



Two Judgeships, Voting Rights for Illegal Aliens on Ballot

Early Voting Ends Dec. 3



Convenient Site For Early Voting At Central Library On Joor Road

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CENTRAL — Central voters will play a major role in filling vacancies in two important judgeships on the ballot on Saturday, Dec. 10. Early voting at the Central Library will be held from Nov. 26 to Dec. 3.

At stake is a seat on the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal currently held by Judge Mike McDonald who is retiring. The candidates are Democrat Judge Don Johnson and Republican Judge Hunter Greene. This court is an intermediate court between the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge and the Louisiana Supreme Court. The Circuit Court of Appeal district includes all of East Baton Rouge Parish except the inner city of Baton Rouge.

Also at issue is a District Judgeship for the 19th Judicial District. The candidates are Democrat attorney Gail Horne Ray and Republican attorney Steve Myers.

Ray and Myers are running in the Northern sub-district of East Baton Rouge Parish. It is a seat formerly held by Judge Richard Anderson of Central who served from 1997 to 2021. Anderson was narrowly defeated in November 2020 by Democrat attorney Chris Dassau. Judge Dassau died shortly after taking office.

Turnout is expected to be the key, specifically whether more Democrats than Republicans go to the polls and vote. Republicans must turn out heavily in the District Judge race, or they will lose.

Circuit Court of Appeal

Don Johnson (D) vs. Hunter Greene (R)

District Judge

Gail Horne Ray (D) vs. Steve Myers (R)

Two Important Propositions on Ballot

Statewide Amendment 1

LIMIT VOTING TO ONLY AMERICAN CITIZENS

Parishwide Tax Renewal

RENEW PROPERTY TAX for SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CENTRAL VOTERS will face three constitutional amendments and a parishwide law enforcement tax renewal in the election Dec. 10.

CENTRAL — Central voters will face four propositions on the Dec. 10 election ballot, and two of them are of particular importance.

Sheriff Sid Edwards has proposed renewing a 6.90-mill prop-

erty tax for the next 10 years. The tax is expected to produce \$35 million a year or \$351 million over the life of the tax.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1 locks into the Louisiana Consti-

tution the requirement that only U.S. citizens are eligible to vote. Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 require Senate confirmation of the governor's appointments to the Civil Service Board and State Police Board.

Mayor Barrow, Mayor-Elect Evans on Election

Barrow: Proud of Our Accomplishments for Four Years as Mayor

CENTRAL — In an interview with the *Central City News*, Central Mayor David Barrow was philosophical. "People turned out and voted, and you always have to respect that. I'm proud of my 12-1/2 years of service to the people of Central — 12-1/2 of the 15 years the city has been fully operational. After 12-1/2 years, I was a little burned out but I was still available.



Mayor Barrow

of during his four years as mayor, Barrow listed several things:

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I ran primarily because of the people who asked me to."

The mayor said he has earned full retirement from the state, and he will find something he likes to do. When asked what he was proudest

Evans: New Council Will Be Good Group For Me to Work with

CENTRAL — One of the first things Mayor-elect Wade Evans said he did after the election Nov. 8 was reach out to the members of the Central City Council — five of whom he served with the past four years.

The mayor-elect said he has a good working relationship with the group and with the individual members. He said, "I want members of the Council to be able to



Mayor Elect Evans

have an office.

Mayor-elect Evans is happy to report that Mayor David Barrow

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achieve their top priorities, and I will work with them to do that." He plans to meet with IBTS weekly and include representatives from the Council. He is designating a room at City Hall for the Council to