Fall 99
Referendum #1
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## Referendum

WHEREAS the UL Lafayette Police Department provides a vital function to the University community.

AND WHEREAS the UL Lafayette Police Department's goal is not only to be a reactive law enforcement entity, but also to be more pro-active as well as preventive in its law enforcement activities through community oriented and educational activities.

AND WHEREAS the UL Lafayette Police Department would like to offer more extensive coverage of the campus and its community in order to further provide a safer and more conductive educational environment.

AND WHEREAS the UL Lafayette Police Department's main reason for existence is to provide the students, faculty and staff of the University with a safe and productive environment in which an educational institution can exist to its full potential.

AND WHEREAS the UL Lafayette Police Department does operate a Student Officer Program which allows for thirty five (35) part-time, fully commissioned police officers, who are an integral part of the department providing service to the community in which it serves.

AND WHEREAS the operation of the Student Officer Program depends on the employment and retention of current students of the University and there is a great initial expense burden on the individual to participate in the program.

AND WHEREAS the Student Officer Program is a precious resource and a vital link of the Department and the very community which each Student Officer belongs to and simultaneously serves and protects.

AND WHEREAS to achieve the above stated items of interest, it would be necessary to attract and retain additional qualified personnel within the department.

AND WHEREAS also, due to the limited operating financial perimeters that the department operates within, to achieve the above listed items of interest would require additional workload on its already limited manpower.

AND WHEREAS the UL Lafayette Police Department budget does not have the funds to provide for incentives such as equipment (weapon, leather gear, vests) that officers must purchase themselves, scholarship incentives to attract quality applicants, and community relations and crime prevention programs to include the UL Lafayette Tips Line and Code Blue Emergency Call Stations.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT the question be posed to the students on the Fall 99 ballot "Should the student assess \$1 dollar every Fall, Spring, and Summer semester for the enhancement of services provided by UL Lafayette Police Department?"

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Senate Chair

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