

MEET THE COUNCIL

questions being asked about the Road Tax Fund. The people of Livingston Parish voted for this tax, and the funds need to be spent appropriately."

Collins said she pledges to work with the Council to improve roads and drainage throughout the parish, to seek economic development opportunities to create jobs in the parish, and to support education.

"We also need to get with President Ricks and look at our finances so we know what we have to work with. We will look at what's in the budget for road overlays and see where the money can best be spent. Once the economy improves and Juban Crossing is finished our revenue will go up, and we'll have more funds for roads and other needs. Livingston Parish is a great place to live, and I expect we will have more new businesses coming here because of our good communities and schools."

Collins, 39, is an English teacher at Frost School. Contact: 225-290-1489, scollins@lpcgov.com.



"We still lack basic services and a solid capital investment plan to maintain and improve what we have."

– Ricky Goff, District 7

"I'd like to see parish government have the kind of spirit that tackles things head on," Goff said. "I don't want to waste my energy on negative issues. My promise is to be a part of the solution."

"A confrontational approach alienates key investors, our citizens, private businesses, non-profits, and other governmental entities," Goff continued. "Government must be accountable, and elected officials must serve with integrity, maturity, and intelligence. Without that commitment and those standards, we are not going to have the parish that we and our children deserve."

Goff says that the parish is on the brink of great change as a new business community develops along I-12. "With the limited resources we have, the Parish Council needs to set priorities," Goff said. "That can't happen until we have a Council that will work together in a civil manner, and invite the participation of citizens and community stakeholders." "We don't need a parish government that creates problems. We need public servants who work together to make an even better place to live, work, and play."

Ricky Goff, 47, is a business development manager at Coca-Cola in Baton Rouge. He

is the only one of the six new council members who has held elective office before, having served 12 years as a Walker Aldermen. Contact: 225-290-4877, rgoff@lpcgov.com.

"Parish government is at a turning point. We need to be positive and move forward."

– Ronnie Sharp, District 8

"It is very important that the parish president and council work together on all issues. The road program is probably the top issue with most people, and I will continue to work full time over the next four years for the concerns of the constituents of District 8 and the parish as a whole."

Sharp, 61, is a resident of Killian and a member of Millwright Local 720. He previously served twice as chairman of the council and of the roads committee. Contact: 225-573-8018, info@livingstonparishcouncil.com.



"Transparency is the #1 issue for this council."

– Delos Blackwell, District 9

"Voters in Livingston Parish elected new members to the council because they wanted to do something about the turmoil in parish government," Blackwell said. "The council should create policy while the president should execute policy and conduct the day-to-day business of the parish."

"We have to be open and honest with the public," he continued, "and let them know what we are doing. People want to know where their money is going whether it's \$5 or \$5 million."

One of his priorities is improving District 9 roads, and he believes the council needs to change the way it prioritizes roads and spends road funds.



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