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Local Proposition Research Checklist

A neutral worksheet for researching bonds, millages, taxes and funding proposals on your own local ballot.

Not every local proposition appears on every ballot. Do not assume a proposal listed for someone else also applies to your address. Verify your own ballot through Louisiana's official portal.

Before you decide what a local measure means

1. Find the exact ballot wording. Copy the official title and locate the ordinance, proposition, or bond resolution.

2. Identify the geographic boundary. Is it parishwide, citywide, or limited to a district?

3. Identify the funding tool. Millage, sales tax, bond issue, renewal, rededication, or other mechanism?

4. Identify amount and duration. Verify tax rate, principal amount, expiration date, and any projected cost.

5. Follow the money. What uses are legally authorized, who administers funds, and what audit/reporting process applies?

6. Separate a vote from implementation. Voter authorization may not by itself specify individual projects, contracts, hiring dates, or budgets.

Use the worksheet

Exact local measure title:

Who votes on this (parish, city, district)?

Funding source, amount/rate, and duration:

Source-and-impact questions

What does a YES authorize?

What would a NO leave in place?

Who approves or administers projects after the election?

Which documents support the stated purposes, costs and oversight?

What is still uncertain or disputed?

Official sources

- Louisiana Secretary of State - ballot and proposition tools
- Official voter lookup

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