legislation to require contractors to verify the legal status of workers.  
VITTER: Yes

**48. Do you support returning illegal immigrants to their home countries?**

ANGELLE: Yes. As we ID illegal immigrants, they should be turned over to federal officials and handled within the confines of the law.  
DARDENNE: See Answer 45  
EDWARDS: Yes, when we find them. However, we are not going to deport 11 million people. We should not deport people who are relatives of U.S. citizens.

VITTER: Yes. One way to deter illegal immigration is stop rewarding it by allowing those who break our laws to stay in our country at taxpayer expense.

**49. Will you support measures that ensure that persons here on temporary visas go home when their visas expire?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: See Answer 45  
EDWARDS: Yes, this is a federal issue.  
VITTER: Yes

**50. Will you support construction of physical and electronic fences and National Guard troops along the border?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**51. Will you vote to allow state or local officials to enforce federal immigration law within our borders?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: See Answer 45  
EDWARDS: Yes, in general, I favor it, but we need to be sure that it is legal.  
VITTER: Yes

**52. Will you oppose automatic citizenship for "anchor babies" born to illegal aliens, including a constitutional amendment if necessary?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: See Answer 45  
EDWARDS: No  
VITTER: Yes

**53. Since only U.S. citizens can vote, will you oppose using illegal aliens for purposes of apportionment and redistricting?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: See Answer 45  
EDWARDS: I don't want them counted for apportionment purposes but we have to be careful because their presence does require costs to state and local government, and that should be taken into consideration. We can't pretend they are not there.  
VITTER: Yes

## RIGHT TO LIFE

**55. Will you oppose the judge-invented notion that abortion is a constitutional right?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**56. Will you sponsor all reasonable legislation to restore legal protection for unborn children?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**57. Will you oppose all government funding of abortion?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**58. Should doctors who perform abortions be required to have admitting privileges at a local hospital in order to work in an abortion clinic?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**59. Will you oppose all government funding for Planned Parenthood?**

ANGELLE: Yes

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**CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR** — Four major candidates are vying to become Louisiana’s next lieutenant governor in the Oct. 24 open primary. They are (left to right) Sen. Elbert Guillory of Opelousas, Mayor-President Kip Holden of Baton Rouge, former Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser, and Jefferson Parish President John Young. All are Republicans except Holden, a Democrat.

**BATON ROUGE** - With the Oct. 24 open primary just three weeks away, four major candidates are seeking to become Louisiana’s next Lt. Governor — Baton Rouge Mayor-President Kip Holden and three Republican candidates.

The three Republican candidates — Sen. Elbert Guillory of Opelousas, former Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser, and Jefferson Parish President John Young — have been criss-crossing the state, campaigning at forums, fairs and festivals, and anywhere else they can find a crowd.

Nungesser and Young have well-financed campaigns and are highly visible on television with 30 second spots running in the news.

Guillory and Holden have been hampered by lack of funds, but that hasn’t slowed down Guillory who speaks several times a day in all corners of the state. Guillory has become something of a cult hero on social media. His youtube.com videos have earned millions of views by people across the nation.

Guillory’s videos explain why he is Republican, and he challenges black voters to assess whether the Democratic Party is really serving their interests.

Holden, whose campaign is low key, has only raised a few thousands dollars. Nevertheless, recent polls have shown Holden running first, based on strong support from blacks across the state, while Nungesser and Young battle it out for second place with Guillory trailing.

The Democratic Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Holden. The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Guillory, Nungesser, and Young, saying all three are well qualified for the job.

The Lt. Governor succeeds the Governor in case of death or resignation. Day to day, the Lt. Governor is responsible for administering recreation and tourism.

## State Senate Dist. 13

**Challenger Derek Babcock**

**Sen. Dale Erdey**

**CENTRAL** - Long-time legislator Sen. Dale Erdey will face perhaps his biggest reelection challenge Oct. 24 against insurance executive Derek Babcock. Erdey has served for 16 years — eight as a state representative and eight as a state senator. He handily defeated Babcock four years ago. However, Derek Babcock has a bigger, more formidable campaign this year than four years ago. Last week, Louisiana Association of Business Industry endorsed Babcock, a serious blow to Erdey. The Tea Party of Louisiana and former Rep. Tony Perkins also endorsed Babcock. Both candidates are running as conservatives. One of the centerpieces of Babcock’s campaign is his promise to build a new bridge by extending Hooper Road from Central across the Amite to Watson. Babcock says Erdey has failed to produce the bridge after 16 years on the House and Senate Transportation Committees.

In Central, only Pcts. 3-6 and 3-14 get to vote in Senate District 13. Coincidentally, those precincts are on either side of the intersection of Hooper and Greenwell Springs roads at the site of the proposed bridge.

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Ryan Heck R  
Mark Holden D

**House District 70**

Franklin Foil R  
Shamake Schumake D

# Six Central Officials Unopposed



**UNOPPOSED** — Several East Baton Rouge Parish elected officials were unopposed for reelection. Among those were (left to right) Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Assessor Brian Wilson, Coroner Beau Clark, Sen. Bodi White, Rep. Valarie Hodges, and Rep. Barry Ivey.



# Fact-Checking Race for Attorney General

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Rouge Parish for its endorsement, the party asked him to provide basic information about his experience as an attorney in order to document his professional experience. But Landry was unable to provide any documentation whatsoever.

The party asked him to list:

- His experience practicing civil law.
- His experience practicing criminal law.
- His experience in trying cases before a jury.
- His experience in trying complex civil cases.
- A listing of his appearances before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and the various courts of appeal.
- Examples of his legal writing, such as law review articles, briefs, or other legal arguments which would demonstrate his ability to handle serious legal issues.
- His experience in administering or managing a prosecutor's office, a law firm, or a business organization.

Mr. Landry was unable to provide any documentation or any explanation that he has done any of the above. Apparently, Jeff Landry has never tried a civil or criminal case, never tried a jury trial, never appeared before a court of appeal, and never tried complex civil litigation of any size, much less cases involving millions or billions of dollars.

In his TV commercials, Mr. Landry states that he worked for a "top law firm for 10 years," but we have found no evidence of that.

Mr. Landry reports that he graduated from Loyola Law School in 2004. When he ran for U.S. Congress in 2010, he filed financial reports showing no payments to him during 2009 from a "top law firm."

In 2010, he reported a salary from his own law firm of \$12,000 but no income from a "top law firm" or any law firm and no payments from any legal clients.

In 2011 and 2012, he reported no legal income of any kind. Then in 2015, when he qualified to run for Attorney General, he filed with the State of Louisiana a personal financial disclosure form for 2014 showing no income from his law firm, no payments from a "top law firm," and no payments from legal clients.

We have no doubt that he has been a member of the bar for the past 10 years, but as far as having been engaged in practice of law on a full-time basis for any significant period, we find no evidence of that.

We have searched for evidence of reported cases handled by Mr. Landry and found none. We have searched for evidence of a law office and found none.

Mr. Landry's seems to have built his campaign entirely on a litany of supposed evils that Mr. Caldwell has committed. It is a flimsy case indeed. Here are the charges:

- Buddy Caldwell is a liberal Democrat.
- Caldwell endorsed Mary Landrieu.
- Caldwell endorsed gun-grabbing black Rep. Barbara Norton of Shreveport.
- Caldwell contributed to Obama.
- Caldwell has a corrupt "Buddy System" that awards legal contracts to his supporters.

Here are the facts:

- Caldwell is a conservative Republican. As shown above, the Republican Party recruited him to become a Republican because he was one of the most conservative Attorneys General in the nation. Furthermore, there is absolutely nothing in his record as Attorney

General that can be labeled as "liberal." On the contrary, his record as Attorney General is solidly conservative.

• Above all, Mr. Landry's campaign appears to be based on the accusation that Buddy Caldwell supposedly endorsed Mary Landrieu for reelection to the U.S. Senate. The evidence Landry produces is a cell phone video of a private party during Mardi Gras in Washington, a time notorious for pranks and humor. Mr. Landry fails to produce a news release from Caldwell endorsing Landrieu, a radio or TV commercial, a mailing or anything else that shows this supposed "endorsement" going from Caldwell to any registered voter. Nor were their news stories reporting this alleged "endorsement." Nor does Mr. Landry bother to mention the fact that David Vitter's brother sang at the same Mardi Gras party right before Caldwell.

There is an even bigger problem with Mr. Landry's ridiculous and false charge: Since becoming Attorney General, Buddy Caldwell has had a policy not to endorse any candidate for any office, because he might have to rule on an election issue involving that candidate.

• We have found no evidence whatsoever that Buddy Caldwell endorsed Barbara Norton, who represents a 70 percent black district and who had no Democrat or Republican opponent. Caldwell appeared at a campaign event, just he has appeared at hundreds of campaign events for public officials, black and white, Republican and Democrat, all over Louisiana. That's where the votes are. Caldwell simply attended the event and shook hands, but he did not make an endorsement.

• Federal Election Commission records show no contributions by Buddy Caldwell or his committee to Landrieu or Obama or any other political figure.

• The accusation that Caldwell has a corrupt "Buddy System" for awarding legal contracts is perhaps the most ludicrous of all. There has been absolutely no showing of any *quid pro quo* in the awarding of legal contracts. As far as we have been able to determine, all attorneys who wish to be considered are put on a list at the Attorney General's office, their qualifications are reviewed, and the best candidates are chosen.

For example, in the BP case, the Attorney General's office fought BP for more than four years to win a judgment for environment costs suffered by the people of the state. In the end, Caldwell, through the private attorneys he had hired, won a settlement with BP of \$6.8 billion — the largest settlement of an environmental catastrophe in American history! BP hired some of the best attorneys in the United States to represent their interests. In the end, BP paid their attorneys more than \$3 billion in legal fees. The outside counsel which represented the State of Louisiana were paid \$29 million — 1/2 of one percent of the settlement amount, and about one percent as much as the BP attorneys were paid. Moreover, the taxpayers of Louisiana did not pay the outside counsel one penny. Rather, BP had to pay 100 percent of the cost of the state's attorneys.

All in all, it was a great deal for the taxpayers of this state — the largest judgment in history at no cost to the taxpayers!

The bottom line is this:

- Caldwell has done an outstanding job as Attorney General.
  - He is a solid conservative.
  - Mr. Landry's accusations are false.
  - Mr. Landry is not qualified for the office of Attorney General.
- As a result, we recommend Mr. Caldwell for your consideration to be reelected as Attorney General.

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Republican Candidates October 24, 2015 Primary Election	Senate Dist. 13		Senate Dist. 16		House Dist. 68	
	 D. Babcock	 Dale Erdey	 Dan Claitor	 S. McKnight	 Steve Carter	 R. Cipriano
1. Will you vote to retain Louisiana law that marriage is between one man and one woman?	Yes	Yes. I have voted that way consistently.	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes. Marriage being undermined by judicial fiat. Decision violates 14th Amendment
2. Will you oppose passage of a Fairness Statute that would provide special protection based on sexual orientation?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes. This should not be a protected class of citizens.
3. Will you support ratification of a federal constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes
4. Will you vote against any and all tax increases at the state level?	Yes	No. I voted to raise cigarette tax to protect higher ed and discourage smoking.	Yes but I am against unproductive tax credits & subsidies	No Response	Yes	Yes. Spending is the problem, not lack of revenue.
5. Should state address budget shortfall by raising taxes or cutting spending?	Eliminate wasteful spending and no tax increases	Curb excessive tax credits that are unproductive and cut spending on wasteful state contracts & agencies	We have a spending problem. Unlock dedications, and review credits & exemptions	No Response	Prioritize spending, eliminate programs, live within our means	Cut spending, no tax increases, and grow the tax base
6. Will you oppose expanding Medicaid coverage in Louisiana?	Yes	Yes. I have voted that way consistently.	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes. This would create a \$2 billion problem over 10 years.
7. The Port of New Orleans proposed allowing the port to be sold to a foreign government including Communist China. Will you oppose this legislation?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes
8. Should illegal immigrants be returned to their home countries?	Yes	Yes	Yes, COD	No Response	Yes	No, it would be too costly to pay their way back.
9. Will you oppose use of tax revenue to fund Planned Parenthood?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes
10. Will you vote against continuing the State of Louisiana's participation in Common Core?	Yes	Yes	For high standards but not for federal control	No Response	No	Yes. For high standards but not Common Core.

How This Grid Was Created

The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish gives candidates seeking the Republican endorsement the opportunity to answer a questionnaire on important issues facing the state and nation and the particular office being sought. After the endorsement process is complete, the party will make the answers to the questionnaire available to the news media upon request. In this year's election, the

party had a questionnaire covering more than 70 questions. Answers by legislative candidates to 10 of those questions were used to prepare the grid above. Where a candidate provided a lengthy answer, it was edited to fit the space available. All Republican candidates in the legislative races shown above responded to the questionnaire except Mr. Scott McKnight, a candidate for the State Senate in District 16. Because the answers come from those provided by Republican candidates, Democratic candidates are not included in this grid.

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Republican Candidates October 24, 2015 Primary Election	House Dist. 66				House Dist. 69	
						
	<b>Rick Bond</b>	<b>R. Edmonds</b>	<b>D. Ourso</b>	<b>R. Secrist</b>	<b>Davis</b>	<b>Heck</b>
1. Will you vote to retain Louisiana law that marriage is between one man and one woman?	Disagree with Supreme Court decision. States should decide. But it is law of the land.	Yes	Yes	Yes. Some Supreme Court justices should be impeached	I respect the Supreme Court decision	It's a religious decision, and the state should not be involved.
2. Will you oppose passage of a Fairness Statute that would provide special protection based on sexual orientation?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I oppose discrimination in any form.	Yes
3. Will you support ratification of a federal constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?	No	Yes	Yes	Absolutely	Yes	Yes
4. Will you vote against any and all tax increases at the state level?	No	Yes	I would have to analyze each piece of legislation.	Yes. We have a spending problem. I'm a taxbuster!	Yes, unless there's a comprehensive tax reform plan	I have never voted for one.
5. Should state address budget shortfall by raising taxes or cutting spending?	Spending cuts and tax reform that lowers tax rates and broadens tax base	Spending cuts and no tax increase	It will take a committed governor and willing legislature to solve problem.	Cut spending	No new taxes without spending reform. Use recurring revenue for recurring expense.	Cut spending and make spending reforms. Dedicated funds and dedications on table.
6. Will you oppose expanding Medicaid coverage in Louisiana?	I cannot support expansion until I see a plan with costs and benefits	Yes	Yes	Yes. It will bankrupt our state.	Yes, but the horse may be out of the barn.	Yes
7. The Port of New Orleans proposed allowing the port to be sold to a foreign government including Communist China. Will you oppose this legislation?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	I have to review the legislation	Yes, I would oppose it if they were to be the majority partner.
8. Should illegal immigrants be returned to their home countries?	This is a federal question	Yes	Yes	Yes	On a case-by-case basis	Yes
9. Will you oppose use of tax revenue to fund Planned Parenthood?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10. Will you vote against continuing the State of Louisiana's participation in Common Core?	No, I favor high standards demanded by Common Core.	Yes	The Common Core compromise of 2015 addresses this issue.	Yes, federal government should not be in our schools	Let's see how the legislative compromise works out. I support high standards	I'm for excellent schools and a lot of rigor.

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Junior Maid Trinity Turner with her father Kevin Leachman



Sophomore Maid Kenah Kepper with father Kenny Kepper



Sophomore Maid Kennedy Leger with grandfather George Lemoine



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# Candidates Discuss St. George Schools

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DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: I'd like the current investigation to proceed. My understanding is that they are not performing abortions in Louisiana. I would not want their other work to close. We would need to provide alternative locations.  
VITTER: Yes

**60. Will you support legislation to prohibit research that involves killing human embryos?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**61. Will you support legislation to ban all forms of human cloning?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

## EDUCATION AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

**62. Do you favor reducing or eliminating the federal role in local public schools?**

ANGELLE: Education decisions belong at the local level. I support taking that power away from the federal government.  
DARDENNE: Yes, Education is best administered at a local level and being tied to mandates from

the federal government harms our progress more than it helps.  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes. That begins with demanding local versus federal control, and empowering the most important leaders on the front line — parents and teachers.

**63. Will you oppose Common Core?**

ANGELLE: I oppose Common Core.  
DARDENNE: During the 2015 Legislative Session, Louisiana legislators agreed on a compromise regarding education standards. This compromise allows for Common Core standards to remain in place only for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year, giving Louisiana teachers, parents, and educational experts the time they need to establish Louisiana-based standards that will go into place at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. I don't believe the federal government should be involved in the creation of education standards and curriculum — but I am for raising student achievement through higher standards. And that's just what this compromise — which I have long supported and advocated — does.  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes, I will lead us out of Common Core and into a Louisiana-based system of strong rigor, standards, and accountability by exiting Common Core/PARRC testing consortium immediately and adopting a rigorous interim test that is not aligned to Common Core. Convening a citizens panel of Louisiana parents, teach-

ers, experts from higher education, and business leaders to develop an updated system of rigorous Louisiana standards and testing outside of Common Core. Requiring the new system to be developed, debated, and tested in a fully inclusive and transparent way. Demanding that the new system meet three tests: fully Louisiana controlled, not Common Core by another name, and objectively verified. Implementing it in a careful, methodical manner, until the rollout of Common Core.

**64. Will you oppose nationalization of education by Common Core standards, assessments, tests, and Common Core aligned curriculum?**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: Yes  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**65. Will you support returning to neighborhood schools in public education?**

ANGELLE: Yes. I support public schools, private schools, charter schools and home schools.  
DARDENNE: Yes, but it appears that the courts have pre-empted any such support from actually returning to this status.  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**66. Do you support continuing to make the TOPS scholarship program available to qualified students regardless of family income?**

ANGELLE: Yes. I do not believe we should cap or limit TOPS in any way.  
DARDENNE: No response

EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes

**67. Do you support continuing in Louisiana law the Balanced Treatment Act which allows Louisiana school systems to provide balanced treatment of all sides in the origins debate. The Ouachita and Central Community School Systems currently utilize this law.**

ANGELLE: Yes  
DARDENNE: No response  
EDWARDS: Yes  
VITTER: Yes, curriculum decisions should be made at local level.

## LOCAL ISSUES

**68. Will you support the creation of the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System?**

ANGELLE: Yes. I believe the residents in this area should be able to have their own school district, as do Central, Zachary and Baker.  
DARDENNE: No response  
EDWARDS: No  
VITTER: I don't know enough about the issue but I support local control of education and full autonomy in education.

**69. Do you support the right of the voters of the proposed City of St. George to vote on whether to incorporate?**

ANGELLE: Yes. I will always side with the right of the people to vote.  
DARDENNE: No response  
EDWARDS: Yes, as long as the requirements of law are met.  
VITTER: Yes. I support the right to vote as laid out under current law.

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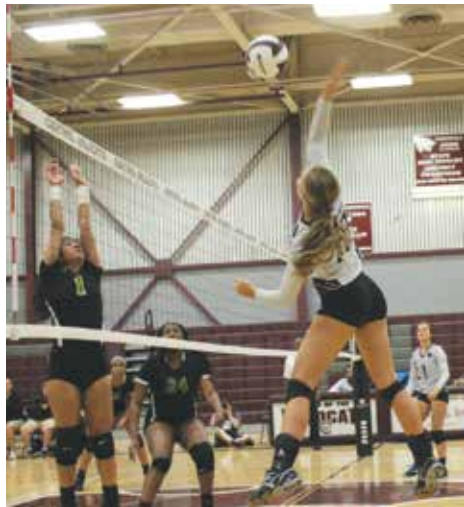


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**QUALIFYING TO RUN** — Livingston businessman Derek Babcock qualified to run for Louisiana State Senate from District 13 on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, in ceremonies at the Livingston Parish Courthouse. Babcock was joined by wife Heather and a host of family, friends, and supporters. The 42-year-old father of four is a conservative Republican from Walker who said his No. 1 goal is to improve roads and transportation, starting with a new bridge over the Amite River.

**WALKER** — Conservative businessman Derek Babcock, 42, is challenging Sen. Dale Erdey in the Oct. 24 primary for the right to represent Senate District 13. The district includes most of northern Livingston Parish, portions of the City of Cen-

tral, and a piece of southeastern Tangipahoa Parish. Erdey has served in the Louisiana Legislature 16 years, while Babcock is a political newcomer. Erdey is considered much more vulnerable than in the past, and Babcock has accumulated a sizable

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## What's Happening?

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**Health Fair**  
**St. Alphonsus Catholic Church**  
**9 a.m. - 12 noon**  
St. Alphonsus will hold its annual Free Health Fair—Bayou Living: A Gumbo of Good Health. Free glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, weight/BMI, stroke, ENT and EKG's screenings. 20+ vendors on hand with health and safety information. Door prizes and refreshments also included. Come celebrate everything Louisiana and get healthy.

**Friday, Oct. 10**  
**Health & Wellness Fair**  
**Blackwater United Methodist**  
**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
First annual Health and Wellness Fair at Blackwater United Methodist Church, 10000 Blackwater Rd. Central. The Pumpkin Patch is changing lives one pumpkin at a time. Proceeds go to missions that transform the Central community and the world for Jesus Christ. For more information, call John Dixon at 261-7557 or email terri@blackwaterumc.org.

**Friday, Oct. 10**  
**Church Wide Garage Sale and Community Day**  
**Cornerstone Fellowship**  
**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
Cornerstone Fellowship will hold a church wide garage sale and community day on Oct. 10 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 9611 Blackwater Road. Furniture, clothes, home items and much more! There will also be LIVE MUSIC!

**Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25**  
**Saturday Sunday's**  
**Blackwater UMC**  
United Methodist Youth Fellowship is sponsoring Saturday Sunday's at Blackwater United Methodist Church located at 10000 Blackwater Rd. Central. The day will include a Bounce House, Bean Bag Toss, Fo Fishing, Hayrides, and Pony Rides.

**Saturday, Oct. 11 • 10 a.m.**  
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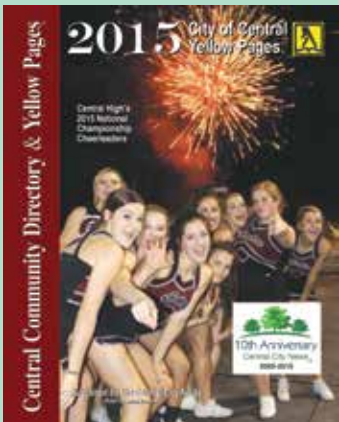
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