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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to formally express my deep concern and disappointment regarding the recent “New Orleans Mayor Town Hall” hosted by your organization on June 26th, 2025.

As one of the publicly declared candidates for Mayor of New Orleans, I was surprised to learn that your event included only a select number of candidates—while excluding others, including myself. Upon discovering this, my campaign immediately reached out to Executive Director Norris Henderson to inquire about the criteria for participation and to request inclusion. Unfortunately, we received no response.

Voters Organized publicly identifies as a 504(c)(4) organization dedicated to voter education and civic engagement. Yet by excluding half of the declared candidates from a public-facing event focused on the future of our city, the organization has undermined those very principles. When a group entrusted with informing voters limits the range of voices and ideas presented, it risks crossing the line from education into electioneering.

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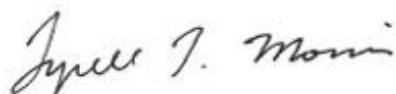
I am equally troubled by the apparent lack of a transparent process or public criteria for candidate participation. The absence of inclusivity is not only unfair to candidates but, more importantly, it denies voters the opportunity to hear from everyone seeking to lead them. That is a disservice to the democratic process and to the people of New Orleans.

Furthermore, I believe the organization missed a vital opportunity to demonstrate leadership and equity in civic engagement. The people of this city are eager for fresh ideas, transparent leadership, and accountable governance. That begins with open and fair forums that welcome all voices.

I respectfully urge the Board to re-evaluate your approach to political forums and recommit to a process that prioritizes fairness, transparency, and full voter access. I would welcome the opportunity to engage with your team further on this matter and participate in any future events that aim to educate, not exclude.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that Voters Organized will reflect on this experience and work to ensure that all New Orleanians are truly empowered to make informed choices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Tyrell J. Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tyrell" and last name "Morris" clearly legible.

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