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After thoughtful and careful review of Lafayette Consolidated Government's (LCG) 2020-2021 departmental operating budget, Mayor-President Josh Guillory has made the painstaking, but necessary decision to right-size spending in the Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department.

Current budget challenges have forced the Mayor-President to close four of LCG's 10 recreation centers in the coming budget year and to eliminate at least 37 positions in the Parks and Recreation Department. "As we find ourselves in this financial situation, we have two options: manage our people's money responsibly or raise taxes, and I vehemently oppose raising taxes," Guillory said in an afternoon video address.

The Mayor-President is confident that through creative solutions, there is an opportunity to efficiently reopen the centers and allow them to sustainably operate.

The full video address is available here: <https://youtu.be/tOS5k10wfkE>

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