

THE CANDIDATES

Public Service Commission, 1st District

BRUCE KINCADE



PERSONAL

- ▶ 56, born in New Orleans and lives in Metairie.
- ▶ Single, no children.
- ▶ Graduated from De La Salle High School, 1970. Bachelor's degree in accounting from University of New Orleans 1973, and law degree from Loyola Law School 1977. L.L.M. in taxation from University of Miami, 1978.
- ▶ Tax lawyer, certified financial planner.

▶ Attends St. Catherine of Siena. South Beverly Knoll Civic Association, Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans, Friends of City Park, Greater New Orleans Financial Planning Association.

POLITICAL

- ▶ Independent since 1996, switched from Democrat.
- ▶ Lost races for Jefferson Parish president in 2007 and assessor in 1991.

PHILOSOPHY AND PLATFORM

- ▶ Fight for the working class folks who are getting clobbered by sky-high utility rates.
- ▶ Louisiana should be the leading laboratory for energy creation, in-

cluding solar power and sugar-based ethanol. Require utilities to produce at least 20 percent of their electricity from renewable resources.

- ▶ The new commissioner needs to be free of utility company influence, because cozy relations between commissioners and utilities invite high utility charges.
- ▶ Supports competitive utility rates.

CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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KEN ODINET SR.



PERSONAL

- ▶ 77. Born and lives in Arabi.
- ▶ Married to Rosemary Popich, 13 children.
- ▶ Army, Korean Military

Advisory Group in the Korean War. First lieutenant.

- ▶ Graduated from Momus High School, 1947. Bachelor's and master's degree in petroleum engineering from Louisiana State

University, 1951 and 1957.

- ▶ Head of Kenneth Odinet & Associates, an engineering consulting firm. Has worked as an offshore drilling engineer, pipeline constructor, marine and oilfield consultant and equipment and crew exporter.
- ▶ Member of St. Maurice Church. Lion's Club, VFW.

POLITICAL

- ▶ Republican since July, switched from Democrat.
- ▶ State House of Representatives, District 103, 1988-2008.
- ▶ Lost runoff for District 1 state

senate seat in 2007.

PHILOSOPHY AND PLATFORM

- ▶ Will fight with integrity for the working family.
- ▶ Lower energy bills by shifting reliance from natural gas.
- ▶ Support expansion of nuclear power.
- ▶ Move more toward deregulation of electricity.

CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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JOHN SCHWEGMANN



PERSONAL

- ▶ 62. Born in New Orleans, lives in Metairie.
- ▶ Married to Melinda Schwegmann, three children.

- ▶ U.S. Coast Guard 1967-1973, Petty officer second class.
- ▶ Graduated from Ridgewood Prep High School. Graduated from Loyola University in business.
- ▶ Former chief executive of Schwegmann Giant Super Markets

and former chairman of Schwegmann Bank & Trust.

- ▶ Member of Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Board member of Louise Davis School for the mentally handicapped, formerly on board of trustees of Loyola University and for the Food Marketing Institute. Chaired numerous charity fundraising events.

POLITICAL

- ▶ Independent since 2002.
- ▶ Public Service Commissioner, 1981-1996.

PHILOSOPHY AND PLATFORM

- ▶ Be a pro-consumer commissioner and insist that a utility fully convince me it is deserving and

prudent in its decisions before I cast a vote in its favor.

- ▶ Meet with top executives of major utilities and review their financial reports.
- ▶ Resist cozy relations with the regulated companies.
- ▶ Promote lower-priced natural gas by guarding against commodity price manipulations and considering publicly owned gas assets.

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ERIC SKRMETTA



PERSONAL

- ▶ 49. Born in New Orleans, lives in Metairie.
- ▶ Married to Deborah Gibson Skrmetta, two children.

- ▶ Graduated from Brother Martin High School. Bachelor's of science in industrial technology, LSU, 1981; Law degree Southern University Law School, 1985; Maritime and Admiralty Law Tulane Law School 1986.
- ▶ Lawyer, private business, mediator
- ▶ Attends St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. Board member East Jefferson YMCA; executive board member, Boy Scouts of America, Southeast Louisiana Council; chairman, Louisiana Film Foundation Inc.; board member, Jefferson Education Foundation

Inc.; chairman, Aid for the Emergency Responders Inc.; contributing organizer, New Orleans Air Show, 2006; board member, Krewe of Mid City; lieutenant, Krewe of Endymion

POLITICAL

- ▶ Republican since 1976.
- ▶ Ran unsuccessfully in 1999 and 2003 for the District 81 state House seat; Member Jefferson Parish Republican Executive Committee, 2008 to 2012; staff employee, Lieutenant Governor's Office of the State of Louisiana, 1978-1980; staff employee, Governor's Office of the State of Louisiana, 1980-81; commissioner Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, 2006-07; Judge, ad hoc, First Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson, March 2008

PHILOSOPHY AND PLATFORM

- ▶ Promote a policy of market competition amongst independent telephone companies toward the goal of providing consumers with the best possible product at the

lowest rates.

- ▶ Maintain a hands-off position on Internet regulation to allow for uniform regulation through the FCC while maintaining oversight to protect the consumers of Louisiana.
- ▶ Encourage a comprehensive energy plan utilizing all sources of energy for the consumer. Consumers will be protected from extreme variations in energy costs by not placing energy production on one particular source of fuel that may be subject to erratic commodity pricing.
- ▶ Support flex-fuel initiatives of electricity providers through the use of petro-coke/clean coal technology. The goal being the reduction of dependence on high priced natural gas.

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