

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 1 OF 2023

SPECIAL ELECTION – ALDERMAN, DISTRICT A, CITY OF OPELOUSAS

WHEREAS, an anticipated vacancy has been created in the office of Alderman, District A, City of Opelousas, due to Alderman Milton Batiste III's announcement of his intended resignation effective October 13, 2023;

WHEREAS, there is more than eighteen (18) months remaining between the prospective effective date contained in the notice of resignation submitted by Alderman Milton Batiste III and the end of Alderman Batiste's term;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:602(E)(2)(a) requires the governing authority of the City of Opelousas to call a special election to fill the anticipated vacancy when more than eighteen (18) months of the term remain unexpired;

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of July, 2023, a special meeting of the governing authority of the City of Opelousas was called for the purpose of issuing this Proclamation for the purpose of filling the anticipated vacancy;

WHEREAS, on Motion of Councilmember Chasity Warren to issue the Proclamation and Second by Councilmember Marvin Richard, a roll-call vote was held, and the following results were recorded:

Yea: Marvin Richard, Delita Rubin Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Warren.

Nay: None.

Absent: Milton Batiste III.

Abstention(s): None.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the governing authority of the City of Opelousas, by virtue of the authority vested in us pursuant to the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout District A, City of Opelousas, for the purpose of electing an Alderman to fill an anticipated vacancy in the office of Alderman, District A.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461 *et. seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et. seq.*, during the period commencing Tuesday, August 8, 2023, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10, 2023.

SECTION 3: The special election for the unexpired term shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held Saturday, October 14, 2023, and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commission of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty, or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, are hereby authorized, requested, directed, and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands officially on this 7th day of July, 2023, at Opelousas, Louisiana.


HON. LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK


HON. JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR