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#### Personal Life

John L. Marcello has roots that run deep in the DeRidder community. He was born August 30, 1957. He grew up in DeRidder and attended the public schools, K - 12. His grandfather was a pioneer DeRidder businessman dating back to the early 1900s. Marcello is married to Melanie Shirley Marcello and they have been married for 30 years. Her family (Shirley) was also a part of the early business community of DeRidder. He and Melanie have two children, Monica Marcello Watkin and Kinney Reid Hanchey, IV. They have two grandsons, Jackson and Pierce Watkin.

#### Education

Marcello graduated from DeRidder High School in 1975. After graduation, he attended McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana where he went on to earn a B. S. degree in 1979. After beginning a career in banking in 1981, he furthered his education at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and was a 1986 graduate of the LSU School of Banking. In 1994, he attended the Graduate School of Banking in Boulder Colorado. There he completed the three year course requirements to receive a diploma for the graduate banking program.

#### Christian Life

Marcello is a member of the First United Methodist Church in DeRidder. He has served on various church committees. These include the Church Council, the Finance Committee, the Trustees and the Staff Parish Relations Committee (Personnel Committee) and Lay Leader. Marcello has served in positions of leadership as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations and is presently Past Chairman of the Church Council.

He organizes the *Annual For Those Who Serve and Protect Appreciation Banquet* which recognizes the men and women in law enforcement and other first responders.

#### Career Experience

After 36 years in banking, Marcello retired from the position of Executive Vice President/Chief Lending Officer at City Savings Bank in DeRidder, Louisiana. He serves as an Advisory Director for Beaugard Federal Savings Bank.

#### Civic and Community Involvement

Throughout his career, Marcello has been actively involved in community and civic projects. In June of 2020, Marcello was appointed interim Councilman for District 3 for the City of DeRidder and was elected Councilman for District 3 in April 2021. He has been a continuous member of the Lions Club of DeRidder since 1983. Marcello served as club president in 1990 and 2017. He was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship for service and leadership with the Lions Club. He served two terms on the Greater Beaugard Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He served as treasurer in 1987 and 1988 and was president in 1989 and 2013. He worked with the small business division of the DeRidder United Way campaigns in 1993 and 2010. Marcello presently participates with the Beaugard Health Systems as an Auxiliary Volunteer (Blue Coats). He has served as secretary for the Sons of the American Legion.

For free time, Marcello enjoys his wife's cooking, playing with his grandsons, taking long walks and exercising at the gym. He and his neighbors can be found on weekends watching LSU and New Orleans football games and going to high school basketball games throughout the parish.

Since working with the City Council, Marcello has helped his neighbors and residents of District 3 get services for issues caused by Hurricanes Laura and Delta, repair street in front of their homes, reconnect disrupted cable services and fix flooding issues in their neighborhoods. He sits with the other councilmembers and works with the mayor to evaluate matters facing the city and votes on ordinances that benefit DeRidder.

Marcello said, "My home family and friends are here too...so I care about this area's future. My serving as a councilman is to see DeRidder continue to be a beautiful, clean and progressive city. Safety for all our citizens will always be a prime concern. Providing a community that encourages our local merchants to start and expand their businesses is essential. Making a community that is welcoming and willing to attract new business and industry is key to our city's future success and growth."

Marcello promises to continue to be accessible, to listen to the needs, concerns and ideas of the residents of District 3 and will be responsive quickly to help.