✓ GEAUX VOTE

December 12, 2026 Ballot Guide

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EARLY VOTING

November 28 – December 5 (excluding Sunday, November 29)

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lafayette Parish Locations:

- **Registrar of Voters (Lafayette)**
  1010 Lafayette Street, Suite 313
- **Martin Luther King Recreation Center (Lafayette)**
  309 Cora Drive
- **East Regional Library (Youngsville)**
  215 La Neuville Road

Any Lafayette Parish voter may use any of these early voting sites. View early voting locations

REGISTRATION

In person/by mail: November 12 | **Online:** November 21

ELECTION DAY

Saturday, December 12

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Your assigned polling place

Find your polling place

ABSENTEE VOTING

Request deadline: December 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Registrar must receive completed ballot by: December 11 at 4:30 p.m.

View absentee voting eligibility, deadlines, and instructions

DECEMBER BALLOT OVERVIEW

This guide covers parishwide and city propositions, plus any runoffs affecting City of Lafayette voters. Your address determines your exact ballot.

Check your official sample ballot to confirm the races and propositions you can vote on.

All Lafayette Parish voters will consider five parishwide propositions. City of Lafayette voters will also consider four city propositions. These questions are on the ballot even if your ballot has no runoff. Each proposition is a separate vote.

RUNOFF ELECTION
Lafayette City Court Judge, Division B

City of Lafayette and the portions of Wards 3 and 10 outside city limits.

James Klock	Republican
Emilia Pardo	Republican

UNDERSTANDING THE PROPERTY TAX QUESTIONS

A continuation extends an existing property tax for a new term. The eight tax continuations would keep the rates currently being charged.

The ballot's phrase "increase (due to reappraisal)" compares today's adjusted rates with the rates voters approved years ago, not with today's rates.

Your bill can still change if your property's taxable value or exemptions change.

A mill is $1 in tax for every $1,000 of taxable assessed value. Seven continuations are for 10 years; the city public-safety tax is for 30 years. The bond proposal is a separate decision to authorize borrowing.

LAFAYETTE PARISH BALLOT ITEMS

All Lafayette Parish voters may vote on these five propositions.

Parishwide Proposition No. 1
Commuter Connections Bonds

All Lafayette Parish voters | Up to $77 million | Repayment over up to 30 years

Official ballot question: "Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), incur debt and issue not exceeding $77,000,000 of general obligation bonds, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 30 years from the date thereof, to bear interest at rates not exceeding 7% per annum, and to be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the purposes of constructing, acquiring and improving public infrastructure, including public roads, highways and bridges, and related drainage to address commuter congestion in the Parish, title to which shall be in the public, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year above the 1.85 mills currently being levied to pay the general obligation bonds of the Parish?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Allow the parish to borrow up to $77 million for road, bridge, and related drainage improvements to address traffic congestion. Property taxes would repay the bonds over up to 30 years.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject this borrowing authorization. These projects would not be funded through these bonds. Existing bond debt would still have to be repaid.

WHAT TO KNOW

The ballot question estimates no first-year increase above the 1.85-mill bond tax rate now being charged. The rate could change in later years to meet bond repayment needs.

Explore LCG's Commuter Connections projects: lafayettela.gov/commuterconnections

Parishwide Proposition No. 2
Lafayette Public Library

3.12 mills | 10 years | 2027–2036

Official ballot question: "Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 3.12 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $9,050,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of the maintenance and support of the public library of Lafayette Parish and its branches, said millage to represent a 0.21 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 2.91 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on November 8, 2016?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 3.12-mill property tax for 10 years to fund maintenance and support of the library system and its branches.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2026, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

WHAT TO KNOW

Voters rejected this renewal in May 2026. The current authorization expires December 31, 2026; December 12 is the last scheduled election before expiration.

Parishwide Proposition No. 3
Minimum Security Detention and Correctional Facility

2.21 mills | 10 years | 2028–2037

Official ballot question: "Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 2.21 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $6,410,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of the maintaining, operating and improving the minimum security detention and correctional facility, said millage to represent a 0.15 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 2.06 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2027 pursuant to an election held on November 18, 2017?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 2.21-mill property tax for 10 years to fund maintenance, operation, and improvements at the minimum security detention and correctional facility.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2027, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

Parishwide Proposition No. 4
Juvenile Detention

1.25 mills | 10 years | 2029–2038

Official ballot question: "Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 1.25 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $3,620,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2029 and ending with the year 2038, for the purpose of acquiring, improving, operating and maintaining the juvenile detention and juvenile rehabilitation facilities in the Parish, said millage to represent a 0.08 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1.17 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2028 pursuant to an election held on April 28, 2018?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 1.25-mill property tax for 10 years to fund juvenile detention and rehabilitation facilities.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2028, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

Parishwide Proposition No. 5
Courthouse and Jail Complex

2.51 mills | 10 years | 2028–2037

Official ballot question: "Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 2.51 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $7,280,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of the maintaining, operating and improving the Lafayette Parish Courthouse Complex, said millage to represent a 0.17 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 2.34 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2027 pursuant to an election held on November 18, 2017?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 2.51-mill property tax for 10 years to fund maintenance, operation, and improvements at the Lafayette Parish Courthouse Complex.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2027, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE BALLOT ITEMS

Only voters who live within the City of Lafayette may vote on these four propositions.

City of Lafayette Proposition No. 1
Recreation

2.01 mills | 10 years | 2029–2038

Official ballot question: "Shall the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "City"), continue to levy a 2.01 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated $3,810,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2029 and ending with the year 2038, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the playgrounds, recreation centers and other recreation activities within the City, said millage to represent a 0.09 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1.92 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2028 pursuant to an election held on April 28, 2018?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 2.01-mill property tax for 10 years to fund maintenance and operation of city playgrounds, recreation centers, and recreation activities.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2028, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

City of Lafayette Proposition No. 2
Public Buildings

1.18 mills | 10 years | 2028–2037

Official ballot question: "Shall the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "City"), continue to levy a 1.18 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated $2,230,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of maintaining and operating public buildings of the City, said millage to represent a 0.05 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1.13 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2027 pursuant to an election held on April 29, 2017?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 1.18-mill property tax for 10 years to fund maintenance and operation of city public buildings.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2027, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

City of Lafayette Proposition No. 3
Streets, Roads, and Alleys

1.35 mills | 10 years | 2029–2038

Official ballot question: "Shall the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "City"), continue to levy a 1.35 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated $2,560,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2029 and ending with the year 2038, for the purpose of the maintenance of the public streets, roads and alleys within the City, said millage to represent a 0.06 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1.29 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2028 pursuant to an election held on April 28, 2018?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 1.35-mill property tax for 10 years to fund maintenance of city public streets, roads, and alleys.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2028, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

City of Lafayette Proposition No. 4
Public Safety: Police and Fire

3.33 mills | 30 years | 2028–2057

Official ballot question: "Shall the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "City"), continue to levy a 3.33 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated $6,310,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 30 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2057, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and supporting the Police and Fire Departments of the City, including pension and retirement liabilities, said millage to represent a 0.05 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 3.28 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2027 pursuant to an election held on November 15, 1997?"



A VOTE FOR WOULD

Continue the 3.33-mill property tax for 30 years to fund police and fire operations, maintenance, and support, including pension and retirement liabilities.



A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Reject the proposed continuation. The current tax would remain in place through 2027, then expire unless voters approve another authorization.

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