

Leading up to the city’s municipal elections in November, the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) encouraged all New Orleans City Council, mayoral and state treasurer candidates to acknowledge the affordable housing crisis and ‘Put Housing First’. GNOHA has also secured the commitment of thousands of registered voters to support the organization’s advocacy, ensure the implementation of the 10-Year HousingNOLA Plan and demand that leaders prioritize safe, affordable, healthy housing for all in New Orleans.

who face increased property assessments and for property owners who wish to create affordable housing units. The platform also calls on candidates to support public agencies efforts to rebuild mixed-income housing, help find solutions to keep utility costs affordable and help increase housing stock and availability for renters and homeowners with special needs.

Below you will find the results of the scoring process which attempts to grade candidates commitment to addressing the housing crisis.

GNOHA developed a platform for candidates to respond to and pledged to share the results with its supporters. The platform includes a candidate questionnaire and policy proposals, like the Healthy Homes Ordinance, adding more dollars to a Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund and addressing tax relief for low-income homeowners



TREASURER	Grade	Number Grade
Angele Davis	F*	0*
Derrick Edwards	B	85
Terry Hughes	D	60
Joseph D. Little	D	65
Neil Riser	F*	0*
John Schroder	F*	0*

COUNCILMEMBER	Grade	Number Grade
District A		
Aylin Acikalin Maklansky	D	67
Joseph 'Joe' Giarrusso III	F*	0*
Tilman Hardy	C	78
Daniel 'Dan' Ring	C	72
'Drew' Ward	F*	0*
Toya Washington-Kendrick	D	66
District B		
Jay H. Banks	F*	0*
Eugene Ben-Oluwole	C	79
Seth Bloom	F	45
Catherine Love	D	69
Timothy David Ray	B	81
Andre 'Action Andre' Strumer	C	78
District C		
Kristin Gisleson Palmer	A	93.5
Nadine Ramsey	C	76
District D		
Jared C. Brossett	F*	0*
T. 'Thad' Cossabone	F*	0*
Joel Jackson	F*	0*

District E	Grade	Number Grade
Alicia Plummer Clivens	C	70
Cederick Favaroth	F*	0*
James A. Gray II	F*	0*
Dawn Hebert	B	80
Cyndi Nguyen	F*	0*

COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE	Grade	Number Grade
Division 1		
Joseph 'Joe' Bouie	F*	0*
Kenneth Cutno	D	62
Helena Moreno	F*	0*
Division 2		
David Baird	F*	0*
Aaron 'Ace' Christopher	D	68
Jason Coleman	D	61
David Gregory Nowak	F*	0*
Jason Williams	A	93.5

MAYOR	Grade	Number Grade
Thomas J. Albert Jr.	F*	0*
Charles Anderson	F*	0*
Michael Bagneris	C	70
'Manny Chevrolet' Bruno	F	56
Edward 'Ed' Bruski	D	66
LaToya Cantrell	C	78
Desiree M. Charbonnet	C	71
Byron Stephan Cole	F*	0*
Edward Collins Sr.	F*	0*
Brandon Dorrington	D	69
Troy Henry	D	66.5
Matthew Hill	D	66
Derrick O'Brien Martin	F*	0*
Frank Scurlock	D	67
Johnese Smith	F	27
Patrick Van Hoorebeek	F*	0*
Tommie A. Vassel	F*	0*
Hashim Walters	F*	0*

* Candidates who were given a failing grade with a 0 did not respond to the platform.

THE IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

According to a new survey from Enterprise Community Partners Inc (Enterprise), survey participants ranked affordable housing as the second most important issue for the City to focus on and overwhelmingly agreed that access to affordable housing is important to the strength of the local economy. A significant majority also supported increased funding for affordable housing, inclusionary zoning measures and a mandatory rental housing registry.

Specifically, results included:

- Overall, 59 percent of respondents noted Public Safety/Crime as one of the top three issues while 46 percent noted Affordable Housing in the top three.
- 43 percent of likely voters said their monthly housing payment makes it hard for their family to make ends meet.
- 93 percent of likely voters agree or strongly agree that access to affordable housing is important for the local economy.
- 78 percent of likely voters favor or strongly favor having the city require that new market-rate housing in New Orleans set aside some units as affordable for low to moderate wage earners.
- 80 percent of likely voters favor or strongly favor the city actively address substandard conditions of rental properties by requiring landlords to register their rental housing with the city and pass a basic health and safety inspection.
- 74 percent of likely voters favor or strongly favor having the city increase funding for the production and reservation of affordable housing

The poll, commissioned by Enterprise with funding from HousingNOLA, the Power Coalition and the Greater New Orleans Foundation, supported in part by the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, surveyed 500 likely voters in Orleans Parish to gauge perceptions and attitudes concerning housing issues in New Orleans.

Since its creation in 2007, GNOHA has sought to create change in the Greater New Orleans community through public policy advocacy and public education. The collaborative advocates for the preservation and production of affordable housing for people within the Greater New Orleans metropolitan region and places a special emphasis on the needs of the most vulnerable in society - seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, low-wage workers and low-income families. For more information, go to www.gnoha.org or www.puthousingfirst.org.