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It's been an interesting two and a half months of very hard work and lots and lots of meetings with business leaders, politicians past and present and all of the other candidates presently in the Mayor/Presidents race. We discussed issues, shared thoughts on our future, our present economy, job losses, projects, drainage, and infrastructure. We discussed future prospects, what's real and what's not real today and had a long list of: "Maybe in the future" ideas and ideals.

It is humbling and an honor to have had so many friends and people sharing their heartfelt thoughts along with the offering from their checkbooks. What an honor for people to tell you: "I'm with you, I know you can do it and I know you can win". It's also true that I've had many others asking "Why would you want that job"? The Mayor/ Presidents job is now more than ever going to be extremely tough. It will include much great sacrifice in many many ways. My close supporters know that my original idea of a future run was for possibly a year or two down the road when Lafayette could have a Mayor and a Parish President. The progress of our surrounding towns that have their own Mayors, their own town councils, their own Chambers of Commerce is fun to watch. These mayors and their towns are on the move and I am proud to know most them. Lafayette City and Parish needs to win. Whatever the outcome of the Charter appeal, I hope that one day Lafayette will have its own Mayor.

Recently, my 87 year old mother was hospitalized from a serious car accident, so for the last 16 days I've been pulled in that direction. During this time I've done quite a bit of reflecting. I've been blessed with a great life, an incredible wife, a wonderful son along with a beautiful new daughter in law. I have a great business with fantastic clients and the demand and attention to a political campaign right now just does not seem to be in the cards. It has been a difficult decision but one that is endorsed by my family.

While I haven't chosen a candidate to support, my thoughts are that others may still jump in. In my heart, Lafayette parish is the greatest place in the world. Being a pragmatist, I still believe I could move the dial forward for Lafayette just maybe now I'll help to move the dial in other ways. I'd like to work on drainage issues and to improve Bayou Vermillion, a passion for me as I was raised on the river and still live on our river today. Again, Lafayette needs to win. I pray that Lafayette makes the right choice as to whom will lead our city /parish. God Bless Lafayette.

Paul Eason

A Very Proud Lafayette Native