

## 6 Questions

### EFNO asked City Council Candidates



## New Orleans City Council Candidates' Questionnaire

1. Hurricane Ida exposed problems in Entergy's electric system resulting in a catastrophic power failure that contributed to the deaths of 10 New Orleans residents. During the power failure, residents with rooftop solar with battery storage at their homes had continuous electricity. If elected to serve on the City Council, what actions would you take to hold Entergy accountable and ensure residents have access to climate-ready power? \*

- Complete the investigation into Entergy's power failure, which was recently ordered by the City Council
- Order a prudence review to publicly examine whether the costs for the gas plant with black start capability in New Orleans East are fair and reasonable
- File a formal complaint with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that calls for an investigation of Entergy's transmission failure and an examination of its maintenance of the transmission system
- Amend the Energy Smart Program with incentives for renters, homeowners, and businesses to install roof top solar with battery storage
- Order Entergy to move portions of power lines in the city underground
- All of the above
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Entergy power plants are located near predominantly Black residents in New Orleans East and other communities in Louisiana, where they emit pollution that threatens public health and worsens climate change. If elected to serve on the City Council, how will you use your powers over Entergy New Orleans, LLC to reduce the use of polluting power plants? \*

Your answer

3. If elected to serve on the City Council, will you support regulations and policies that transition away from generating electricity from coal, nuclear, oil and gas by expanding energy efficiency and renewable energy? \*

Yes

No

If you answered “yes” to the question above, how will you use your authority on the City Council to expand the development and use of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and battery storage by more people and neighborhoods in New Orleans? If you answered "no," please explain why. \*

Your answer

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4. Many New Orleans residents complain about high Entergy bills. Their complaints are supported by U.S. Department of Energy data showing that half of New Orleanians pay an energy cost burden that is two times higher than the national median of 3.1 percent. The household energy burden is more severe for low income residents who pay as much as 28 percent of their income on Entergy bills. If elected to serve on the City Council, how will you reduce Entergy bills for New Orleans residents? \*

Your answer

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5. For decades, the City Council has contracted with the same contractors, led by out-of-state firms, for legal and technical advice on the regulation of Entergy. If elected to serve on the City Council, will you support building the capacity and staffing of the Council Utility Regulatory Office to provide the legal and technical analysis and advice with support, as needed, from local resources? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your answer to the above question. \*

Your answer

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6. If elected to serve on the City Council, will you support the passage of a city ordinance to ban campaign contributions to Council members and candidates from entities regulated or contracted by the City Council, as unanimously recommended by the New Orleans Ethics Review Board? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your answer to the above question. \*

Your answer

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