

DANA General Meeting January 10th, 2026

Attending: Cathy, Wayne, Ed Murray and son, Eugene Green III, Anne Zoller Kieff, Officer Recile, Hannah, Jake, Joe Giarrusso, Dian Lawless and husband, Celia Turner, Derek, etc.

Hannah: Welcome. Statement from candidates.

Eugene Green III (candidate for State Representative District 97): Thankful for opportunity. 36 years old. Attended Hynes, St. Augustine, Tulane. Has been financial auditor for last 15 years. Mostly private sector. Uniquely prepared to tackle budget issues. Advocating for insurance costs. Particularly auto and home. Has some ideas to incentivize insurance carriers to come to Louisiana. We do not have a competitive market. Advocate for fair share. In New Orleans we have state owned properties - Super Dome, Convention Center, Aquarium, etc. We are not seeing fair share of revenue from events at those venues. Election Feb. 7th.

Question: Coastal Restoration and land loss in Louisiana. What is your plan?

Eugene: Pontchartrain Park has water restoration project. Would like to see more money for that and projects like it. Will work with other legislators to address those issues.

Eugene: Off topic. Speeding has been an issue. Need to crack down on it.

Dian: Problems we have been having with SWB.

Eugene: City Council needs to have more oversight over SWB. They need more power.

Hannah: Running as Democrat in Republican led state. What is your plan for working across the aisle?

Eugene: Need to build relationships. Have to be practical. Do extracurricular activities with other parties.

Derek: Flock camera systems. Records images of cars/license plates. Cameras are at intersections, in parking lots, under bridges, etc. It is a private industry building a database that is being used by insurance companies.

Eugene: Recently heard about this, in the context of ICE surveillance. Would like to talk to other legislators and put a stop to that.

Ed Murray (candidate for State Representative District 97): 33 year old father. Purple house on Trafalgar with vines. Running because property taxes are outrageous. Took three years to get home fixed after Ida. Works as an attorney. We need to bring good actors (insurers) into the state. Because it's not if we'll have another hurricane but when. Also running because I want to focus on early education. Studies show that children who receive early education have better adulthood outcomes. Would like to see blight handled by allowing neighbors to buy abandoned lots, for cheap, as opposed to the highest bidder.

Question: Brain drain. What to do about it?

Ed: We need young people to stay here, by giving them a reason to be here. It was a shock during the pandemic to find that there was a nurse shortage when we educate so many in New Orleans. We need to make sure that coastal restoration projects are seen through to their conclusion.

Hannah: Running as Democrat in Republican led state. What is your plan for working across the aisle?

Ed: Has experience doing that. Has sat on Motor Vehicle Commission. Also sits on the City Park Improvement Association. The issues that are on my push card affect more than just New Orleans. They affect the whole state.

Derek: Flock camera systems. Records images of cars/license plates. Cameras are at intersections, in parking lots, under bridges, etc. It is a private industry building a database that is being used by insurance companies.

Ed: There must be a balance between safety and privacy. We must sit down and decide what our standard is going to be. We are seeing a lot of people with Texas plates, who don't own the car and don't have insurance. We need to do a better job of making sure that laws that are on the books are being enforced.

Hannah: Big thanks to Joe, as he moves into his new role in the Mayor's Administration.

Aimee McCarron (City Councilperson District A): Nice to back here as incoming Councilmember. Really excited about Monday when we officially take office. Joe has been a great help, and it will be nice to work with him in his new role. Streetlights. Only two electricians doing that work. Steve Nelson with DPW has agreed to hire two electricians and make that a priority. Some blocks simply have no streetlights. Will survey to see where we need more. Had done pilot program for solar light on Moss St. Would like to see how well that is working and whether it is replicable. FEMA extension. Some projects that will still go forward. Will look to see about extending those projects past 6 months or look for bonds to fund other roadwork. Alex is part of team. Two other people. LeeAnn Moss will be on team and one other person.

Anne Kieffer (representation from City Councilperson District D): Pierce Huff came up with very little in response to questions Hannah had asked in email invite. Would like to work on solar lighting projects. If we have anywhere in the neighborhood that needs lights, send that information to Anne and make a 311 request. Helps to have Council offices also contacting city offices. Lot of hope for new term.

Officer Recile (3rd District liaison): Met some of us at November meeting. Hoping that DANA area continues to be lucky in that we had very little crime last year. The individual who was responsible for the two shootings in November was arrested. It was an isolated incident. Short of that, our area has had very low crime in the last two to three years. 3rd District led NOPD in clearances last year. Complaints about noise and disorderly conduct in vicinity of Jockey Pub. Got with the people who work in Parking Control. Have gone out twice to ticket, tow, contact vehicle owners. Will need to have more contact with Parking and continue those operations. Another problem there is that illegal parking makes turning onto Gentilly from Belfort and Castiglione is difficult, because sight lines are so poor. Some residents were frustrated because Parking Control does not respond to problems immediately. Problem there may be

that Parking Control personnel is reluctant to tow cars in the middle of the night, without cover from law enforcement.

Lucette: Parking at Belfort and Gentilly is not just a nighttime problem.

Recile: Parking Control is trying to do something about that. 3rd District will continue working with them.

Question: Double light at Gentilly and Paris.

Recile: Sent emails about that and have not gotten a response. That is one of the largest multi-intersections in City. At one point there were more crashes there then anywhere else. Ed: More signage may help. Recile: Have seen people drive through the light there. Lucette: Could that be a roundabout? Hannah: Asked city about this and they said they would be conducting a traffic study. Recile: Happy to help work with city to see that intersection improved.

Question: Neighbor asked about being blocked in for 10K during Oktoberfest. Streets were blocked off and there was very little notification prior to the event.

Recile: That is frustrating. Can watch Max meeting on Facebook where specific crimes are talked about and the investigations about are updated.

Hannah: There is a gentlemen here from AT&T.

Jayden: Local and in-home expert with AT&T. If you would like to look into pricing, come talk to me. The savings is great and the reliability is top notch. If there is an outage in the area, your modem will blink blue while it is connecting to another tower.