



Now is the Time for “A” REFORM TICKET



*“Rebuilding the Party starts on Saturday February 9th.
Vote the entire “A” Reform Ticket to get this party started!”*

From District A in alphabetical order...

- Philip Costa
- Lisa Gagliano Dawson
- Karen Gadbois
- Danny Hammers
- Dr. Michael Homan
- Alan Langhoff
- Deborah Langhoff
- Megan Langhoff
- Kimberly Marshall
- Andrew Pilant
- Jack Sullivan
- John Thibodeaux
- Janis van Meerveld
- Evan Wolf

Vote Saturday February 9th

Voters are permitted to bring this list into the voting booth

Organized by Deborah Langhoff also a candidate
for Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) for District 94.

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Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee
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Philip Costa, an Attorney and former candidate for the Judiciary is currently the Chairman of the Board of Neighborhood Partnerships Network, a post-Katrina non-profit, working to empower neighborhoods and citizenry in rebuilding our community.

Lisa Gagliano Dawson is a teacher who is interested in promoting quality education and working to build a sustainable structure for local Democrats, through OPDEC-sponsored events that can foster parish-wide discussion of ideas and issues.

Karen Gadbois lives with her family in the Carrollton area. She has been active City wide in Recovery Issues, and now serves on the Board of the Urban Conservancy and Silence is Violence. She is the founder and Executive Director of Common Knowledge and runs a web site dedicated to Preservation and demolitions and redevelopment issues.

Danny Hammers is a 26 year old Louisiana native, Chairman of the Young Democrats of Louisiana, former College Democrats of America GLBT Vice Chair and former UNO Student Government Vice President and Senate President.

Dr. Michael Homan is an Associate Professor of Theology at Xavier University of Louisiana, where he also serves as department chair. Michael served as Chair of the Education Committee for the Mid-City Neighborhood Organization from 2005-2007. Michael is the author of several articles and books about the Bible and archaeology, including *The Bible for Dummies*. Michael, his wife Therese Fitzpatrick, and their two children have lived in Mid-City for seven years, and they are in the process of rebuilding their flooded home.

Alan Langhoff is a New Orleans native, owner and operator of Lagniappe Consultants for 25 years, a full service consulting company specializing in software development and support. In 2004, he began Louisiana's first Democratic grassroots email bulletin, www.LaRoots.net. Alan, wife Deborah, and their three children lost their Lakefront home in the Katrina Disaster, but worked together to rebuild quickly in their current Mid-City location.

Deborah Langhoff ended a 30-year hiatus from public political participation by volunteering for the 2002 U. S. Senate campaign. In the 2004 Presidential campaign, she organized statewide for the Democratic Party as a volunteer, and in 2005 she co-chaired the first Louisiana Democratic grassroots convention – *Beaucoup Blues*. After the Katrina Disaster, she focused on recovery concerns, which led to a run for the District 94 legislative seat, where she drove the 32-year strong Republican machine into a spirited run-off election. She is current President of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association and continues to work statewide to bring Louisiana Democrats together. She is also running for Democratic State Central Committee- District 94.

Megan Langhoff is a 22-year old native New Orleanian who returned to her hometown in May after graduating with honors from Fordham University Lincoln Center. Having volunteered for political campaigns in the past, she joined the campaign staff in the Legislative race for House District 94. Megan believes that OPDEC can achieve meaningful reform by engaging first-time and young voters in the political process.

Kimberly Marshall recently completed law school and is studying for the Bar exam which follows soon after the February 9th election. She is the organizer of the Rising Tide Conference, a community-building weekend gathering of New Orleans area bloggers which is going into its third year. In the blogosphere she is well known as Dangerblond.

Andrew Pilant is an attorney and practices corporate law. He served in the U.S. Navy for 6 years, including an assignment as a White House Social Aide during the Clinton Administration. Following his Navy service, he obtained his law degree from the University of Virginia and then moved to New Orleans, his wife's hometown. Since 2006, Andrew has served as the President of the Audubon Riverside Neighborhood Association.

Jack Sullivan is on the Executive Committee of the Forum for Equality and serves as Development Chair. The Forum is a political action committee and civil rights organization dedicated to the establishment of a society free from discrimination and to the support of good government.

John Thibodeaux has been a Democratic campaign operative for over ten years. He most recently worked to re-elect Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu. John currently volunteers for Friends of Lafitte Corridor which advocates and facilitates the creation of a greenway with bicycle and pedestrian paths linking neighborhoods, historic sites, retail areas and public spaces.

Janis van Meerveld is a partner with Adams and Reese LLP in its New Orleans office, where she specializes in employment law. She is very active on the board of Boys Hope Girls Hope of New Orleans, where she also serves as secretary. Since Katrina, Janis has joined her husband of 14 years, Charlie Cerise, and their two children ages 10 and 8, in numerous clean up efforts in the city. She writes, "Like many New Orleanians, I have been watching the post-Katrina reforms with interest and respect, and OPDEC presents an exciting opportunity to keep cleaning up the city, to keep this parish moving toward much needed reforms, and to improve the image and participation of local Democrats." Janis was also selected as one of 100 women state-wide to serve on Senator Landrieu's Louisiana Leadership Network.

Evan Wolf just completed his first run for public office in House District 95. A Tulane graduate, he was President of the College Democrats and also President of the Louisiana State Federation of College Democrats. He is multi-lingual, a veteran of the U. S. Navy, teaches a course at UNO on U. S. foreign policy in the Middle East, and is a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He is a member of the board of Carrollton/Riverbend Residents Assn, Urban League of Greater New Orleans, the American Civil Liberties Union, and he attends the Greater St John Missionary Baptist Church.