

Hi, I'm BJ Fontaine, a Democrat and Louisiana native, DSCC Member 89th District, running for the Louisiana Democratic Party 1st Congressional District Executive Committee member.

Data shows that Democratic weakness here is not about the quality of candidates, funding, policies, or the percentage of Republicans. More people registered as Democrats than Republicans in Louisiana. Voter turnout is just too low, especially among young people who don't believe that government works for them, and that government just creates problems they struggle to overcome. They feel that their votes won't change anything. Voter turnout in the last statewide elections: October 36.3%, November 22.5%, an effort focused on increasing voter turnout would have much more impact than candidates, policies, or funding.

Louisiana Democrats need my skills and experience to work towards two goals:

1st, Focus on Precinct Organizing, the Democratic Party needs to find out what matters to people in their communities and help them organize to support candidates and address issues that are important to them. I need to work with state party leadership to provide support for communities' grass root efforts.

The Democratic Party can earn voter turnout through delivering necessary resources and helping communities make positive changes. It should connect communities to each other to act in unison to effect change. Precinct communities are places for candidates to connect with people and for people to become candidates as they participate and become experienced. Strong candidates, fund raising, voter turnout, and activism result from precinct organizing.

2nd, Increase State Party support for newly elected and returning state and parish committee members to get them up to speed quickly and functioning effectively.

Committee members should receive orientation, training, and guidance. The Democratic Party should establish sub-committees that provide resources, connections, and continuity across parishes for standard party efforts like precinct organizing, candidate training, fund raising, addressing important issues, and communication.

In my 35 years of experience working with industry, government, and universities, I held a variety of executive and technical positions in leadership, organization improvement, and economic development. I have years of experience getting diverse, divisive groups to successfully work together to accomplish common goals.

The Democratic Party needs my skills and experience working to make us stronger.

Please vote for me, BJ Fontaine, 1st Congressional District Executive Committee member.

There is video, a bio, and plan details online. Just go to bjfontaine.com