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Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana
For almost 70 years, the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR) has worked to provide objective, thoughtful, independent analysis to Louisiana citizens, policymakers, and the media. PAR has developed partnerships with our members to come together for common sense policies that will help build a brighter future for Louisiana families and businesses.

A Note from the President...

Initiative. Collaboration. Innovation. Those are the words that come to mind when we think of PAR in 2019. Initiative has led us to propose daring fiscal and pension reforms while championing open governance and strong ethics. Collaboration has led us to Reset Louisiana, an unprecedented partnership with the Committee of 100 and the Council for a Better Louisiana to focus state leaders on key policy solutions. Innovation has led us to recommend new fiscal structures to reform and simplify Louisiana’s Constitution and to remove managerial barriers to coastal restoration. All of this is supported by original, independent research, composed and vetted in Louisiana and for Louisiana. The stage is set for genuine progress in the year ahead benefiting you and the citizens of our state.
RESET is a targeted, nonpartisan effort by the Committee of 100 (C100), the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL), and the Public Affairs Research Council (PAR) focused on four issues essential to our state’s future: State Finances, Education, Transportation/Infrastructure, and Criminal Justice/Public Safety.

NOTHING CHANGES WHEN WE WAIT

EDUCATION       STATE FINANCE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY       TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

The time is right for a new reset in Louisiana. The 2019 election includes all legislative seats and statewide offices. Issues emphasized during a campaign season tend to be the priorities taken up in legislation following an election--creating an opportunity now to reset Louisiana’s future with bold changes.
PAR has embarked on a two-part project to provide guidance to those seeking to reform the Louisiana Constitution. The first part, released in August, includes a discussion of constitutional principles, including the purpose and function of a constitution, as well as more specific subject-matter principles regarding what an ideal constitution should contain. The principles developed in Part I will set the stage for the in-depth analysis that will come later in Part II. Part II will be available later this fall.

**PART I: PRINCIPLES**
- Foundational
- Constitutional
- Revenue & Taxation
- Spending & Funds
- State-Local Government

**PART II: FISCAL REFORM**
- What to keep
- What to go
- What to add

“\[
This is not an academic exercise. This is meaningful. It is impactful. It is important.
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- Scott Hensgens
Chairman of the PAR Board, Managing Partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson LLP
Guide to the Louisiana Legislature

Guide to the Louisiana Legislature contains the information you need about the state’s legislators, elected officials, congressional delegation and agencies.

2020 GUIDE: OUR BEST VERSION YET

WHAT’S NEW?

- Photos & Videos
- District Demographics
- Interactive App

NEW GUIDE TO THE LEGISLATURE COMING EARLY 2020!

PAR thanks Entergy, Fishman Haygood, Ochsner Health System and Verizon for their underwriting support of the 2019 Guide.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

PAR has launched an initiative on improving governance and financing in early childhood education in Louisiana. Due to the complex and fragmented systems that exist in our state, there is an urgent need for reform in early childhood education. PAR will be working with stakeholders to design solutions for long-term strategies and funding sources for stability.

GOAL: Send all children to kindergarten ready to learn.
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PAR sends a big thank you to our new and renewing members. Your support helps us to continue the work of being Louisiana's voice, offering solutions for the betterment of our state. Your investment makes a difference in government transparency, education, economic development, infrastructure and health care. We are grateful for your partnership!

**More than a Membership... It’s a PARtnership**

We encourage our members to share PAR’s educational resources with colleagues, friends and family. Thank you again for your support of PAR!
More than 700 attendees gathered on April 11, 2019, at the PAR event focused on transportation and infrastructure. The future of Louisiana commerce was highlighted by the keynote speaker, Lance Fritz, chairman, president and CEO of Union Pacific Corp. With a major presence in Louisiana, Union Pacific Railroad connects 23 states in the Western two-thirds of the country by rail, providing a critical link in the global supply chain.

Fritz focused remarks on transportation, trade and technology. In 2018, UP Railroad made capital investments in Louisiana totaling more than $115.5 million. Fritz commented that “Louisiana is an awesome state to do business in, and you do extremely well in industrial transportation and development.”

Fritz stated, “In the last five years, we’ve spent about two-thirds of a billion dollars investing in the economic might of your state.” He continued, “This whole Gulf Coast region, which is anchored on its eastern side by the state of Louisiana, is an economic juggernaut right now.” Emphasizing how important our state is to UP, he discussed that UP employs about 1,200 people in Louisiana, and Fritz was generous in his appreciation of how important Louisiana is to UP.
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The luncheon was followed by a Gubernatorial Candidate Forum. The participants were incumbent Gov. John Bel Edwards and Fifth District Congressman Ralph Abraham. Robert Travis Scott, PAR’s President, moderated the event. Republican candidate Eddie Rispone did not attend.

PAR’s intent with the forum was to provide an independent and impartial platform through which each candidate addresses specific policy related topics. The topics included roads and infrastructure; early childhood education; health care; tax reform; and economic development. If you missed the forum, please visit PAR’s website for the series of six short videos with their responses.
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|          | General                          | Sustainer | $ 100+ |
|          |                                  | Benefactor| $ 500+ |
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