



Central 47 So. Lab 7

Parish Council Tells Governor to Return to Normal

Livingston Says Enough!



Photo by Woody Jenkins

IN LIVINGSTON, PEOPLE VOTED WITH THEIR FACES — At the funeral of Denham Springs High football player Remy Hidalgo, more than 1,200 people came to Yellow Jacket Stadium. Fewer than 20 wore masks. One said, "We're simply not going to do it!"

Central Mayor Says He Won't Ask JBE to Lift Shutdown Order Or Masking Mandate

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

LIVINGSTON - Members of the Livingston Parish Council have unanimously petitioned Gov. John Bel Edwards to lift the restrictions being imposed by him on businesses in the parish. In the petition, the councilmen said they did not object to social distancing or the use of protective equipment where

businesses chose to require them. However, the Council said in a two-page letter that businesses must be allowed to fully open and do business within their normal business hours. The petition said the governor's mandates are creating epic hardships and adversity for business owners, property owners, religious leaders, and residents generally. The Council said Gov. John Bel Edwards' restrictions are "crippling our economy and paralyzing our businesses."

Meanwhile, Central Mayor David Barrow said he has no current plans to ask Gov. Edwards to remove the City of Central from his

mandates. The mayor expressed concerns with some of the mandates such as no live music in bars. However, it said it would be difficult for Central to go it alone. He said he wants to wait to see what action is taken by the legislature during the current session and whether it ends the shutdown or affects the governor's authority.

He would want to talk to other mayors in the area to get their take on the situation, he said.

Sentiments in Livingston against the shutdown and masks seemed apparent at the memorial service for Remy Hidalgo in Yellow Jacket Stadium. Of more than 1,200 people, only about 20 wore masks.

Central Mayor Outlines Plans for New City Hall
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8 Church Members Penalized at Work for Attending Church

At Capitol, Pastor Describes Ordeal

Pastor Recounts Six Months In Crosshairs of Governor Determined to Imprison Him, Close Down His Church

BATON ROUGE — In dramatic testimony before the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice Wednesday, Rev. Tony Spell, pastor of Central's Life Tabernacle Church, told of the persecution he has suffered from Gov. John Bel Edwards, who ordered him arrested and his church closed.

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To watch hearing, download QR code reader to phone and click QR code.



Photo by Jolice Provost

TESTIFIES ON RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION — Rev. Tony Spell of Life Tabernacle in Central was asked to testify on the persecution he and his church have endured for the past six months. After hearing him and church members, the House Criminal Justice Committee voted 6-3 for HB9 to prohibit pastors from being arrested for holding church. Shown are Rep. Danny McCormick, Sister Shaye Spell, and attorney Jeff Wittenbrink.

SAMPLE BALLOT

City of Central

★★★

EARLY VOTING

Oct. 16 to Oct. 27

EXCEPT SUNDAYS

8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Central Library

★★★

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020

6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Local Races

1st Circuit Court of Appeal

Chris Hester (R)

Melanie Newkome Jones (D)*

*Endorsed by Democratic Party

Johanna R. Landreneau (R)*

*Endorsed by Republican Party

★★★

District Court Div. G

Richard Anderson (R)*

*Endorsed by Republican Party

Christopher Dassau (D)*

*Endorsed by Democratic Party

★★★

District Court Div. M

Yvette Alexander (D)*

*Endorsed by Democratic Party

Tiffany Foxworth (D)*

*Endorsed by Central City News

★★★

Family Court Judge

(Kathy) Reznik Benoit (R)

Hunter Greene (R)*

*Endorsed by Republican Party

★★★

Mayor-President

Sharon Weston Broome (D)*

*Endorsed by Democratic Party

Steve Carter (R)

(E Eric) Guirard (I)

C. Denise Marcelle (D)

Jordan Piazza (R)

Frank Smith III (R)

Matthew (Matt) Watson (R)

★★★

Metro Council, District 1

Bones Addison (R)

Brenda Carter (D)

Eric Lewis (D)*

*Endorsed by Democratic Party

Brandon Noel (R)

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Metro Council, District 4

Taneka James (D)*

*Endorsed by Democratic Party

Matthew McCoy (R)

Aaron Moak (R)

Lon Vicknair (R)*

*Endorsed by Republican Party

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Constable Ward 3, District 1

Gordon Hutchinson (R)*

*Endorsed by Republican Party

James Salisbury (R)

AMENDMENTS

YES on all Amendments

but **NO** on sports betting

Central City News recommendation