

ELECTION 2015 VOTER'S GUIDE



United Way of Southeast Louisiana and its Women's Leadership Council have identified key areas of public policy important to women, children and families. We have asked the four highest polling gubernatorial candidates to answer eleven questions about issues we will be pursuing in the 2016 legislative session as approved by our Board of Trustees. United Way is a nonprofit organization and does not rate or endorse candidates.

<h2>UNITED WAY'S BIG ISSUES</h2>	 ANGELLE	 DARDENNE	 EDWARDS	 VITTER
The Earned Income Tax Credit is a federal program that helps working families meet their basic needs. Will you support legislation increasing the state credit amount from 3.5%, the lowest in the nation, to 7%?	YES	YES <i>Read full response</i>	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation that would extend the 2012 Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act that protects state employees to all women in Louisiana?	YES	YES <i>Read full response</i>	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation that would increase Louisiana's minimum wage above the federal minimum, which is currently \$7.25 an hour?	NO	NO	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation to expand federally supported Medicaid coverage in Louisiana?	NO <i>Read full response</i>	YES <i>Read full response</i>	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Would you support legislation to ban predatory lending in Louisiana by capping interest rates?	NO	NO <i>Read full response</i>	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation to appropriately fund the implementation of Act 3 , The Early Childhood Education Act?	YES	YES	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation mandating licensure of small child-care centers that serve seven or less children ages 0-6 that are not related to the caregiver?	NO	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DO NOT KNOW <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation to implement the Whole Child Health Initiative that coordinates health service delivery at the school level?	DO NOT KNOW	YES	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation to include dating partners , as defined in existing law, as victims under the domestic abuse battery statute?	NO	YES	YES <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you support legislation to ensure that persons prohibited by law from possessing firearms are indeed dispossessed of those firearms?	YES	YES	NO <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER
Will you approve legislation to make a first offense stalking of an intimate partner conviction a felony?	YES	YES	NO <i>Read full response</i>	DECLINE TO ANSWER

Early voting is Oct. 10-17 (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Oct. 24th primary election. Polls for the primary are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Together we can educate and empower people to help lift themselves out of poverty so children succeed in school, people are healthy and productive, and families are financially stable. United Way has put our stake in the ground. We want businesses, government, and individuals to join us in developing strategies to eradicate poverty. What this place needs is YOU!

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