



INTRODUCING BATON ROUGE'S YOUNG PROFESSIONAL PLATFORM

Forum 225 is proud to be Baton Rouge's largest voice for young professionals. Living up to our mission of **creating opportunities for Baton Rouge young professionals to grow philanthropically, professionally, and civically** is vital to our community. To fulfill our mission, Forum 225 has worked with our membership and other Baton Rouge young professionals to issue a platform of policy topics that is important to young professionals across the Baton Rouge area. **We believe these policy areas will not only increase quality of life for our citizens but will advance equity and will better position Baton Rouge to attract diverse young professional talent.**

WE BELIEVE BATON ROUGE CITIZENS DESERVE



STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY RELATIONS WITH, AND TRANSPARENT ACCESS TO, THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.



ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS FOR ALL AREAS OF BATON ROUGE, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES.



ACCESS TO RELIABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL BATON ROUGE CITIZENS AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS WALKING PATHS AND BIKE LANES WITH SAFETY IN MIND.



SECURED ACCESS AND ATTENTION TO FOOD SECURITY IN NORTH BATON ROUGE.



A CITY-PARISH ADMINISTRATION THAT IS DIVERSE, REPRESENTING ALL ASPECTS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND PRACTICES FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES PROTECTING MINORITY POPULATIONS SUCH AS THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.



POLICIES THAT RECOGNIZE THE IMPENDING CLIMATE CRISIS AND SEEK TO ALLEVIATE THE IMPACTS ON SOUTH LOUISIANA AND BATON ROUGE.



ACCESS TO QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL BATON ROUGE CITIZENS.



SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE WORKING TO DIVERSIFY THE BATON ROUGE ECONOMY.

Young professionals are one of the largest voting blocks in our community. We believe this platform speaks for the future leaders of Baton Rouge. Through our community-wide survey of young professionals, Forum 225 has identified these areas **to advocate for and implore our elected officials to address**. While not a comprehensive list, we believe these policy areas will **move Baton Rouge forward and take down barriers so all Baton Rouge community members have the opportunity to succeed.**