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FACT SHEET



A Great Future for All of Us for *Just a Quarter a Day!*

PUBLIC SAFETY



- ▶ The Baton Rouge Police and East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office need this parishwide proposition to effectively **fight crime** and **keep our neighborhoods safe**.
- ▶ Sheriff Sid Gautreaux has eliminated the so-called "catch and release" policies, but when the jail is full we pay high costs to other parishes to house our prisoners. This proposition **will build a new prison** to hold more prisoners **so we are never forced to release** them due to overcrowding.
- ▶ It will also **build a combined headquarters facility for police and Sheriff's Office** to bring greater efficiency to crime fighting.
- ▶ A new juvenile services center will **help reduce juvenile crime** by focusing on education and rehabilitation.

TRAFFIC

We will **synchronize the traffic lights** throughout the parish – a move that will save the average commuter \$8.93 a month in gas costs going to and from work. This is **more savings than the proposition will cost the average homeowner each month!**

NEW JOBS

This **proposition will create 4,300 construction jobs and 24,000 permanent jobs – good paying jobs** that will keep our children here. **Over 10,000 permanent new jobs** will be created in the first four years.

Vote YES Nov. 14
Early Voting Oct. 31 - Nov. 7th

Vote
YES!
For Our Future



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- ▶ This proposition funds every major drainage project currently on the books for the parish – and triggers an additional \$137 million contribution in matching federal funds.
- ▶ The River Center expansion will allow Baton Rouge to compete with cities like Shreveport, Biloxi, Jackson, MS and Huntsville, AL with the meeting space needed to draw convention business. Baton Rouge is currently competing on the level with Lafayette, Hattiesburg, Beaumont and Kenner.
- ▶ The projects funded by this proposition will all be managed similarly to the Green Light Program to assure accountability.
- ▶ The ALIVE Riverfront project is an educational venue that is expected to draw over 600,000 visitors to Baton Rouge in the first year – visitors who will contribute to keeping our local economy strong. LSU will conduct world-class research on-site, connecting Baton Rouge to the world.
- ▶ This is a fiscally responsible proposition that will take advantage of East Baton Rouge Parish's strong bond rating to make needed repairs at a time when interest rates are low.
- ▶ This is the first major capital improvements program in 50 years and our infrastructure has been neglected too long.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The parishwide proposition will cost the average homeowner about a quarter a day.

- ▶ The taxes associated with this proposition will end by law when the bonds are paid off in an estimated 17 ½ years, which will be 12 ½ years early.
- ▶ This capital improvements program is funded by a 9.9 mil property tax and a ½ cent sales tax. The average home in EBR parish valued at \$172,500 will pay \$8.04 per month – \$6.03 if you itemize your tax return to take advantage of the deduction – less than a quarter a day.
- ▶ Homestead exemption does apply and the sales tax excludes food and prescription drugs.
- ▶ Louisiana's leading economist estimates this capital improvements program will have a \$2.43 billion economic impact on East Baton Rouge Parish in the next ten years.