

## PROPOSITION 7

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to rename the Planning Advisory Board as the Planning Board; and to allow the Council to delegate policy-making and quasi-judicial authority to various boards, by amending subsections 1 and 2 of Section 4.05 and Section 4.06?”

Amending Section 4.06 would allow the Council to delegate policy making and quasi-judicial authority to various boards. Currently, the Charter allows for advisory authority.

Amending Section 4.05 to change the name of the Board would allow for the policy-making or quasi-judicial authority to be delegated in the future if the Council chooses to do so.

## PROPOSITION 8

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to provide that any funds remaining in the budget of the Inspector General at the end of the fiscal year shall carry over to the next fiscal year, except for funds required to be forwarded to the Parish General Fund; and to provide that any investigation within the purview of the Inspector General shall take precedence over any investigation of the same person or activity conducted by the Parish, by amending Section 4.09 (D) (2)?”

This Amendment would ensure there is enough funding to implement long-term projects of the Inspector General.

## PROPOSITION 9

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to correct the names of the universities which nominate members of the Ethics and Compliance Commission by amending Section 4.10(B)?” This amendment would update the name of any nominating university which may have changed its name over the years. For instance, Loyola University of the South is now Loyola University New Orleans.



## PROPOSITION 10

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to provide that JEDCO and the Hospital Districts shall retain their respective current organizations and structures;

To specifically exclude these districts from the general provisions of the Charter relating to the organization and structure of other special districts;

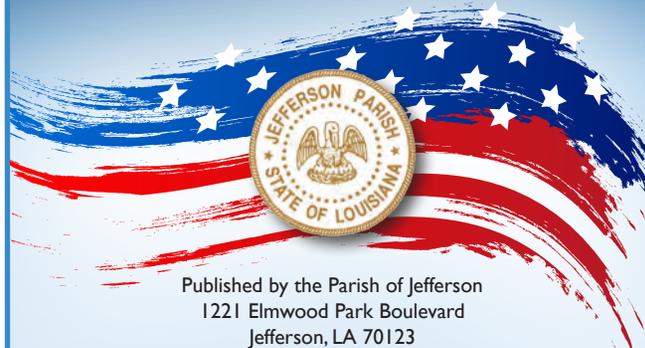
And to impose restrictions on the use of funds derived from the sale or lease of hospital district assets, by amending the section heading of Section 6.01 and by adding Section 6.01 (D) and Section 6.01(E)?”

This amendment would provide that proceeds derived from the sale or lease of any or all of the assets of a Hospital Service District shall be sequestered by the Department of Finance in an interest-bearing fund. The principal in any such fund shall not be available for expenditure. The annual budget of the Parish may include expenditures of up to 80% of the interest derived from any such fund, and all such expenditures shall be made in conformance with the purposes for which the Hospital District from which the funds were derived was established.

## PROPOSITION 11

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to provide that the Council by ordinance shall establish a repository for all Charter Advisory Committee records, by amending Section 6.08?”

This would ensure all Charter Advisory Committee records are preserved and readily available for the future.



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# PROGRESSIVE JEFFERSON

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

## ELECTION DAY

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

**JEFFERSON PARISH VOTERS WILL DECIDE  
WHETHER TO APPROVE 11 PROPOSED  
CHANGES TO THE PARISH CHARTER**

**EARLY VOTING  
NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 29, 2014  
Except Sunday**

### LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING:

**1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., RM 502  
Harahan  
8:30am to 6:00pm each day**

**5001 Westbank Expressway, Suite C2  
Marrero  
8:30am to 6:00pm each day**

**408 Minor Street, Kenner  
8:30am-6:00 pm each day**

**3811 Highway 1, Grand Isle, LA  
MONDAY ONLY  
10:00am to Noon, and 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

## PROPOSITION 1

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to specify the investigatory authority of the Jefferson Parish Council, by amending subsections 4 and 10 of Section 2.01 (A)?”

Currently, the Charter allows the Council to investigate the incompetence of an employee. This amendment of the Charter would remove the Council’s authority to investigate persons in the service of the Parish for incompetence.

## PROPOSITION 2

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to provide that the Parish President shall be a full-time official of Jefferson Parish with outside income allowed only from passive investments or portfolio income as defined by the Internal Revenue Service; and that neither the Parish President nor the Council shall be entitled to sick or annual leave benefits, by amending Sections 2.03(C) and 3.01 (A)?”

Currently, there is no law prohibiting the Parish President from engaging in outside employment.

## PROPOSITION 3

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to replace the reference to “Official Newspaper” with “Official Journal”; To allow for electronic publication of the Official Journal if not prohibited by State law; To amend the “lay-over” period required for adoption of ordinances; and to remove language that places dependence of adoption of an ordinance on a publication date, by amending subsections B and D of Section 2.07 of the Charter and by adding Section 6.09?” If State law is amended, the Parish would like the ability to consider electronic publication as an option. Also, specifying “lay over” period in days as opposed to “publication dates”, which are not the same for every journal, would simplify the process of enacting ordinances.



## PROPOSITION 4

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to include the law enforcement district in those districts excluded from the purview of the Jefferson Parish Finance Director, by amending Section 4.02 (A)(4)?”

This amendment seeks to clarify that the Sheriff is responsible for the funds of the law enforcement district.

## PROPOSITION 5

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to rename and restate the policies of the Personnel and Civic Service Administration, by amending Section 4.01 (B) and Section 4.03?”

Various provisions of the Charter would be amended to rename the Personnel Department and Personnel Director to “Civil Service Department” and “Civil Service Director”.

An amendment to Section 4.03 would clarify that the authority of the Civil Service Department and Civil Service Director would be limited to classified employees, would better define “unclassified employees” and include within the unclassified service employees in the service of the Office of the Parish President, the Offices of each Council member, and the Office of the Parish Attorney.

An Amendment to Section 4.03 also would provide for a Civil Service Board of five members serving a term of five years, and nominated on a rotating basis by Delgado Community College, Dillard University, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Loyola University New Orleans, Tulane University, The University of New Orleans, and Xavier University of Louisiana.

The current Civil Service Board has three members; Two nominated by Tulane and Loyola and appointed by the Parish President, and one appointed by the President with Council approval.

Additionally, the amendment would provide for the method by which member to the Board will be appointed.

Also, amending Section 4.03 would specifically exclude certain individuals from the Parish Civil Service provisions of the Charter.

Those individuals are listed as

- Members required to be in the Fire Civil Service by State law;
- Members of boards and commissions and other bodies who are not Parish employees;
- Organizations and their employees and other persons who are engaged by the Parish on a contractual basis;
- Hospital Service District employees;
- Employees of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port Commission District;
- The Inspector General and employees in the service of the Inspector General;
- And the Ethics and Compliance Commission and employees in the service of the Ethics and Compliance Commission.

## PROPOSITION 6

“Shall the Jefferson Parish Charter be amended to provide that all employees in the service of the Parish Attorney’s Office shall be unclassified; to remove the requirement that Assistant Parish Attorneys be electors of the Parish; and to specify that the Council shall have authority to hire outside counsel for Parish matters as well as for matters involving special districts, by amending Section 4.04?”

This proposed amendment, providing that all employees in the service of the Parish Attorney’s Office will be unclassified, is in accordance with an Attorney General opinion requested by the Charter Advisory Board.

This proposed amendment to remove the requirement that Assistant Parish Attorneys be electors of the Parish, per Resolution No. 11782, would “reduce the dependence on hiring outside legal firms and provide a larger, more experienced hiring pool.”