Dear Friends of Louisiana Family Forum,

As part of LFF’s effort to provide timely research and educational material to the residents of our state, I am pleased to provide you with this 2012 Louisiana Voter Guide for Statewide and National elections on November 6th. LFF encourages all to vote their values and to support candidates who will most closely align with those values.

LFF is a not-for-profit organization that focuses on issues that impact Louisiana’s families. We partner with concerned citizens, like you, as well as churches, policymakers and organizations throughout Louisiana—to champion the family and to address the social and political issues that affect families. We provide research, resources and policy analysis to help you engage the debate. We are supported entirely by tax-deductible donations from friends like you.

If you would like to partner with us in this project to educate voters, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to LFF. Our address is listed below, and, for secure online donations, our website is www.lafamilyforum.org and remains a timeless resource for you.

We urge you to take a moment to review the 2012 Louisiana Voter Guide and exercise your right to vote on November 6th in the election. It is our prayer that this 2012 Louisiana Voter Guide will encourage you to vote with confidence.

Your vote is priceless! Let your voice be heard; vote your values!

In His Service,

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Gene Mills, President
Helping You Cast an Informed Vote
The Louisiana Family Forum 2012 Voter Guide is a resource to help you and your family cast an informed vote on Tuesday, November 6th. This non-partisan publication is intended for educational purposes only and is not intended to influence a particular election or any legislation. It provides candidates’ positions on issues that touch Louisiana families, so that you can choose wisely which candidates best reflect your values.

Too frequently, we hear from citizens across the state who are frustrated over the lack of reliable information about the candidates who are running for elected office. Radio and television ads provide you with what the candidate wants you to hear, but where do you go for information on what candidates really think about the issues that matter to you and your family? When candidate positions are not known, the gathering of enough information to make an informed decision can become a burden, resulting in voter frustration and even voter apathy.

LFF, in an effort to assist with information gathering, asked candidates their positions on a variety of issues likely to be addressed if they are elected to office. Every candidate had the opportunity to complete LFF’s questionnaire. Some candidate’s did not respond to the multiple requests made by Louisiana Family Forum. LFF encourages you to call candidates who did not respond, visit their websites and find out where they stand on faith and family issues.

LFF used a standard grid and limited a candidate’s response to “Support” or “Oppose.” Because LFF offers an online virtual voter guide, there is an added “@” feature to allow a viewer to see a candidate’s actual comments.

What’s Inside?
The LFF 2012 Voter Guide contains information on candidates running for office in the Presidential, Congressional, Public Service Commission, and Judicial elections, which includes all competitive (more than one candidate running), statewide judicial races.

In Republican Party of Minnesota v. White, 536 U.S. 765 (2002), the U.S. Supreme Court held that a canon of judicial ethics that prohibited candidates for elective judicial office from “announcing their views on disputed legal or political issues” was unconstitutional. The canon violated the First Amendment because it prohibited speech on the basis of content and because it burdened the free speech of candidates for public office — a category of speech at the core of First Amendment freedoms. Clearly, candidates for elective judicial office may now express their views on legal and political issues without fear of being sanctioned by judicial or legal ethics authorities.

Louisiana Family Forum certainly recognizes that judicial candidates should maintain actual and apparent impartiality as judges. It recognizes that judicial candidates should not pledge, promise, or commit themselves to any particular result in any particular case in a manner that violates judicial canons or requires judicial recusal. At the same time, voters need to know the views of judicial candidates in order to make intelligent and conscientious decisions regarding candidates’ values and views on the law. Thus, this survey is intended to elicit candidates’ views on issues of vital interest to citizens without requiring judicial candidates to violate ethical standards or compromising judicial impartiality.

How To Use This Guide
We strongly suggest you review the Voter Guide and make your selection beforehand. We encourage you to forward the 2012 Louisiana Voter Guide to family, friends, and associates. Churches and other nonprofit organizations may distribute nonpartisan, unbiased, voter-education material without jeopardizing their tax-exempt status. This publication has been reviewed by outside attorneys to ensure that it complies with the rules for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Each organization that distributes these guides is responsible for its own actions. If you have questions about this Voter Guide, please contact us at 225.344.8533 or 800.606.6470.
### Presidential Voter Guide

#### Barack Obama
- **No**: Repeal Obamacare
- **No**: 20% Across-the-Board Income Tax Cut
- **No**: Balanced Budget Amendment
- **Yes**: Same-Sex Marriage
- **Yes**: Cut Medicare $716 Billion
- **Yes**: Abortion on Demand
- **Yes**: Cap and Trade Carbon Tax
- **Yes**: Taxpayer-Funded Abortion
- **Yes**: Mandated Contraceptive Coverage by Religious Charities
- **No**: Defense of Marriage Act

#### Mitt Romney
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Congressional Questions

1. Rape and incest exceptions as grounds for an abortion
2. Allowing taxpayer funded contraceptives to be given to international organizations that perform and promote abortions as a method of family planning
3. The continuation of funding to the National Institutes of Health for sex studies regarding gay, bisexual, lesbian, and transgendered activities
4. Limiting the jurisdiction of federal courts over questions concerning the institution of marriage (i.e., Marriage Protection Act)
5. Defining marriage as an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman
6. The permanent removal of the tax penalty for married couples that are filing joint IRS returns
7. Repealing the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which states that marriage is the union of one man and one woman and declares states do not have to recognize same-sex marriages from other states
8. Faith-based organizations' ability to hire employees based upon religious or faith-based principles
9. The repeal of ObamaCare
10. Inviting the United Nations to assess the validity of elections in the United States
11. The permanent repeal of the inheritance (death) tax
12. Maintaining the Bush tax cuts
13. “Cap and Trade” legislation
14. Permitting healthcare professionals to opt out of performing procedures that violate their moral or religious beliefs
15. Providing federal funding to Planned Parenthood and other organizations that provide abortions
16. Adding ‘sexual orientation,’ to the protected classes of race, religion, age, sex, and ancestry in anti-discrimination laws
17. Increasing the penalties against television and radio broadcasters for violations of the prohibitions against the transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material
18. The GM and Chrysler auto bailouts
19. Raising the ceiling for the national debt
20. The course President Obama is charting for American policy in the Middle East
21. Amending the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to place additional restrictions on the establishment and expansion of gambling by Indian tribes in America

Congressional Candidate Results

| District | Party | Question 1 | Question 2 | Question 3 | Question 4 | Question 5 | Question 6 | Question 7 | Question 8 | Question 9 | Question 10 | Question 11 | Question 12 | Question 13 | Question 14 | Question 15 | Question 16 | Question 17 | Question 18 | Question 19 | Question 20 | Question 21 |
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| 1 R     | Gary King | S O O O O O S S O S O S S S S O S S S S S S S O |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 D     | Vinny Mendoza | S O O S S S O S S O S S S O S S S S S S S S S O |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 R     | Steve Scalise | O O O S S S O S S O S O S O S O O O O S |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 No    | David Turknett | S O O S S S O S O S O S O O S O - O O |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 No    | Arden Wells |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 2 R     | Dwayne Bailey |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 2 D     | Gary Landrieu |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 2 R     | Josue Larose |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 2 D     | Cedric Richmond |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 2 L     | Caleb Trotter | S O O O O O S S S S S O S O S O S O O O O O O O O |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 3 R     | Bryan Barrilleaux |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 3 R     | Charles W. Boustany |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 3 R     | ‘Jeff’ Landry | O O O S S S O S S O S O O S O O O O |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 3 D     | ‘Ron’ Richard |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 3 L     | ‘Jim’ Stark |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 4 R     | John Fleming | O O O S S S S O S O S S O S O O O O O O O O O S |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 4 L     | Randall Lord* |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 5 R     | Rodney Alexander | O O O S S S S O S S O S O S O O O O |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 5 L     | Clay Steven Grant | S O O S S S S S O S S S S O O O O O O O O O O O O O O |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 6 L     | Rufus Holt Craig |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 6 No    | Richard ‘RPT’ Torregano | S O O S S S O O O O O O O O O O O O S S S S O O S |          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |

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Public Service Commission Candidate Questions

Public Service Commission Specific

1. Giving utility companies a “monopoly” in their areas of service
2. Giving utility companies a “guaranteed” rate of return on their investment
3. PSC members having to resign their current position to run for a different office
4. Allowing out-of-state utility companies to provide services in Louisiana
5. Establishing term limits for PSC members
6. A mandatory retirement age for PSC members

General Interest

7. Legislation that restricts gambling in Louisiana
8. Rape and incest exceptions as grounds for an abortion
9. Providing Louisiana taxpayer resources to Planned Parenthood
10. Funding for embryonic stem cell research
11. Granting special rights based on ‘sexual orientation’
12. Reasonable, state-wide restrictions on sexually-oriented businesses (SOB) to include hours of operation, distance from schools/churches and manner in which the SOBs operates
13. Defining marriage as exclusive relationship between one man and one woman
14. The permanent removal of the tax penalty for married couples filing joint IRS returns
15. Allowing non-married couples to adopt a child in Louisiana
16. The repeal of ObamaCare
17. The permanent repeal of the inheritance (death) tax
18. The privatization of Louisiana’s Charity Hospital System
19. Converting Louisiana’s State Pension System to something similar to a 401-k system for new hires
20. Raising the academic requirements to qualify for TOPS
21. A seven-year phase-out of Louisiana’s personal income tax

Public Service Commission Candidate Results

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| R        | Scott Angelle | *         | * | O | S | S | O | S | O | O | O | O | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | * |
| No       | Greg Gaubert   | O         | O | S | S | S | S | S | O | O | O | O | O | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| R        | Sarah Holliday | O         | O | O | S | S | O | S | O | O | O | O | O | O | O | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| R        | Erich Ponti    | O         | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | O | O | O | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| D        | Forest Wright  |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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Judicial Candidate Questions

Judicial Specific Question
1. The appointment of state judges in Louisiana
2. The creation of ‘sub-districts’ within a parish for judicial elections
3. The expansion of the number of years in practice for an attorney to run for judge
4. The reduction from ten to six years for appellate and supreme court terms
5. TV cameras filming judicial proceedings
6. A mandatory retirement age for all judges in Louisiana
7. Term limits for state judges
8. Automatic cost-of-living raises for Louisiana Judges
9. The posting of American historical documents, such as the Ten Commandments, the Declaration of Independence and the Mayflower Compact, in public places
10. Using Sharia Law to decide cases in Louisiana
11. Allowing non-married individuals to jointly adopt a child in Louisiana
12. Sitting judges having to resign their current position to run for a different office

Supreme Court Results

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2012 Amendments

1. Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   prohibit the Legislature or governor from taking money from the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly to help balance the state operating budget.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   leave the possibility that money could be taken from the fund.

2. Strict Scrutiny Standard for Gun Laws
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   require that any laws restricting the right to keep and bear arms be subject to the highest level of judicial review, known as strict scrutiny. Also, the amendment would say that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental one in Louisiana. It would delete a line in the Constitution that says the right to keep and bear arms shall not prevent the passage of laws to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   retain the existing language in the Constitution, which affirms that the right to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged but does not require strict scrutiny of arms laws and expressly allows the Legislature to regulate concealed weapons.

3. Earlier Notice of Public Retirement System Bills
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   require that bills affecting the state's public retirement systems be filed a month earlier than other types of legislation submitted prior to a legislative session. A vote for also would double the public notice period for prefiling retirement bills.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   mean bills affecting public retirement systems would continue to be subject to the same prefiling period and public notice requirements as they are now.

4. Property Tax Exemption for Spouses of Certain Disabled Veterans
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   allow the spouse of a deceased veteran who had a 100 percent service-connected disability rating to claim a higher homestead exemption even if the exemption was not in effect at the time the veteran died.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   mean the spouse could not claim the higher exemption if the veteran died before it took effect.

5. Forfeiture of Public Retirement Benefits for Convicted Public Servants
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   allow the courts to include forfeiture of a portion of public retirement benefits as part of the sentence for a public servant convicted of a felony related to his or her office.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   leave the current system in place, which means a public servant convicted of a felony related to his or her office would be allowed to keep whatever public retirement benefits he or she has earned, except for court-ordered restitution and other specific circumstances already described in law.

6. Property Tax Exemption Authority for New Iberia
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   allow New Iberia to grant city property tax exemptions to any property owner annexed into the city after Jan. 1, 2013.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   mean the city would be unable to grant such exemptions to property owners annexed into the city.

7. Membership of Certain State Boards and Commissions
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   adjust the membership selection process for constitutionally created boards and commissions that have members selected based on the state's congressional districts.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   leave the membership selection process for constitutionally created boards and commissions as it is now—based on a soon-to-be outdated number of congressional districts.

8. Property Tax Exemption for Non-Manufacturing Businesses
   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   allow the state Board of Commerce and Industry to grant local property tax exemption contracts to a targeted group of non-manufacturing businesses in parishes that choose to participate in the program.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   mean these targeted non-manufacturing businesses would continue to be ineligible for property tax exemptions.

   **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
   increase the number of times that bills to create crime prevention and security districts must be advertised and require that the notices of intent state whether a parcel fee would be imposed and collected, whether the fee could be imposed or increased without an election, and what the maximum amount of the fee would be.
   **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
   mean crime prevention and security district bills would continue to be subject to the same public notice requirements as they are now.

10. Term Limits for School Board Members
    **A VOTE FOR WOULD**
    limit the time local school board members could serve to three consecutive four-year terms—beginning with elections after Jan. 1, 2014—but only in school districts where voters approve the measure. Statewide voter approval is not required for this to pass, and the Constitution will not be affected.
    **A VOTE AGAINST WOULD**
    leave the situation as it is now, which would mean proponents of term limits could continue efforts to persuade the Legislature to impose term limits on a district-by-district basis or bring the question to a vote within their own individual school districts.

http://www.parlouisiana.org/s3web/1002087/docs/2012_guide_to_constitutional_amendments.pdf