



2018 Oklahoma House Voter's Guide



CAIR
OKLAHOMA



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A MESSAGE FROM CAIR-OK GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR



Assalamu Alaikum and Greetings of Peace,

This 2018 Primary Candidate Guide was created with the Oklahoma Muslim community in mind, in order that you may have the tools and resources available to be an informed and confident voter in the June primary election.

In 2018 a record number of citizens filed to run for office. We narrowed it down, reaching out only to candidates running in districts identified as having a higher concentration of Muslim voters. We asked their stances on issues of immigration, budget, bullying, hate crimes, and education. We were working with an aggressive timeline in order to get this guide to you in time to help you make educated decisions for the primary (June 26th). Thus, some candidates did not have the time to answer all of our questions. This is not necessarily a statement on their support or opposition to CAIR or the Muslim community.

My goal as your Government Affairs Director is to encourage diversity and equity at our legislature; in both representation and in legislation. Prosperity, innovation and art all wither in environments of homogeny. The great challenge put before humanity is not just to “tolerate,” but to accept and embrace those different from ourselves as our brothers and sisters. Oklahoma is home to many walks of life, each having their own view of the divine.

As your Government Affairs Director, I will work tirelessly to ensure you are valued as people of faith and are represented and respected in our places of governance. Discrimination against one is a threat to the freedom of all. My goal is to be both a watchdog for you, identifying and educating you on legislation pertinent to you and your family, and to motivate and encourage you in your own advocacy efforts. With the shared dream of having an Oklahoma where we can be proud to raise our children and future generations, together we will move Oklahoma forward.

I hope you find this guide valuable as you exercise your right to vote and engage in the political process.

Additionally, you can always reach out to me directly for guidance, support, and encouragement as we advocate together for our rights and issue that are important to all Oklahomans.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lani Habrock". The signature is stylized with a large "L" and "H".

Lani R. Habrock
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VOTING IN OKLAHOMA

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VOTER REGISTRATION

You must have a Voter Identification card to be able to vote in any election. You must get a form, fill it out, and then mail to the OSEB:

Oklahoma State Election Board
PO Box 52880
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-8800

✿ Forms are available for download at the OSEB website under the Voter Info/Register to Vote tabs. Printed forms can be found at county election boards, tag agencies, post offices, libraries, and some other locations. CAIR OK can also provide voter registration forms for your mosque, Islamic Center, or MSA.

✿ The voter registration form requires your name, birthdate, address, and identification number (Driver's License or Social Security). You must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Oklahoma, and an adult over the age of 18 in order to register to vote. The forms are pre-addressed and do not require an envelope, only a stamp. If you complete the form at a county election board or at the CAIR-OK office, you do not need to mail the form. If you complete the form at another local government agency, the agency will stamp and mail the form to the OSEB for you.

✿ OSEB forwards the form to your county election board, which mails you a Voter Identification card. Your county election board must receive your form at least 24 days before the next election in order for you to vote in that election; otherwise, your Voter ID card will be mailed after the next election.

Voter registration forms also require you to designate whether you wish to affiliate with a political party. Party registration determines whether or not you can vote in presidential primary elections.

For information on the Democratic Party, visit: www.okdemocrats.org.

For information on the Republican Party, visit: www.okgop.com

For information on the Libertarian Party, visit: www.oklp.org.

TO FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE (WHERE YOU VOTE), CONFIRM YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION, OR VIEW A SAMPLE BALLOT BEFORE AN ELECTION, VISIT THE WWW.OK.GOV/ELECTIONS WEBSITE AND CLICK ON "VOTER INFO" OR "ONLINE VOTER TOOL."

HOW TO VOTE

WHERE AND WHEN Your local polling station is open from 7AM to 7PM on election days. You can find your local polling station on your Voter ID card and using the Online Voter Tool at OSEB's website. You can also contact any of Oklahoma's political parties or CAIR Oklahoma for assistance. You can vote at the County Election Board office in the county where you are registered to vote from 8AM to 6PM on the Friday and Monday before all elections. For state and federal elections only, you can also vote from 8AM to 1PM on the Saturday before the election.

HOW Oklahoma requires that you provide proof of your identity by presenting your Voter ID card or a photo ID with your full legal name that does not expire before the election and which matches the name as registered in the Precinct Registry. You may show any document issued by the United States, the State of Oklahoma, or a federally recognized tribal government if it includes your name, a photograph of you, and an expiration date that is later than the election in which you are voting.

✿ Oklahoma Driver License

✿ Oklahoma State-Issued Identification Card

✿ United States Passport

✿ United States Military Identification

The law provides only two exceptions to these requirements:

✿ An Oklahoma ID Card issued to a person who is 65 years or older is valid as proof of identity for voting even though it does not have an expiration date.

✿ The Voter Identification Card issued by the County Election Board is valid as proof of identity even though it does not include a photograph or an expiration date.

At your polling place, if you do not have, or choose not to show, proof of your identity, you may cast a provision ballot and verify your identity by signing a sworn affidavit. These ballots are examined after Election Day by the Election Board to verify their information before they are counted.

After proving your identity, you will receive your ballot. Each ballot has the candidates for that election listed and/or the issues that are up for a vote. It will provide instructions on how to vote for the candidate(s) or option(s) of your choice. There will also be a sample ballot available for viewing on the OSEB election website prior to Election Day. Viewing your sample ballot will help you be prepared to vote quickly and with confidence.

VOTER INTIMIDATION IS A VERY SERIOUS VIOLATION OF A CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO CAST A VOTE. IF YOU OBSERVE VOTER INTIMIDATION, REPORT IT TO A PRECINCT WORKER OR POLL OBSERVER AND TO CAIR-OK IMMEDIATELY!

Examples of voter intimidation:

- aggressive questioning about citizenship, nationality, religion, or criminal background
- demanding the removal of religious clothing such as hijab or kufi
- false statements about voting requirements, such as an ability to speak English
- any activity intended to prevent or discourage someone from exercising their right to vote

WHY

State and Local elections are the most important elections! The laws and policies that significantly impact your everyday life and the budgeting decisions that fund them are made at the state and local level: roads and streets, schools, libraries, social services, sales taxes are all determined by decisions made by municipal and state government. Zoning boards and school boards determine the shape of your neighborhoods and affect the quality of your children's education. Elected judges and District Attorneys defend and interpret the laws that govern our state. Elected clerks and commissioners set priorities and manage properties funded by your tax dollars. Professionals such as doctors, lawyers, engineers, and others are governed by elected Boards that determine membership requirements and set standards for practice in the state. Even the implementation of federal policies can be determined by state and local governments. **At every level, your voice is vital to the processes that keep our communities running. Make sure you are heard!**

STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

STATEWIDE ELECTION DATES:

June 26, 2018: Primary Election

Primary elections are held to determine the candidates for an election. In Oklahoma, the Republican primary elections are open only to voters who register as Republicans. Democratic primary elections are open to voters who are registered as Democrats or those who are unaffiliated with a political party.

August 28, 2018: Primary Runoff Election

This election further narrows down the field of candidates who will run for the general election.

November 6, 2018: General Election

In 2018, half of the 48 seats in the Oklahoma Senate and all 101 seats in the House of Representatives are up for election. There will also be special elections for certain Senate and House seats.

2018 Special Elections:

State Senator, District 27

Voter registration deadline: January 19
Deadline to request absentee ballot: Feb. 7
Early voting: February 8, 8AM-6PM;
Feb. 9, 8AM-6PM; Feb. 10, 9AM-2PM
General Election: February 13

State Representative, District 51

Voter registration deadline: February 9
Deadline to request absentee ballot: Feb. 28
Early voting: March 1, 8AM-6PM;
March 2, 8AM-6PM; March 3, 9AM-2PM
General Election: March 6

On November 6, Oklahomans will vote to fill a number of state and municipal positions:

State Offices:

Governor	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Lieutenant Governor	Commissioner of Insurance
Attorney General	Commissioner of Labor
Treasurer	Corporation Commissioner
State Auditor and Inspector	(one of three seats)

Federal Elections:

United States House of Representatives

Judicial Elections (to retain judges appointed by Governor):

Oklahoma Supreme Court (5 of 9)
Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals (2 of 5)
Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals (4 of 12)

Municipal Elections:

Canadian County, Oklahoma - County commissioner, county treasurer, county assessor, and county district attorney
Cleveland County, Oklahoma - County commissioner, county treasurer, county assessor, and county district attorney
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Mayor
Oklahoma County, Oklahoma - County commissioner, county treasurer, county assessor, and county district attorney
Osage County, Oklahoma - County commissioner, county treasurer, county assessor, and election board secretary
Tulsa, Oklahoma - City council and auditor
Tulsa County, Oklahoma - County commissioner, county treasurer, county assessor, and election board secretary

Many websites and public policy organizations will have information on the candidates for these offices as the year progresses. Check out our Resources page for links and websites that will help you be the most informed voter at the polls!

INTRODUCTION TO OKLAHOMA'S STATE LEGISLATURE

The Oklahoma Legislature is made up of two bodies, or **chambers**: the **House of Representatives** and the **Senate**. Representatives and Senators run and are elected in areas called **districts**, which are drawn up every 10 years on completion of the federal Census. Your legislator is determined by the address where you are registered to vote.

These elected people in the legislature are responsible for drafting, debating, and passing the laws of our state, which are then either approved or vetoed by our **Governor**. Our current governor is Mary Fallin, who will be terming out in 2018. The legislature is also responsible for approving members of the Governor's cabinet, providing oversight to state agencies, and balancing the state budget. **With all that responsibility, you can see why it is vitally important that our legislators know and understand our communities as they do their work.**

IN 1990, OKLAHOMANS VOTED TO APPROVE TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS. REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS CANNOT SERVE MORE THAN 12 YEARS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMBINED. IN 2018, 13 REPRESENTATIVES AND 6 SENATORS WILL FINISH THEIR 12 YEARS OR BE "TERM LIMITED" IN 2018.

HOW DO I KNOW WHO MY LEGISLATOR IS?

Your legislator is determined by the address where you are registered to vote! Scan the QR code or go to <http://www.oklegislature.gov/FindMyLegislature.aspx>.



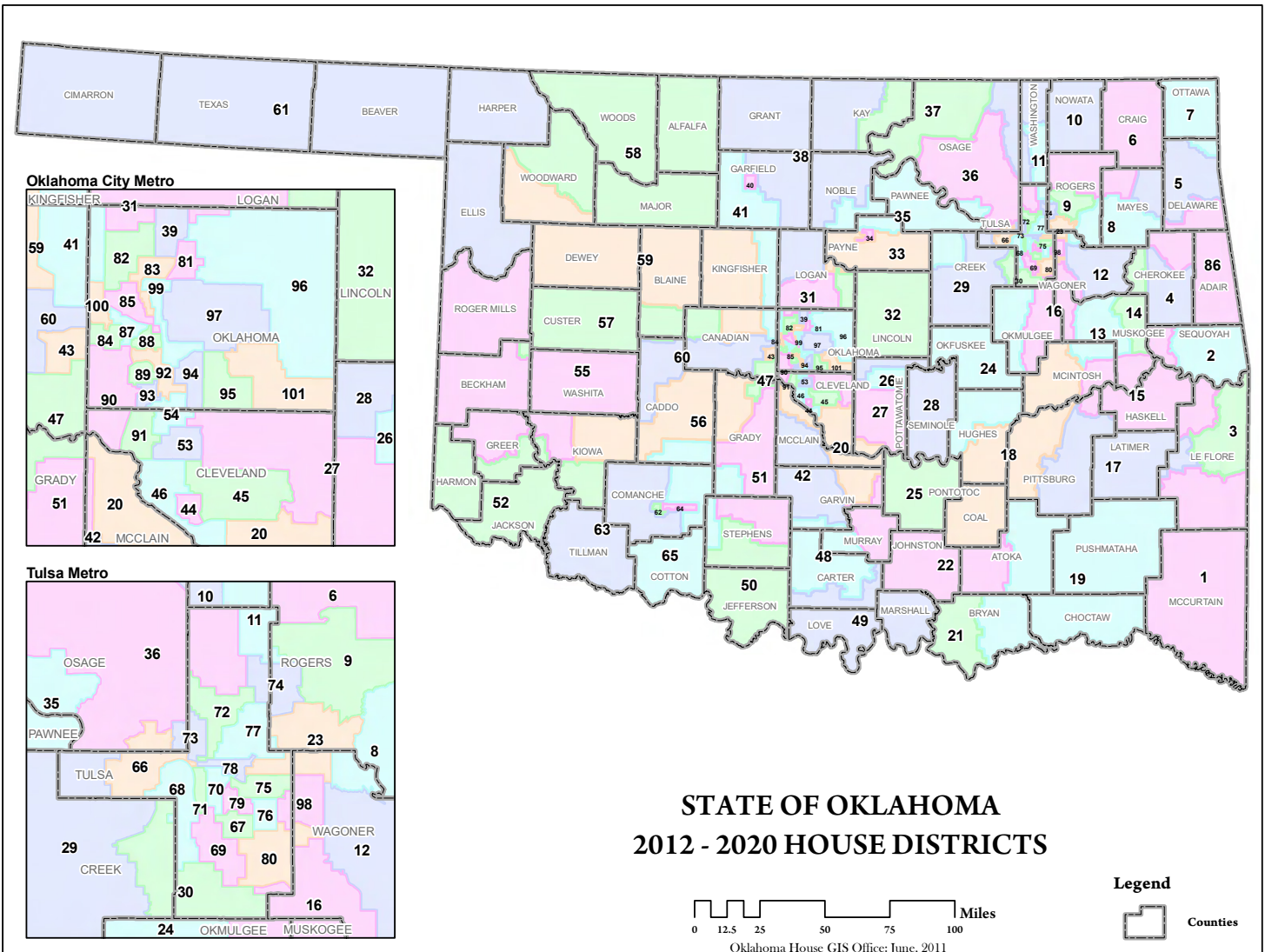
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES is made up of members of 101 districts. Currently, there are 100 active members of the House of Representatives with one district holding a special election in 2018. There are 72 Republicans and 28 Democrats. Representatives are elected to two-year terms, and all Representatives are up for election every two years. The House of Representatives is led by the Speaker of the House and Speaker Pro Tempore. In 2018, these positions are held by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Speaker Pro Tempore Harold Wright (R-Weatherford).

IN 2017, SPECIAL ELECTIONS TURNED FOUR SEATS IN THE OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE FROM REPUBLICAN TO DEMOCRAT: HOUSE DISTRICTS 46 AND 75, AND SENATE DISTRICTS 37 AND 44.

THE SENATE is composed of members of 48 districts. There are currently 48 members of the Senate with 38 Republicans and 10 Democrats. Each Senator is elected to four-year terms, with elections staggered so that half the Senate is up for election every two years. The Senate is led by the President Pro Tempore and the Majority Floor Leader. In 2018, these positions are held by President Pro Tempore Mike Schulz (R-Altus) and Majority Floor Leader Greg Treat (R-Oklahoma City).

THE FIRST DAY OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION begins at noon on the first Monday in February and must adjourn by no later than 5:00pm on the last Friday in May. During legislative session, legislators are at the Capitol from Monday through Thursday, and they return to their home districts on Fridays. Legislative session is when pieces of law, or bills, are introduced, debated and amended in committee, researched, and voted on – it's when a lot of the work of lawmaking happens. But after session adjourns in May, legislators still have lots of work to do, meeting with residents of their districts, or constituents, and researching the bills they may propose at the next session. Sometimes, the Governor calls Special Sessions or additional meetings of the state legislature in the event that they are not able to come to agreements on vital issues such as the state budget.

DISTRICT MAP



CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What is your stance on **immigration**- What are your views on immigration and what role do you see immigrants playing in Oklahoma's economy?
2. Stance on Oklahoma's **budget**- should we pass more revenue raising measures and if so, where and what services and infrastructures would you prioritize funding first?
3. If elected, how would you serve the Muslim and **interfaith** community? How would you increase civic engagement in minority communities that feel routinely ignored or harassed?
4. **School bullying/harassment** - with the increase in harassment and anti-Muslim bullying in public schools, how would you strengthen the protections available to minority students and their families?
5. **Hate crimes** - What would you do to strengthen or change Oklahoma's treatment of bi-as-motivated crime?
6. **Education** - What would you do to improve the status of Oklahoma's public education system?

HOUSE DISTRICT 68



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Kyle Ellis is a Tulsa native who graduated from Jenks High School in 2004. He has an Associate's Degree in Psychology from Oklahoma City Community College and studied Political Science at the University of Oklahoma where he also protested the Iraq War while a member of a student-led group called Bring Them Home.

He is married to a former Adjunct English Professor and has two young children both of whom attend public school, which inspired his push for education funding and teacher raises.

He has been the business manager for CliniCo Rural Health in Beggs, Oklahoma for the last 10 years where he sees daily the need for more funding dedicated to healthcare, specifically for Medicaid, Medicare, and programs that help those in need.

Kyle was motivated to run for the Oklahoma State House District 68 during the recent teacher walkout and while watching the Oklahoma government defund programs that many people depend on every day.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

Immigrants play a vital role in the function of our state. It's very saddening to see so many Oklahomans expressing a negative view toward any or all immigrants. Studies have shown that a steady immigration policy is beneficial to the State and its citizens. It's time we stop vilifying these people looking for opportunity and success.

BUDGET

It's become clear that Oklahoma is in desperate need of some new form of revenue. Gross production tax is unnecessarily low. Too many core services are dependent on variable ad valorem taxes. Oklahoma is transitioning to a service based economy, why can't our tax structure? First and foremost, our education needs a serious reconsideration. We do not fund our schools or educators nearly as well as they need and incredibly less than they deserve. We must also dedicate funding to healthcare. A healthy workforce without the stress of medical bills is a productive work force.

INTERFAITH

Awareness is key. Too many of our children grow up knowing nothing but their own social group. How many christian children have been educated on the varying Muslim cultures? How many in Judaism, or Hinduism, or any other world religion? Knowledge is the best way for peace, understanding, and unity. More must be done to involve the community in intercultural events.

BULLYING

Again, knowledge can be extremely powerful. Students are not born with prejudice or malice. It comes from misunderstandings or lack of any understanding at all. I believe world religion classes are an incredibly
6 *valuable tool in this regard and should be supported in all schools.*

HATE CRIMES

Hate crimes must not be tolerated or ignored. Punishment and rehabilitation should match the severity of the crime, which would be significantly higher than crimes in the absence of social hatred. We need a tougher stance on crimes of this nature, and a better system by which to rehabilitate those who commit these horrible offenses.

EDUCATION

Increased funding is an absolute necessity, but only a small step. School funding should be 100% earmarked for education alone; no general funds. Educators should be paid commensurate to their benefit to our society (significantly more than they currently make). If we cannot inspire educators to teach in our state, we cannot inspire students to success. We also need to support the families of students. When parents struggle to put food on the table, struggle to provide a safe home, and struggle to provide healthcare, the students have so little a chance for success. We must support our whole citizenship to provide success to our students.

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I am an Oklahoma school teacher hoping to make a difference beyond my classroom.

Visiting the capitol April 2018 has made me aware of how many people in our state are concerned with the issues of our education system, and how little our legislators are doing to support that system. As a result, I feel an obligation to the people of Oklahoma to do more. Therefore, I am running for a seat in the State House of Representatives.

I have been married for 33 years. I have 3 adult children. My family is in full support of my decision to run for office. I attend church at New Life Tabernacle in Sand Springs, where I am involved in children's ministry, bus ministry and the outreach program.

I have been a resident of Oklahoma House District 68 for more than forty-five years. Some of my best memories as a teen, were spending time with my father; as we supported many of the previous candidates in their venture to also represent OK House District 68 and serve all citizens of Oklahoma.

I currently teach kindergarten for Tulsa Public Schools. And I presently serve as an elected delegate within the following associations; Tulsa Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA), Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) and the National Education Association (NEA).

I believe that a public education should be a good, quality education available to the citizens of Oklahoma. I believe Public education needs to be both fully and properly funded so that classrooms have text books and supplies necessary to provide students that quality education.

I believe Legislators need to get behind education by appropriating funds that support more money per child/student. I believe Healthcare should not be a luxury. Oklahomans should have access to mental health care as well as preventative care.

I believe it is time for the State of Oklahoma to hear the voices of the people.

At the end of the day, Angela Statum is in it for the people not the politics.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

Immigrating to America is such an opportunity. I believe every immigrant that are law abiding and productive have every right to be here. I see them growing our economy.

BUDGET

I think it's inevitable we raise revenue. I would first seek revenue from GPT. Those percentages are not yet where they need to be.

INTERFAITH

I would have community gatherings and events to get engagement from the community so all races could get more acclimated with each other.

BULLYING

I am already on board with NO tolerance. I don't believe anyone should be bullied because of race, gender or religion. NO one should ever be bullied for any reason.

HATE CRIMES

I would educate the community so everyone would feel more comfortable with other races as opposed to being scared of them. I would make programs available to educate the public against bias-motivated crimes.

EDUCATION

I will raise revenue or whatever it takes to properly fund education. Education is the most important thing to keep our state competitive to other states. We also need education to grow our state and produce successful productive citizens.

HOUSE DISTRICT 68 (con.)



Michael Ross

Party | Democrat

A fifth generation Oklahoman and career educator, Michael Ross is uniquely qualified to address the needs of Oklahoma families in the State Legislature.

Michael is a classroom teacher with fourteen years of experience in Oklahoma's public schools and has seen firsthand the impact of the legislature's inaction. It was this negligence that inspired Michael to announce his candidacy. Michael's service to schools dates back to his youth, when his parents Lane, a retired schoolteacher, and Randy, a CPA and former director of the Oklahoma Tax Commission's Business Tax division, modeled a passion for schools by volunteering with his school's Parent Teacher Organization, often involving Michael and his brother, Dan, in calling campaigns for bond elections. While working on his undergraduate degree at the University of Central Oklahoma, Michael was awarded a commendation by the Choctaw/Nicomma Park superintendent and board of education for his work on behalf of the district's bond efforts. Michael's professional career includes recognition as the 2016-2017 Sand Springs Education Association's Teacher of the Year for his site and, more importantly, imparting the importance of lifelong learning to class after class of high school students at both his alma mater, Choctaw High School, and his present school, Charles Page High School.

Michael attained his BA from the UCO, where he spent four years as a member the prestigious President's Leadership Council as well as an officer in the Student Programming Board. He also served as a member of the student senate.

Michael resides in west Tulsa with his wife, Lindsay, a school counselor; their daughter Claire, a third-grader; and their two dogs. The Rosses attend Harvard Avenue Christian Church.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

With state services seriously impacted by over a decade of budget cuts, Michael will fight for a budget that is fair to all Oklahomans. Corporate welfare and giveaways to special interests have bled state for too long, and a long-outdated tax code is due to be revised to reflect the realities of a 21st Century economy. Michael will champion an Oklahoma that puts the needs of working families over lobbyists.

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

A free public education for all children is a principal so central to Oklahoma that it is promised in the state's Constitution. In the past decade, though, decisions made at the Capitol have left that promise tarnished. As Representative, Michael Ross will fight to honor the commitment made in Article III, giving children an education that empowers and equips them for the future. As a career classroom teacher and second-generation Oklahoma educator, Michael has seen the effects of the legislature's inaction on our state's classrooms. Once elected, Michael will make the reversal of a decade's decline in classroom funding a top priority, working to provide stable revenue sources to put needed money into classrooms and provide a revenue stream to cover the cost of raises for teachers with zero impact on other state agencies.



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Jenks is truly a special place and has been such a blessing to my family. When presented with the opportunity to serve on the Jenks Planning Commission in 2004, it was the least I could do to show my appreciation for the exceptional quality of life my family, friends, and neighbors enjoy. Now almost a decade later and humbled to serve as Mayor, my goals remain the same as my first day as a newly appointed planning commissioner;

Preserve Our Small Town Charm | Protect Our Citizens | Plan for Financial Security
Promote Our City, recognized in 2013 by Bloomberg/BusinessWeek as the "Best Place in Oklahoma to Raise Kids"

My love and thanks to my wife, Lea Ann, and daughter, Laney, who sacrifice so much so I may serve this great community. My thanks as well to the citizens of Jenks for their continued support and commitment to the future of Jenks. God bless them all for lifting up our community and preserving our quality of life for the next generation to enjoy!

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE



Christopher Brobst

Party | *Republican*

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Hello, let me tell you my story. I am the oldest of four siblings. I was born in Anderson, Indiana. Both my mom, Anita Key-Brobst, and dad, Robert "Tony" Brobst, hail from Alexandria, Indiana, a small town that was nicknamed "Small Town, U.S.A." during World War II. My early years were spent on the campus of Purdue University while my dad finished his college degree. After dad graduated, the family moved to Palm Bay, Florida where dad worked as an engineer and mom was a homemaker. During this time I was involved in sports, joined the Boy Scouts, and played the violin. I credit my parents for giving me the opportunities to be involved in so many activities which allowed me to grow up to be a well-rounded adult.

At the age of 14, I got a job working as a gas attendant at my cousin's gas station every day after school and on the weekends. This was my first lesson in hard work and the value of a dollar. While growing up our family moved around a few times before putting down roots in Tulsa. I graduated from Union High School in 1996. I attended Tulsa Community College where I obtained three Associate of Science degrees in Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma State University.

During my last two years of college I was working full time as a computer technician but felt I had a passion for something else. Teaching. I got my teaching certification and began teaching in 2003. But for me, teaching isn't limited to just the classroom. I have coached football, basketball, baseball, been the Student Council sponsor, History Bee sponsor, History Club sponsor, Geography Bee sponsor, team leader, department chair, and served on numerous committees.

I currently reside in Glenpool and teach in Bixby. Most nights you will find me at one of Bixby's many sporting events working the clock, scoreboard, and/or announcing. On the weekends and during the summer I work several different side jobs to make ends meet. The one constant through all the changes in my life has been my family. They taught me the importance of strong family values. My mom, Anita, lives in Indiana and owns her own doggy day care. My dad, Tony, and step-mom, Laurie, both work in sales and live in Tulsa. My sister, Holly, works as a TV news producer in New York City. My youngest sister, Meghan, is a Jenks High School graduate and is currently attending the University of Oklahoma in Norman. My brother, Michael, currently attends Jenks Public Schools.

HOUSE DISTRICT 68 (con.)



Nicole Nixon

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Growing up the oldest daughter of an Air Force captain, I was raised with a deep unyielding respect and sense of pride for our service men and women. My Dad is responsible for my deep love of music, and instilled in me an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, a strong sense of responsibility for our elders and children, and an emphasis on strong moral values and leadership through inspiration and example. My Mom was the oldest of 8 and raised in Oklahoma. She was a home maker, always involving herself with my school and the community, teaching me creative problem solving, a love for art and history, kindness, love, respect, the value of hard work, and the notion that charity starts at home. We traveled the country when I was young, experiencing the diverse cultures of California and Ohio, among others, and learning the patchwork of historic greatness of our nation. Finally, we settled in a 104-year-old farm house just north of Collinsville Oklahoma in 1994.

Living the farm life provided plenty of character building moments and grit. After the initial culture shock wore off I fell in love with small town Oklahoma. In middle school, I became so captivated with our small town, I got involved with our main street organization. I have always deeply valued the immense kindness, godliness, hard work ethic, moral character, and close community that Oklahomans share. It is a truly unique and wonderful place to grow up and to raise a family.

I graduated from Collinsville High School an avid musician and artist. Since there weren't any apprenticeship or mentorship programs I sought out opportunities to build a strong foundation through hard work and diligence to ultimately find a career I could grow into.

I started working at the age of 15 in a small diner, and continued to diligently pursue better opportunities until I landed an entry-level position at a metals distributor where I worked for about 8 years. Starting as a receptionist, I relentlessly pursued a sales position and after 3 years was finally granted my wish. We are now blessed that my husband has a great job and I was finally able to become a stay at home mom like my mother before me. Devoting my time and attention to my kids, volunteering at the public school they attended, and serving my wonderful, unique community by becoming the president of my neighborhood association, GOP precinct chair, and diving into the rich and amazing history of West Tulsa, I gained a profound interest in politics and public service.

In April, my family's and community's lives were turned upside-down when the Tulsa public school district announced a proposal to close 3 schools in west Tulsa because of anticipated state budget shortfalls including my children's neighborhood school. The proposal would consolidate all the elementary children into the middle school and the middle school students in with the high school. Knowing how this would affect my children, neighborhood, community, and local economy, I banded together with other parents and community members to fight against this terrible idea. I educated myself on the issues Oklahoma, and Tulsa in particular, face with regards to education, and was appalled to find a huge lack of transparency, accountability, and innovation. I spoke out at every level to anyone that would listen. I took my children to every community meeting allowing them the opportunity of being included in the process of a decision that directly affected them. Both of my children decided to speak out at the final meeting where the school board voted to close their schools. It was a sad day for West Tulsa, but I made a promise to my children and my community that the fight wasn't over yet and that I would continue to do whatever necessary to fix our education problems. My heart ached at the loss, but I chose to view this as a blessing in disguise, and a message from God that it was time to bring the people together.

I never set out to run for public office, but I am unable to continue standing by, feeling powerless over my children's future! Like many Oklahomans, I'm sickened that our children, teachers, elders, and communities' lives are suffering so the elite can play political games! I'm tired of hearing nice things and seeing results of the opposite! I'm done waiting for a candidate

that actually represents me and my community! That is why I am now running at full speed for Oklahoma Senate district 37 to put us back into the center of the conversation to bring more transparency, accountability, and creative thinking to our state government and its budget issues. This a community problem that demands a community solution! If we want the status quo to change, we need to stop electing the same cookie-cutter, well connected politicians. Money doesn't win elections, people do, as we clearly saw during our last presidential race! We need change and we need it now! We need someone who knows us and has lived the struggles we face, someone who cares, someone who's relentless and real, and someone that wants to see all of us prosper together! We need to continue the legacies that have been handed down to us. We all need to stand up and be leaders in order to leave this place better than we found it! Please join me as, together, we lead our state back to the greatness of our hard-working families, innovative youth, and proud history!

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

I love our immigrants that have come here to find new hope and opportunity and have prioritized becoming citizens of our great nation! I further love those that have embraced the American dream and started businesses here!

BUDGET

I believe you can't get where you're going without knowing where you are. In depth audits across all of our state agencies need to be a priority to ensure the money entrusted to the government is being spent in the most efficient and effective way possible. We have nearly 3 times the recent tax increase in projected surplus revenue for next year and I'm excited to see it hopefully go to help education, infrastructure and our most vulnerable.

INTERFAITH

I am excited to serve all of my constituents equally.

BULLYING

My children are not a minority but they are also bullied and harassed. I believe discipline in the schools needs to be addressed by the parents consistently with the school district. I have fought this battle for many years and will continue to do so as a parent on the local level because I strongly believe in local control of our schools, children learning consequences, and personal responsibility.

HATE CRIMES

I would like to know which laws specifically your members would like addressed. I strongly believe the proper role of government is to protect life, liberty, and property for every citizen.

EDUCATION

I think we need to address the state mandates for education, reform the funding formula to make it more simple, and use the innovative and we'll educated minds of our state to decide what a fantastic 21st century education looks like so we can start making steps towards that. I think if we look at the work environment of teachers and give them more freedom to use their expensive educations to teach we will not only free up money spent on expensive high stakes standardized testing, out of state consultants and scripted curriculum, but will produce better educational outcomes for our students. Im tired of comparing ourselves against every other state, I want every other state to compare themselves against us!

HOUSE DISTRICT 68 (con.)



Karen Renee Wright

Party | *Republican*

Website

www.friendsofkarenwright2018.com

My name is Karen Wright, and I am running for State House of Representatives, District 68.

So, how did I get here?

I was an infant in Seoul, South Korea when I was dropped off in front of a police station. I was then taken to an orphanage where the doctors guessed how old I was, gave me a name, and gave me a new birthday. I was told they chose the closest American holiday which happened to be March 17th.

My parents, both educators who lived in Oklahoma, saw my picture and chose me. They were told I was too sick to fly to meet them in the United States, but they already knew that I was meant to be theirs. They received a loan, then flew to Korea to get me. This is where I became Karen Seaman, and the next chapter of my life began.

Ever since I was a child I had always known that there were three things I wanted to be: a wife, a mom, and a teacher. My passion for teaching children followed me throughout my life and included babysitting, mission trips to orphanages, being a camp counselor, and working in daycare. My life took the path that I dreamed of when I met my husband at Oral Roberts University, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Elementary Education Degree, and got my first teaching job at Grove Elementary for Union Public Schools. My dreams continued to come true as I was blessed with my three beautiful daughters and had the opportunity to stay home for four years, before I ended up back where I started as a teacher. As of today, I have been a proud Jenks Trojan teacher for the past 10 years. I am able to be a teacher today because I have a husband who enables me financially to follow my passion. But it hasn't always been an easy journey. There have been times of struggle where I have considered finding another job to be able to support my family. However, we have always been able to persevere.

On March 29th, 2018 Governor Fallin signed HB1010xx into law. Although teachers were awarded a raise, that was not what we were fighting for. We want our government to understand the importance of education to our state. To be honest, going into the walkout I was hesitant. I had my students and their upcoming state testing to think of. When I realized I had coworkers, district, and community support, I was determined to go to the capitol and to find out the quickest way to end the walkout and fund education. When I arrived at the capitol the first day, the excitement in the air was contagious. This was a living, breathing movement that demanded change. I loved getting to interact and be a part of the exhilarating crowds outside the capitol; nevertheless, I needed to get in the action and wanted to make change. While inside the capitol, I learned so much. First, I learned the importance of asking questions to anyone who will listen. It wasn't just about talking to my legislators who represent me, but to any legislator who would see us. Second, I realized knowledge was key to deciphering the vague answers given to me. I couldn't just go off of what I was told alone. I had to spend hours researching on my own in order to figure out the truth about what, I believed, was the quickest route to increase funding for education. From day one, I could tell that we were not a priority. The legislators couldn't understand why teachers were still walking out when they had already passed a bill that met our "requests." We were brushed aside as a unit and left to protest, knowing they weren't going to take action.

When filing day opened on April 11, I started having friends suggest that I file for candidacy. There were many reasons why I said it could not be me. I would need the blessing and support of my husband, family, and more knowledge about what filing would mean. Oddly enough, my husband and family immediately gave me their support. I still was not confident it should be me. For eight days during the walkout I went through all sorts of emotions. My own daughters told me that I spoke to legislators more than I talked to them. I was driving over three hours a day and coming home absolutely exhausted. There were many days that I was literally sick to my stomach and could barely eat. Truthfully, although frustrated,

I had never felt more at peace when I heard my district announce that we would be resuming classes that following Monday. I woke up Friday morning and headed to a meeting held by our district. As I was sitting in the auditorium waiting for the meeting to start, I realized that I still had questions that could only be answered by me returning to the capitol. I knew that Friday was the last chance I had to get my answers. So I left the meeting and ran into my school’s counselor; we decided to head to the capitol one last time. I got in the car to call my daughters and let them know I was going back to the capitol, even though I had planned to spend the day with them. My youngest daughter immediately asked “are you going to file?” At that point, my answer was still, “it’s not meant to be me.” While driving, I spoke to my husband again to get his reassurance, which he gave me 100%. When we arrived at the capitol, my husband let me know there were already five people filed for my district. Yet, if there was one thing I learned the past nine days, it was that I needed to research who it was that was going to represent me. When I looked at who had filed under my party I could not feel confident that I wanted one of them to represent me. At that moment, I felt compelled to file. I knew that I needed answers to my questions about education funding and that our district needed a voice to support our students in the legislature. I’m tired of the red tape and lack of clear answers on why our representatives can’t prioritize our students, and I’m ready to provide 100% transparency in everything I do as your representative. I hope you’ll partner with me on this journey to improve Oklahoma as your state representative for House District 68.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

Karen will work to find new and creative ideas to solve our budget crisis

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

No Answer

HOUSE DISTRICT 68 (con.)

J. Lee Miller Jr.

Party | *Libertarian*

NO RESPONSE



Heather Chenoweth

Party | *Independent*

My name is Heather Chenoweth, I'm running in District 68.

I'm a solutions minded individual. I grew up in a teacher family and I followed in my father's footsteps to become a high school teacher.

In my spare time, I teach sunday school, volunteer and have sold my artwork across the southwest.

My goal is to have safe, healthy communities and schools.

I am a proud Oklahoman, and I know together we have a bright future and we will be the next best thing.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 69

Randall Scott Padek

Party | Democrat

NO RESPONSE

Michael Albert Mitrik

Party | Democrat

My name is Mike Mitrik, and I am running for State Representative for Oklahoma House District 69, which serves constituents in South Tulsa, Jenks and Bixby. I have worked in public education as an administrator and a teacher for over 20 years in Oklahoma. The recent teacher walkout, in early April 2018, inspired me to run for office. For those parents, students, teachers, and legislators who chose to support the value of Oklahoma's public education system, I am extremely grateful. Thank you.

So why run for office? Well, it was evident, after two weeks of the walkout, that the majority of the Oklahoma legislature, and the Governor, were not on the same page as the people of Oklahoma. Their influence clearly came from the few they represent and the large debt they have created by a lack of defending Oklahoma from corporate interests. I believe that we, the voters, can change the dialogue in the Capitol to better reflect the interests of all Oklahomans. Better funding for public education, new industry to share in contributing to Oklahoma's tax base, and criminal justice reform are the top three priorities in my campaign.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 69 (con.)



Andy Richardson

Andy is a fourth generation Tulsan. He attended Tulsa Public Schools, and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. Andy's parents were both life-long public school teachers, and retired from TPS and Berryhill Public Schools.

After high school, Andy received a B.A. from Oklahoma State University and a law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. After law school, Andy and his wife, Natalie, moved to Tulsa in 1994, where Andy began practicing law and Natalie began working at the Tulsa Area United Way.

Party | Democrat

Website

www.andy4ok.com

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

Unless we are Native Americans, we are all immigrants. I understand and appreciate the cultural and economic impact we who are immigrants have on our state and our society. I believe we are better when we accept and celebrate our diversity.

BUDGET

First and foremost, I prioritize public K-12 education. The economic forecasts for the next two years look positive for Oklahoma. We should permanently dedicate revenue to long-term, sustainable funding for public education.

INTERFAITH

A central tenet of my faith (the Episcopal tradition) is that we reject bigotry in all its forms. In my faith community, we appreciate and respect the differences of other people of faith in our communities. I strive to do this. As you are probably aware, the incumbent in my district, Rep. Chuck Strohm, has disrespected the Muslim community and is unworthy of serving in public office.

BULLYING

Bullying should not be tolerated or accepted in our schools, or in our communities. Period. I try to instill this in my children. Education, discussion and shared experiences is of the utmost importance.

HATE CRIMES

As an attorney, I believe that crimes against persons and property should be fully enforced. Ignorance or institutional bigotry is not a defense. I was deeply saddened by the property destruction at Peace Academy in Tulsa.

EDUCATION

Fully supporting, maintaining and funding public education is my top campaign priority. This is a mandate of Article XIII of the Oklahoma Constitution. Class sizes must be reduced. Four-day school weeks must be eliminated. We need to increase the number of certified teachers in our public schools.



Sheila Dills

Sheila (Luginbuel) Dills grew up in Vinita, Oklahoma. Her family owns a 93-year-old multi-generational funeral service business in towns across Northeastern Oklahoma.

From an early age, her parents instilled in her the importance of public service and professionalism. Public service is at the core of Sheila's Christian faith. After graduating from Vinita High School, where she was voted by the faculty as the most likely student in her senior class to succeed, Sheila was offered a scholarship to play golf for highly-ranked Oklahoma State University. She had a successful career on the course and in the classroom, graduating with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.

After graduating from OSU, Sheila married her husband Joey Dills and started a family in Tulsa. She sold real estate and worked in the interior design business while raising her daughter along with nurturing a blended family. Sheila has served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Oklahoma Golf Association for the past seven years and as President of the organization for the last four years. During this time she was instrumental in converting the 101-year-old organization from a social organization into a 501c3 public charity.

She developed successful programs such as a scholarship program for high school seniors, a grants program for underfunded Oklahoma high schools and a grass roots program to introduce young girls to the game of golf. In 2016, Sheila was appointed by Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum to a steering committee to offer solutions for an area of Tulsa with very high concentrations of crime and poverty. She immediately saw a need and founded a 501c3 non-profit for at-risk youth called Tulsa Midnight Basketball which she serves as president. Tulsa Midnight Basketball is a development program that offers nutritional services, life skill workshops and recreation for underprivileged youth.

Sheila has also served on local, state and national boards of directors, including the First Tee, the Oklahoma Golf Hall of Fame, The South Tulsa Community House, The Tulsa Fraternal Order of Police Benevolent Fund and The American Cancer Society. Sheila has chaired many committees, events, and fundraisers. She is also a member of the Jenks Optimist Club, the Tulsa Republican Women's Club, and the NRA.

Sheila enjoys hobbies such as skeet shooting, hunting, and fishing, reading, gardening, playing the piano and an occasional round of golf. Sheila and her husband Joey have been married for 25 years. Joey has worked in the Commercial Insurance Business for more than 35 years. Sheila and Joey attend Asbury United Methodist Church.

Party | Republican

Website

www.votesheiladills.com

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

Our current budget process is a mess! It is simple crisis to crisis management based on wishful thinking. It is time we stand up and demand our government and our representatives fix our broken budget process. Without fixing our budget we cannot have a long term vision for the growth of our state. Our budget is priority number one and I will address it on day one!

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

It is our job to educate our children. It is in our constitution, and it is our responsibility. Education is at the heart of every issue we face as a state. We want companies to move here, we want companies here to grow, they all say the hardest thing to do is hire quality people. With a stable and solid education system, we can truly unlock Oklahoma's potential.

HOUSE DISTRICT 69 (con.)



Chuck Strohm

Party | *Republican*

Website

www.chuckstrohm.com

Chuck was Elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2014

I am passionate about our wonderful cities because I share the values, beliefs, and work ethic of my friends and neighbors. Because I can think of no place I'd rather live, I want my children and grandchildren to experience the same freedoms, community, and core values I've enjoyed over so many years. That is why I feel called to serve another term.

We have so many wonderful churches, exceptional schools, growing businesses, and strong families that reflect the conservative nature of our area. Because of my involvement at the local level combined with strong problem solving skills developed over 25+ years of engineering, I am uniquely qualified to represent our area in Oklahoma City.

EXPERIENCE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Experienced as a small business owner as well as a full time employee, I understand the challenges businesses face due mandates from the federal and state governments. My goal is to help bridge the gap between city leaders and state government because the local community is the lifeblood of economic growth.

Oklahomans don't like the federal government encroaching on our state's rights. Whether it's through Obamacare, gun control, or the many social mandates the Feds are always trying to force on us, I will be an advocate for the life of the unborn and family, lower taxes, and making Oklahoma more attractive to prospective businesses because these reflect the values of our area.

Both Chuck and Angela are graduates of Leadership Jenks and Chuck served as Chairman of the Jenks Bond Oversight Committee and Vice-Chair of the Jenks Planning Commission until elected to the OK House.

Chuck served on the Tulsa County Executive Committee and was the Precinct 700 Chairman for several years and is author of the Tulsa County Republican Party Precinct Organization Handbook.

DEVOTED TO FAMILY AND FAITH

Chuck and Angela were married in 2000 and have four children between them. They understand the challenges of bringing together blended families, and could not be more proud of their children. Chuck, whose father was a doctor has a strong admiration and respect for the Medical Community. Chuck's oldest daughter Tamara, is a graduate of Jenks HS and is a doctor at the Cleveland Clinic wrapping up her fourth year of Neurology residency. Chuck's second daughter Brittany, also a graduate of Jenks, is a first year Psychiatry resident in Salt Lake City. Their son Andre, a graduate of Victory Christian School is a freshman at ORU and Reagan is in sixth grade at Victory.

Chuck and His family attend Victory Christian Center and they are thrilled to sit under the leadership of Pastor Paul Daugherty. Chuck first book, Prayer Demystified was published in 2015 and is available at Amazon, Mardel and all major book retailers.

Prayer Demystified begins by looking at what is pray and why do we pray. We examine the idea that rather than always talking to God, prayer should really be talking with Him.

Prayer demystified lays out the principles of prayer in easy to understand ideas with the goal that dynamic and power-filled prayer will become a part of your daily life. The storms of life will come, but by developing your prayer life and confidence in the Word of God, you will be prepared to prevail.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

The Republicans have a supermajority, yet they are out-spending any previous administration in the history of our state. I have spent years developing budgeting techniques for our home and am in the process of writing a book on the subject. In the end, it comes down to one thing. We should not seek to be revenue neutral. As a state, we should seek to be savers during the good years knowing that the lean years will come. I will support legislation that encourages saving, cuts to unnecessary programs or pet projects, and deals with subsidies, incentives and rebates that allow government to choose winners and losers.

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

My wife, her parents, and her brother are all educators. I understand personally from their experiences the roadblocks that sometimes distract teachers from being able to just focus on their greatest joy - teaching our precious children. I understand the need to improve teacher pay and channel more money to the classroom. I understand and have had many talk with me about the challenges created by the new testing standards. These are difficult problems for which no easy solution exists. As an engineer, my training has equipped me to solve difficult problems, and if elected, I would use this training to work with other legislators to develop common sense solutions. One approach which is already finding support is to consider legislation that puts money in the classroom by allowing budget line item splits that separate teacher/classroom from administration line items. In any approach to education, I will support legislation that places control in the hands of parents and teachers rather than bureaucrats and the Federal Government. I value Oklahoma's rich heritage and respect for Home-schoolers and will be a strong advocate on their behalf. I also understand the importance of parents having the ability to send their children to the school of their choice. As such, I support school choice initiatives and other free market solutions that insure all children get the best education possible.

HOUSE DISTRICT 70



JJ Brunam

JJ Burnam is a Tulsa parent deeply invested in the success of Oklahoma’s public schools. JJ and his wife, Christi, are parents of four daughters, ages 3, 9, 11 and 21.

JJ was thrust into the spotlight when he penned and delivered the phrase: “Funding public education should not be ‘historic.’ Funding public education should be normal!”

His message resonated deeply with Oklahoma’s teachers and parents who, regardless of past political party affiliation, have had enough of our state government’s willful neglect of public education and other core services.

Party | *Unlisted*

Website

www.jjburnam.com

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Josh Martin

Party | *Unlisted*

NO RESPONSE

Carol Bush

Party | *Unlisted*

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 71



Denise Brewer

Party | Democrat

Website

www.brewer4ok.com

Denise Brewer is a parent, national award-winning journalist and community volunteer. She is running to represent District 71 because she knows that our greatest asset is our people and it is time for their interests to be advocated for at the capitol.

Denise's family roots go back over 100 years in Oklahoma. While she is Oklahoman through and through, she was raised all over the world in tow of her father's decorated service in the Air Force. Through her travels, she has seen first-hand that education and hard work are the cornerstones of a strong society. Once her family settled back in Norman, Oklahoma Denise focused on her childhood dream of being a journalist.

Denise worked her way through college, graduating from the University of Oklahoma earning her bachelor's degree in Journalism. Upon graduation, she followed in the footsteps of her hero, Walter Cronkite and became a television journalist. Over the course of her award-winning career, she has worked as a producer and broadcast journalist for a number of television affiliates in Tulsa as well as NPR.

Denise believes that Tulsa is on the verge of great things if our state government would only get out of the way. While she loves this state, she knows that our vibrant community has been handicapped by policies enacted by the leadership at the state capitol. We must fix our legislature before Tulsa can truly become a destination for businesses and travelers alike.

In covering stories all over Tulsa, Denise has seen the true potential of our citizens. Tulsa is brimming with entrepreneurial spirit, culture, and hospitality. She believes that we need representation that will put our assets front and center and deliver for our community. In order to do that, we must invest in our kids, their teachers and the schools that educate our workforce.

Today, Denise lives and works in Tulsa as a media professional. She is the proud parent of three great kids, Patrick 22, Riley 19, and Aidan 15.

DENISE BREWER QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

Our country was built by and for immigrants. The restrictions put forth by Donald Trump and supported by the Oklahoma & National Republican Party are abhorrent. When you look at the facts and ignore the misleading rhetoric, you'll see legal immigrants are solid members of our Oklahoma communities.

- Overall, foreign-born immigrants make up 6 percent of the state's population, but they make up 8 percent of the workforce.
- 10,012 immigrants in Oklahoma are self-employed.
- 40,794 immigrants are homeowners in Oklahoma.
- 32 percent of immigrants in Oklahoma are U.S. citizens, compared to 47 percent nationwide.

BUDGET

Yes. The first step is to reinstate the tax cuts given to Oklahoma's most wealthy and remove the tax cut/benefit packages given to Oklahoma's most profitable companies (oil & gas). That will provide sustainable revenue into the 100s of millions of dollars.

1. Education
2. Health/Mental Health
3. Bridges/Roads/City infrastructure

INTERFAITH

I'm proud to have worked with Sheryl Siddiqui for many years through my role in the media. It's because of Sheryl that I have always had a hijab in my desk: so I could show proper respect wherever we met.

First & foremost if there ever arises a situation which excludes, discriminates or blocks out the Muslim/Interfaith community in any way, I will be the first person to fight that discrimination. Experts in every issue we are fighting will be called in and together, with the Islamic Council of Oklahoma, we will prevail.

Being included in and becoming a member of our neighborhoods, districts (mine is HD71, 21st - 81st & the river to Lewis), community groups, festivals, etc takes work on both sides. I know in my district, just say the word and you'll be welcomed with open arms.

I'd be proud to have Muslim/Interfaith volunteers join our team! Another way to get involved in the community. Seriously- email denisebrewer321@gmail.com or text 918-381-4530 and we'll work together to make Oklahoma a better place!

BULLYING

Community. Since the teacher walk out, the entire state has rallied around our neighborhood schools. Our neighborhoods are claiming our schools as our own: that includes our students & teachers. Parents are more than ever ready to talk to improve situations.

And that takes us back to Education Funding: if we aren't fully funding our schools, staff, teachers and the simple basics, we aren't funding security.

HATE CRIMES

After consulting with experts in the area, I'd like to strengthen the first offense Misdemeanor charge.

EDUCATION

Raise GPT to 7% immediately. Restore highest wage earners tax brackets to 6% & 7%

HOUSE DISTRICT 71 (con.)



Beverly A. Atteberry

I am pleased to announce that I have filed to run as a Republican for Oklahoma House of Representatives - District 71. The State of Oklahoma needs representatives that want our State to be at the top of the lists that benefit our State. I understand the law and have studied it for over 25 years. We need representatives that pass laws that will stand up to a legal challenge in the courts.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | *Republican*

Website

www.beverlyatteberry.wixsite.com



Cheryl Baber

Cheryl Baber is a Tulsa attorney who enjoys life with her CPA husband, Chuck, and their two sons, Grant and Luke. She grew up on a farm and ranch in Walters, Oklahoma as the youngest of four daughters who spent their summers harvesting wheat with the family out on the Great Plains. Cheryl initially attended Oklahoma City University and majored in journalism before transferring during her junior year to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. There, she graduated summa cum laude, was named the Outstanding Graduate in the Division of Political Science and Public Administration, and she received a Rotary Foundation International Scholarship. She used that scholarship to obtain a degree in international history and politics at the Graduate Institute of International Affairs in Geneva, Switzerland. Upon returning to the United States, Cheryl obtained a law degree at Columbia University School of Law in New York.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | *Republican*

Website

www.cherlybaber.com

HOUSE DISTRICT 71 (con.)

Eric McCray

Party | *Republican*

NO RESPONSE

Mark Edward Kosinski

Party | *Republican*

NO RESPONSE



Ben Croff

Party | *Republican*

Website

www.bencroff.com

Our family moved to Stillwater in 2010 when my wife, Julie, was offered a faculty position at Oklahoma State University. Julie is the fifth generation to live and work in Oklahoma. She was excited to bring our family home. While we lived in Stillwater, I attended OSU and completed a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology. After graduation, I secured a job with a manufacturing company. As an engineer, I am a man of a few words and a passion for identifying solutions.

We relocated to Tulsa in 2015, and are blessed and privileged that our children receive a quality Spanish immersion experience within the Tulsa Public School system. I have a unique perspective that other candidates may lack because our children currently attend public schools. I am familiar with the school funding crisis because my children live it everyday.

I grew up working for a small family-run business. From a young age, I learned the value of hard work and the importance of a well-rounded education for keeping the business profitable. My experiences working with family have taught me to be direct; to be a man of my word; to ask for a second opinion; and to have a thick skin.

Most weekends, I'm out riding my bicycle with my family. In Stillwater, we rode on gravel roads in the country. I enjoy the bike-friendliness of Tulsa--preferring to run errands by bike when possible. Join me, as we ride on the path forward.

HOUSE DISTRICT 72



Monroe Nichols

Party | Democrat

Website

www.monroeforoklahoma.com

Born in Central Texas, Monroe was raised by a single mother following his parents divorce. His father, a police officer, passed away when Monroe was 14 years old. In his younger years, Monroe excelled in sports and served as president of his church youth group. It was a trip to Washington, DC with his mom, a member of the Waco Housing Authority Board at the time, that sparked his interest in politics. For Monroe, his love of sports, his faith and love of politics would define his career moving forward.

"Outside of losing my father, there isn't much I'd change about how I grew up. My mom taught me about sacrifice and my entire family taught me what it meant to stick together in good times and bad."

Monroe became Representative Nichols on June 28, 2016, serving Oklahoma House District 72 in Tulsa County. With his electoral victory, he became the first person of color to represent House District 72 in the Oklahoma Legislature. Representative Nichols has been resident of his district for over 15 years, dating back to his days as a student at the University of Tulsa. Representative Nichols has been a long advocate for his community with a specific focus on ensuring all students are guaranteed a high-quality education, expanding access to health services, reducing unemployment rates and improving safety in neighborhoods.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

A.C. Frost

Party | Democrat

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 75



Karen Gaddis

Party | Democrat
Website

www.karengaddis.com

We need decisive leadership at our state capitol and I am ready to get to work and be a part of the solution.

In 2011, I retired from a 40-year career in public education. Some may say that I got out before things got really bad in Oklahoma, and in all honesty, I believe they are correct. Over the next five years I watched in horror as educators and students across our state were put on the chopping block, so in 2016 I became the first Democratic candidate for House District 75 in more than a decade.

I campaigned on a platform that promoted public education, knocked doors, got to hear the concerns facing people in my district, and on July 11, 2017, we flipped this district! I am a career educator, not a politician. I am not running for office as a stepping-stone to another career. I am answering the call to "Save Our Schools" and restore the Oklahoma Standard to one of which we can be proud.

If you live in House District 75, I humbly ask for your vote and your support.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS NO RESPONSE

Seneca Collins

Party | Democrat

NO RESPONSE



T.J. Marti

Party | Republican
Website

www.jtforoklahoma.com

I am T.J. Marti and I am seeking the seat for Oklahoma House of Representatives District 75. I am a pharmacist and owner of CareFirst Pharmacy, running for office for the first time. My mission in life is to take care of others. We run our business like we run our household, with love and respect. Our employees are like family.

I grew up in western Oklahoma and moved to the Tulsa area in 2009. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 2006, I worked for a chain pharmacy and an independent pharmacy. In 2011, I opened CareFirst Pharmacy in Broken Arrow, OK. In 2016, I opened our second CareFirst in Tulsa, as well as purchased the three Apothecary Shoppe pharmacies. I'm excited about a new venture, Sunshine Care Partners, a chronic care and transition care management company that focuses on cost-saving preventative care. This company looks after the chronically ill and people transitioning from nursing home beds, rehabilitation facilities, and other care facilities to home.

My wife, Tiffany, and I have three children: Jagger(7), Jett(2), and Layla(11 months). My family and I attend Life Church. When I am not working or spending time with family, I enjoy golfing and playing basketball. I am passionate about running a successful business and raising children who serve their neighbors instead of themselves.

Frankly, that's what's wrong with our state. Instead of doing what's best for the people, politicians are self-serving. Instead of voting as the voice of their constituents, politics is always at play. I - TJ Marti - vow to put a stop to political glad-handing. We need money for education - specifically our hardworking teachers, for veterans, mental health, and special needs. We can find that money by cutting out the waste! I consider myself a conservative, pro-life and believe firmly in the Second Amendment.

My vote is not for sale!

HOUSE DISTRICT 76



Forrest Mayer

Forrest is an informal science educator who believes that Oklahoma is long overdue for an update. Our laws are outdated, our technology is obsolete, and our legislature's priorities are petty and narrow-minded. Our grand state is quickly falling behind. In many places, it already has.

Forrest sees the lessons of science as guides to effective public policy. When making decisions, he relies on evidence and reason rather than emotion and tradition in order to ensure that issues are solved fairly, rationally, and in an innovative manner. His goal is to bring Oklahoma into the 21st Century and put us on the cutting edge of industry, education, and technology.

Party | Democrat

Website

www.mayerfor76.com

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE



Ross Ford

Prior to running for office, Ross proudly served his community as a Tulsa police officer for over 25 years. During his time as an officer, Ross was tasked with many responsibilities including being a patrol officer in all areas of Tulsa, protecting the Tulsa airport, being a Dare and community relations officer.

Party | Republican

Website

www.fordforhouse.com

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 76 (con.)



Dean Howe

1. State Tax Expert - CPA for 30+ years, retired
2. Veteran - Major in the U.S. Army, paratrooper
3. Broken Arrow resident since 1976
4. Community volunteer- Scouts, PTA, and youth sports

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | *Republican*

Shelley Brumbaugh

Party | *Republican*

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 77



Shay White

As a Social Worker, Shay understands the importance of access to quality healthcare, education, and core services being central to the success of all healthy, thriving, and flourishing communities in Oklahoma. She is running because she believes we need leaders with common sense & core moral values in our State Legislature.

Shay will bring a fresh perspective and voice of reason to the Capitol, but she needs your help to do it. Will you sign up to join the campaign team today?

Party | Democrat

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

I believe that no human being is illegal and that families do not have borders. I believe that the contributions of immigrants prove that they are a vital force in our tax base and economy, even if they are undocumented.

BUDGET

Yes we should. Education, Healthcare, ODSMH, DHS, DOT

INTERFAITH

I would honor and invite the Muslim and interfaith community to continue to worship freely and uplift the impact of true religious freedom being exercised. I would actively seek to attend meetings with marginalized groups and leadership, also highlight the work they are doing in communities, and why it is important for every voice to have a seat at the table.

BULLYING

I believe strengthening protections would start with implementing legislation to extend the definition of hate/targeted crimes and to include individuals of Muslim faith as a protected class under Oklahoma law.

HATE CRIMES

This goes back to expanding the criteria for hate crimes as well as protected classes, which is a matter of introducing legislation and passing it.

EDUCATION

I will fight for a GPT increase to at least 7%, and the expansion of Medicaid, which would both be beneficial for the public education system in the long term. We need to increase teacher pay, without tapping into their benefits, increase per pupil funding, and adequately fund support personnel positions etc.

HOUSE DISTRICT 77 (con.)



John Waldron

Party | Democrat

Website

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I'm John Waldron, a parent, a public school teacher and a proud thirteen-year resident of House District 77. Last year, I was so concerned about the state of our government that I ran for state senate. I lost that race, but I learned two things: that being a candidate for office means listening to the people, and that things aren't getting any better. This year's legislature was a bitter disappointment for everyone who wanted our government to deliver on a balanced budget, public services that meet our needs, and responding to the democratic wishes of the people. Experience has shown me that nothing comes without hard work and persistence. So after consulting with my wife of fourteen years, Krista (also a public school teacher), and my eight-year old son, Van, I've thrown my hat into the ring again. Together we can restore good government in the name of the people of Oklahoma.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE



Todd Blackburn

Party | Republican

Website

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Todd is a lifelong resident of Tulsa County, growing up in mid-town Tulsa. He graduated from Edison HS and began a family. They moved to Florida for three years, joining his parents who have since moved back to Tulsa. Todd's young family returned to Tulsa for a new job with MCI WorldCom in 1998, where he lived in Tulsa and Broken Arrow sequentially for 14 years. This move home to Tulsa County was the beginning of his lifelong career in the Telecom world.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 78



Meloyde Blancett

Meloyde Blancett was born and raised in Oklahoma, where she learned the value of hard work and education from an early age. She worked her way through college, graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelors of Art in Journalism and Professional Writing. Meloyde credits the time she spent working as a daily reporter for the Tulsa Tribune and Norman Transcript immediately after graduation for sparking her interest in civic engagement.

Throughout her professional career Meloyde Blancett has remained committed to the importance of entrepreneurship, creativity, civic engagement and volunteering to improve her community. She owns a local business, The Blancett Group, which specializes in providing marketing and public relations consulting for private firms and public institutions across Oklahoma.

Party | *Democrat*

Website

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Cindy Gaete

Party | *Democrat*

NO RESPONSE

Paul Royse

Party | *Republican*

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 79



Melissa Provenzano

Melissa is a lifelong Tulsa area native, married mom to two sons and stepmom to two daughters.

As a graduate of Northeastern State University with a BS in Organismic Biology and then from the University of Oklahoma with a MEd in Educational Leadership, Melissa honed her commitment to improving the lives of her fellow citizens by becoming an educator. First, as a Biology teacher at Will Rogers High School, then as an administrator at Booker T Washington High School, Hale Junior High and now for Bixby High School.

Melissa has worked tirelessly during her tenure as an educator to ensure that the children of Tulsa have access to a well-rounded social and academic school-going experience. Developing in each student the skills and abilities that allow them to be successful in life beyond high school as career and college-ready citizens is crucial to our long-term success.

Party | Democrat

Website

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

Immigrants own cars, buy homes, pay taxes, run businesses, shop at retailers, eat in restaurants, and contribute to the Oklahoma economy in the same way all citizens do. They deserve the same representation and respect as every other resident in our communities.

BUDGET

Yes, I support certain revenue-raising measures with strict oversight and transparency. We should spend, but do it responsibly.

My prioritized list:

1. Education funding - Teacher Salaries, Support, Resources
2. Health and Mental Health Care - 1 in 7 residents of Tulsa County have a diagnosed mental health disorder. Preventative treatment is the most important first step.
3. Criminal Justice reform- we imprison more women than any other state and are second in the nation of incarceration rates overall. This costs taxpayers \$23,000 per year to house an inmate when providing mental and social care services to non-violent offenders costs right around \$2,000. We can spend our money more wisely.

INTERFAITH

When I worked as a principal in a local middle school with a large Hispanic population, I learned very quickly that we must go directly to the communities we serve to listen, ask questions and take action. What I thought was initially best to promote family engagement was not the case, so I humbled myself and just started asking questions and listening. So many families lived in fear that the school would report them to authorities, so they did not come to the school and sent their children with baited breath. Often the children were bilingual, and thus the mouthpieces of the family to the community. We struggled at first getting families to the school, then we went into the communities, reached out to them where they were, and invited them into the school many times, and provided opportunities to volunteer and participate in that they were comfortable with. We coordinated educational outreach events where families could learn about their rights as Tulsans. Family engagement soared, and student attendance and participation improved.

BULLYING

As a school administrator who has seen this up close and personal, I worked to establish safe notification procedures for when students are bullied or harassed at school and beyond. We established an anonymous tip line, trained our teachers and staff to identify bullying and harassment quickly as well as making sure all staff understand it is the legal obligation to report bullying and harassment as soon as they are aware of it.

The next step is creating an environment that students feel safe in. You do not learn if you feel unsafe. All students have the right to feel safe at school and need to trust that the adults in their school building will act when there are dangerous activities occurring. Parents need to feel welcome at the school so that they too can report issues and trust that action will be taken.

HATE CRIMES

First, we must start with law enforcement officials. They must receive implicit bias training to help them recognize bias-motivated crimes and take swift action accordingly. We also need to increase the number of minority and female offices that represent the communities they work and live in.

EDUCATION

The first step in improving Oklahoma's public education system is securing a fair living salary for our teachers. We worked very hard to secure the \$6,000 raise for our teachers, and now it is being challenged again. My first order of business when in office would be to protect the teacher raises and secure the long-term funding beyond this first year without borrowing from other agencies to do so. I would then work to secure the long-term funding stream for per-pupil spending to purchase technology, textbooks, and resources so that we can prepare our students with the skills necessary to be competitive in the college and career path that extends beyond our secondary institutions.

HOUSE DISTRICT 79 (con.)



Brian Pingleton

Tulsa has always been home to Brian Pingleton, who currently lives in the central part of town. He grew up learning teamwork and discipline as an active participant in sports and graduated from Union High School. He became the first in his family to graduate college, earning a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the University of Tulsa, where he still volunteers in fundraising efforts for local students who have financial need and wish to attend TU.

Brian and his wife Misty married in 1997 and believe trust and communication are the key elements to their relationship. They have four children who started in and are all currently enrolled in Tulsa Public Schools. He has taken many roles in his kids' upbringing, including coach, cook, volunteer, and homework assistant.

Party | Democrat

Website

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

United States of America was founded on the concept of immigration, and protecting this philosophy today is more important than ever. Our state's increasing population is more diverse, giving rise to opportunities to increase cultural influences. The more our society accepts and understands our differences, the more prosperous it can be.

BUDGET

I support more revenue raising measures for education, health care, and transportation. Public education holds the highest priority, so the youth may have a quality, reliable standard of education. Health care is important since most Oklahomans die of preventable deaths, so we need to increase the access to affordable care. Transportation should be improved as well, as it is key to helping the state and local economies. We should have more funds to address the quality of roads and highways, but also interstate and interurban transit, with investments in Amtrak extension between OKC and Tulsa, as well as light rail for travel within the highway transit areas.

INTERFAITH

I believe in equitable opportunities for all citizens and would be engaged with communities no matter their ethnicity or faith. Youth can be the greatest asset for increasing civic awareness and engagement, so we should encourage and empower them by providing resources and places to bring the community together with celebrations, fairs, and social events. Most importantly, we want community members and organizations to know that the leaders support citizen involvement for all groups.

BULLYING

I would support implicit bias training in schools for both students and educators. There is a disconnect with people not realizing they're being oppressive because they do not recognize how much systematic oppression has influenced their world view. By being made aware of how we are influenced and how to combat those thoughts, we are more likely to appreciate cultural differences and be more welcoming. This starts at an early age.

HATE CRIMES

I would support laws for hate crimes and have implicit bias training in schools and other public sectors, such as police departments.

EDUCATION

The best thing our state can do is make public education a priority by funding the best, brightest teachers by offering competitive wages and benefits, providing innovative classroom resources and tools, and to remove many of the burdensome testing requirements. Our public schools should also have resources to allow for trained professionals that can help with social and mental health to support the children's overall wellbeing.

HOUSE DISTRICT 79 (con.)



Matthew Lee

I decided to enter the race for the state legislature because I believe that we can do better in Oklahoma. I want to give a voice to those I represent and to uphold the values that bind our communities together. Oklahoma needs someone to stand up to Oklahoma City bureaucracy and special interest groups and fight for the interests of all Oklahomans. I believe I am the candidate that can be your voice to move Oklahoma Forward.

I want to bring a new style of leadership to Oklahoma City; I will be results-oriented. This puts my focus on what is best for all of us instead of focusing on lobbyists and special interests. It's time that Oklahoma City starts working for Oklahomans again. I will prioritize funding education, reducing crime, and bringing high-paying jobs to our state. I will bring new leadership to secure the bright future that every Oklahoman deserves.

Party | *Republican*

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

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NO RESPONSE



Karen Gilbert

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Republican Karen Gilbert has lived her entire life in Tulsa and dedicated herself to improving our community.

From investing in Tulsa's youth as a public schools advocate, to leading and listening as a City Councilwoman, Karen has done more than just care about our future; she's rolled up her sleeves to help shape it. It is hard to imagine that six years have passed and it is now time for another election. I could not be more enthusiastic or proud to announce that I am running for a different office, House of Representatives District 79.

I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Tulsa City Council District 5 and I believe that we have accomplished a great deal. I would like to see to that momentum spread within our state. Our state needs some leadership and I would like to use my talents to help.

It was an honor serving as Chairperson of the Council my third year in office. I was also honored to serve as the chair of two task forces that affect Tulsans everyday; the Greenwaste Trash and the Public Safety Task Forces. I have continued to work on moving our Vision Proposal for Public Safety forward. As a parent and a life-long citizen of Tulsa, this proposal is very important to me. This proposal will increase our number of police officers and firefighters and ensure citizens' calls are responded to more quickly. I go on regular ride-alongs with our public safety departments so that I am aware of the needs on the streets. Some of Karen's Accomplishments

Presented Tulsa's first dedicated funding for Public Safety to the vote of the people. Was passed overwhelmingly by the citizens of Tulsa.

Councilor of the Year 2014, 2015, 2016 Tulsa's Fraternal Order of Police | Chair of the Tulsa City Council Public Safety Task Force | 2015 Oklahoma Journal Record 50 Women Making A Difference | 2014 Chairman of the Tulsa City Council | Created awareness that helped pass HB 1661 which was a Anti-Bullying Bill | 2014 Tulsa World's ten "People to Watch" Graduate of Leadership Oklahoma Class 28 | Graduate of Leadership Tulsa Class 49 2011 Honoree of the Festival of Hope, chaired by Governor Fallin Finalist of Tulsa Public School's Support Employee of the Year, chosen out of 3,000 candidates Served as President of Tulsa Council of PTAs | Served as PTA President at Key Elementary, Byrd Middle School, and Memorial High School

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 80



Helen Beth Davis

I am a wife, mother, grandmother, educator, manager, and advocate. I have worked the past 20 years in education; prior to that, 14 years of extensive experience in business management. I have had the pleasure of living in Broken Arrow since 2012 and continue to be awestruck by the community. I have had the opportunity of living and traveling all around the country; but here in Broken Arrow, I have truly felt at home. I am proud to be a part of a community that lovingly welcomed my husband and I into its fold. It is my hope that I can serve our community by being elected to the House Representatives District 80 this fall.

While being in education was a huge inspiration to my candidacy, it is not my only motivation. I strongly believe that it is our representative's duty to look past party lines and to typify the ideas and needs of all citizens. It is also my goal during this campaign to show my constituents that I will advocate for their needs and not only be a strong member of our community, but a catalyst of change in our government. I consider myself to be a conservative democrat, one who can see both sides of an issue and ultimately do what is best for the people involved.

Party | Democrat

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

I believe that America is still a land of opportunity which was founded on immigrants. The statistics show that immigrants share 6.7% of Oklahoma's population, which bring in \$135 million in state and local taxes as well as \$1.2 billion in spending power (2015). Legal immigration into our country brings opportunities for the state and those wishing to share in building up our great state.

BUDGET

We should definitely pass more revenue raising measures. Revenue should come from the businesses that have gotten tax breaks over a significant amount of time thus eliminating the burden for new business coming into Oklahoma; everyone taking a turn in building up the state of Oklahoma. It cannot be an all or nothing move-in/move-out state; money made in Oklahoma needs to stay in Oklahoma. Top priorities for services and infrastructures include the following: education, prison reform, roads, bridges, and decrease wasteful spending through fiscal and bill audits.

INTERFAITH

Education and community involvement will help serve the Muslim and interfaith community. There has been a lot of talk with regards to the Ten Commandments being taken down from government grounds. As our country was founded on these ideals, we should also realize as a community the various values of other faiths. By allowing a park or recreation area where all faiths could be celebrated, we would begin to bridge the gap of understanding through education for all.

BULLYING

Again, education and community involvement to increase understanding diversity. This in no way replaces what families can do by communicating and connecting with one-another, but our schools need smaller class sizes and enough qualified teachers to increase opportunities for character building curriculum. Teaching students to understand one-another in a class size of 25 is much more effective than trying to communicate in groups of 35-40 students. Character building curriculum is essential in decreasing bullying and harassment.

HATE CRIMES

Prevention is a top priority in changing Oklahoma's problem with hate crimes. As many know it is sometimes difficult to prove bias-motivated crimes. In order to strengthen the efforts to eliminate these crimes, we must treat every instance equally. Educating inmates after being convicted decreases the occurrence of repeated hate crimes. Counseling and tolerance training with at-risk communities will also help decrease bias-motivated crimes. Actively educating, policing, connecting with our communities will help eliminate hate crimes.

EDUCATION

The top three priorities in improving Oklahoma's education system are decreasing class-size; increase pay for highly qualified teachers; and increase efforts to implement Career Pathway curriculum in our education system thus decreasing the cost and need for high-stakes standardized testing. It has been proven for years that class-size has a direct correlation with comprehension; the lower the class size the higher success-level of students. Career Pathways is a program that will help students become actively involved in their educational experience at an earlier age: decreasing the dropout rate and increasing motivation of students. Finally, increasing pay for highly qualified teachers will in-fact invite new teachers and increase the longevity and quality of each of our Oklahoma classrooms. It is my opinion that to be a highly qualified teacher you should have all of the current qualifications from our Department of Education plus the following changes or inclusions: 1) Have a master's degree in curriculum, education, or equivalent subject matter; 2) Have worked in Oklahoma as a teacher for five years in the same district with "exceeds" or higher on yearly teacher evaluation or have a recommendation from their building principal during the same time periods; and 3) create a path of success for teachers that will in turn build a bond with the districts seeking to higher and "grow" teachers within their district.



Janice Graham

Janice J. Graham is a former educator, small business owner, and Realtor. In 1978, Janice moved to Oklahoma to attend Oral Roberts University where she earned a bachelors and masters degree in special education. She later completed post-graduate studies at Northeastern University for certification in school psychology. Janice served for 35 years as a special educator and school psychologist in Oklahoma Public Schools, and continues to be passionate about educating all children and supporting the dedicated professionals who directly touch the lives of our students. Janice's distinguished career in education culminated in her appointment as a special education supervisor in Tulsa Public Schools. Janice is a mentor to many in the field of education as she has cultivated a deep commitment to public education and challenged others to become leaders themselves. Her colleagues often describe Janice as an "enthusiastic champion for students who always has a smile and kind word for all those she meets." In 2004, she was proud and humbled to have been named "Service Provider of the Year" in Tulsa Public Schools.

Party | Democrat

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

I believe that the U.S. needs reform to make citizenship more efficient and affordable. We are a nation built of immigrants. I value the differences in people by gender, race, origin, age. I believe that my life is richer when I build relationships with people different than myself. Immigrants are here for opportunity and that includes jobs. They have built our workforce with talent, skill and effort.

BUDGET

The budget difficulties in Oklahoma is due to 2 things: 65% of the state budget needs to be reviewed for excessive waste and monies earmarked for expenditures that no longer serve Oklahoma. I would support revenue raising measures for oil companies and big business. I also believe that citizens understand the need to share the tax burdens of the state. If only, we tax fairly and equitably. I believe that fully funding education and other core services such as mental health and state workers should be given priority.

INTERFAITH

In my world, I have relationships with people of different faiths. I believe I would begin by building relationships with leaders from your faith community to gain an understanding of ideas to boost civic engagement and inclusion in our community.

BULLYING

From being a 35 year educator, I'm a firm believer that bullying and prejudice is learned. Young children are the most loving and nonjudgmental beings I've ever seen. It seems like bullying and harassment are starting at younger ages which is troubling. Bullying of any sort should not be tolerated. We can make a change by training our educators to recognize it and not ignore it or sweep it under the rug. Harassment also happens to adults. As a supervisor, I supported one of my psychologists who felt harassed by a site administrator. I learned so much from this experience. If it feels like prejudice to the person, it is. It often is so subtle. Breaks my heart.

HATE CRIMES

Hate crimes of violence should be sentenced to the fullest extent of the law. The perpetrator of non-violent hate crimes, should have to "make amends" to the victim as well as their sentence. No tolerance.

EDUCATION

I could write a book. I'm a retired educator of 35 years where I started as a teacher and retired as the lead school psychologist of Tulsa Public Schools. We have got to fully fund education and other core services. We need to attract highly qualified educators back to Oklahoma. We need to promote the most current of curriculums and technology. Education reform is desperately needed.

HOUSE DISTRICT 80 (con.)



Jennifer Youngberg

My name is Jen Youngberg. I am a teacher, wife, mother of two wonderful children, and a Democrat running for House District 80. Since 2007, my husband Matt and I have lived in Broken Arrow where my daughter attends public school and my son begins pre-K next fall. I love my community and I am happy to live where I do. That is why I am running for the State Legislature.

As I'm sure you know, Oklahoma has endured a mass exodus of teachers to surrounding states with better pay and better conditions. Year after year, we set records for teachers leaving for greener pastures or leaving the profession altogether. I don't want that future for myself or my family. I want to live and work here. With the state of our legislature, with the constant budget cuts, the disrespect for our students and teachers, and the prioritization of oil profits over education, I faced a choice: do something about it, or leave, either by leaving the profession or leaving my home. I refuse to give up the profession and home I love, so I decided I had to run for office to make a change in this state.

Party | Democrat

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Mackie Moore

Party | Democrat

NO RESPONSE

Cody Coonche

Party | Republican

NO RESPONSE



Mike Ritze

Mike Ritze is a Republican member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, representing District 80. He was first elected to the chamber in 2008. Ritzke earned his B.S. in Zoology from Northeast Missouri State University and graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. His professional experience includes working as a licensed family practitioner and surgeon, as well as a consultant to several law firms, and an educator. Ritzke served as a Captain in the United States Army

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | *Republican*

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Stan May

Stan is the public information officer for the Tulsa Fire Department, where he has served for 26 years. A father and husband, Stan has three children, all who attended Broken Arrow and Bixby schools. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Rhema Bible Training College. He attends Life Church.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | *Republican*

Website

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HOUSE DISTRICT 33



Brandon T. Phillips

A native of Payne County and a product of public schools and OSU. I have been fortunate to travel the world and return to the home I love with my wife and children. It is my passion to create the best Oklahoma we can for the children of this state.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | Democrat



Gregory P. Babinec

Gregory P. Babinec, President and Owner of McDonald's Restaurants, attended Indiana University/Purdue University of Indianapolis in 1981. Babinec worked in Management and People Development for McDonald's Restaurants of Indianapolis. He became a multi Award winning Director of Unit Operations for restaurants in Indiana, before moving to Oklahoma in 1995.

Babinec fulfilled his dream when he purchased his first Oklahoma McDonald's in Stroud in 1995. Since then, he began adding other nearby locations Guthrie and Cushing. Currently he actively owns and operates the McDonald's Restaurant in Cushing and helps promote community affairs.

Babinec has served on the Oklahoma/OKC Advertising Co-op's Executive Board, has served several terms on the Cushing Country Club Board of Directors, he started and Chaired the Cushing Retail Association, He also enjoys working in his community and helping others.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

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Jason Shilling

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NO RESPONSE



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John Thomas Talley

FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE

These are the words that John Talley has preached most of his adult life. A 40 year resident of Payne County, John has been ministering to youth and their families, always reinforcing the lesson to focus on the positive. With that focus, he says, you not only change your outlook about yourself but your outlook about others.

John was raised in Anadarko, Oklahoma. It was there he discovered his passion for agriculture and hard work through FFA and the sport of wrestling. After graduating high school John enrolled at Oklahoma State University. He is a proud member of the O Club, having lettered in wrestling, and holds a bachelor's degree in agriculture education.

In 1978, John became an ordained minister and has worked with young adults ever since. Today he is the director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for North Central Oklahoma. In addition to his school visits through FCA, John's ministry includes facilitating hundreds of team-building programs each year for professional, college, high school and junior high athletic teams plus both public and private entities from across the nation.

John and his wife Caryl have been married for more than 43 years. The couple have lived in District 33, since 1982. They have two grown children, and three grandchildren. Saul and Mary Beth Talley have two children, Stran and Elsie Clem and Grace Talley Willnerd and her husband Bryan live in Lincoln, Nebraska and have a son, Arthur. A family of educators, John has ministered to our communities for 40 years, Caryl is a retired teacher and administrator. As teachers, Saul and Mary Beth are both a part of the Stillwater Public Schools Community.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 34



Trish Ranson

Party | Democrat

Website

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The daughter of a machinist and a church secretary in Ponca City, Trish Ranson learned the lessons of hard work and grit as well as the value of education. After graduating from Ponca City High School in 1988, she went on to earn her undergraduate degree in music education from Wichita State University and her master's in music performance and pedagogy from OSU, along with multiple professional certifications. She has served as president for several professional and community organizations including Oklahoma Orff Chapter, and Stillwater High School Band Boosters. Trish's passion for community has also manifested in her contribution to the unique culture of Westwood, for which she was recognized as the school's Teacher of the Year in 2011. She is an active member of the First United Methodist Church and is a champion for community events. Her husband of 20 years is Andrew Ranson, a technology strategy consultant and opera singer who serves as president of the board of Our Daily Bread Food & Resource Center and is past president of Stillwater CARES. Trish and Andrew's two children, Will and Jenna, are students at Stillwater High School and are both active in the Stillwater Bands program. Will has served as section leader in the band and is nearing completion of the Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts. Jenna has served as a section leader in the band, has participated in Youth in Government, and is also active in theater and choir.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE



Aaron Means

Party | Republican

Website

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Dr. Aaron R. Means Sr. is a retired United States Public Health officer, a general dentist, ordained minister, and author. He served in two uniform services where he practiced general dentistry for over 27 years (the United States Public Health Service and the United States Air Force).

Dr. Means retired in July 2017 after serving as the director of Pawnee Indian Health Center dental clinic for 11 years. His career focused on serving the great citizens of multiple Native American tribes and the men and women of our United States Armed Forces.

Dr. Means is the son of the late Robert and Anna Means. He is the youngest of their six children.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 35



Jasha Lyons Echo-Hawk

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Jasha serves as a Regional Field Director with the ACLU of OK. She is running for House District 35-covers Pawnee, parts of Payne, Osage, Creek & Noble. As a woman, as a mother, as a young person, as an indigenous person, as a poor person, I have often second-guessed myself, my voice, but as the great MO has said, "We have to be brave enough to own our voices and put ourselves out there to be okay with being imperfect and to be okay with the imperfections that we see in one another..." Now, I say no more second-guessing. It is time to be heard. It is time to be recognized. It is time to stand up. We have so many at these positions of power who have forgotten those of us who have put them there. Those who have failed up and choose to believe their elected status makes them untouchable and unaccountable to their communities. This has been echoed in the inability to make the necessary decisions to properly fund education and then they look for scapegoats to explain the state's budget crisis.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Ty Burns

Party | Republican

NO RESPONSE

James Wynn

Party | Republican

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 81



Jackie Philips

Party | Democrat
Website

Jackie and her family have been part of the Edmond community for the past 25 years. She and her husband Neil are the owners of Avalanche Print Company, a small business in Edmond.

Jackie's background is in non-profit development as the executive director of Dialogue, Start One, a 501c3 organization that she founded to focus on advocacy, education, and fundraising for partner non-profits. She was featured in the NY Times bestselling book "The Enough Moment" by John Prendergast and actor Don Cheadle as an "Upstander" and Social Entrepreneur working for positive change. Currently, she serves on the board of Fostering Sweet Dreams Foundation, an organization that provides beds and other essential items to kinship foster families.

Jackie's two children attended Edmond Public Schools. Ryan graduated in 2013 and her daughter Sofia is currently a sophomore at Edmond Memorial High School. When Sofia showed signs of learning difficulties in kindergarten, Jackie began educating herself and learned that 1 in 5 children do in fact have a learning disability. Only a small number of these children receive specialized instruction or accommodations due to lack of funding for programs and teacher training. As the parent of a child with dyslexia and dysgraphia, Jackie has spent the last 7 years advocating for the necessity of early identification and intervention for children with learning disabilities to ensure that all children have the chance to be successful.

As a past member of the Cimarron Middle School Parent Teacher Organization and the current co-president of the Edmond Memorial Parent Organization. Jackie is actively involved in our schools. She is committed to making Oklahoma education the best it can be.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

Immigration plays a vital role in the economy of Oklahoma. Immigrants are important members of our community who participate in almost every industry operating in our state. Our friends from other countries are taxpayers and who help pay for schools, emergency services and our infrastructure.

BUDGET

Oklahoma's budget crisis continues because our legislators keep kicking the can down the road. Years of tax cuts have created revenue shortfalls for core agencies. We need representatives who will stand up to the status quo and create recurring and consistent revenue sources for the long term. Work on the budget must begin earlier in the legislative session. When budget decisions are rushed, mistakes are made, jobs are lost, and children are put at risk.

INTERFAITH

I think an important part of civic engagement is to be inclusive of all cultures when considering public activities such as parades, festivals and celebrating holidays from all over the world.

BULLYING

Promote programs that teach cultural awareness and diversity. We must reduce bullying in general.

HATE CRIMES

I support a zero-tolerance policy for hate crimes. Oklahoma should establish an anonymous hotline for witnesses of harassment and hate crimes.

EDUCATION

Our state must provide a quality and comprehensive education system to ensure continued social and economic prosperity. Underfunding continues to fuel our teacher shortage, excessive class sizes and our inability to provide updated textbooks and basic needs for our classrooms. This is unacceptable. Oklahoma leads the nation in the deepest cuts to education funding and as a result, many districts have been forced to go to 4-day school weeks. These are not the only consequences of a decade of budget cuts which have created this crisis. We need a new perspective. As your elected representative, I will work to identify waste in our spending and create revenue sources to consistently and adequately fund our schools so that districts have the resources they need to give our children the education they deserve.

HOUSE DISTRICT 81 (con.)



Bailey Huntsman

Are you ready for representation that cares about the future of Oklahoma? Are you fed up with partisan politics? So am I. I believe it is time for Oklahoman's to stand up and tell our leaders that we are tired of the status quo. That is why I am running for Oklahoma House district 81. I want to be your voice in our state government. I will not be bought, and I will stick to my guns.

I will find long term answers to funding education in Oklahoma. Making Oklahoma schools on par, or above par, with other public schools in America. Our teachers would be compensated fairly, have money to furnish their classrooms with supplies, up to date text books and new technologies to teach our youth and their support staff would make more than just a living wage.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE



Mike Osburn

A Tahlequah native, Mike Osburn graduated magna cum laude from Oklahoma Christian University with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1993, having received the Professional Responsibility Award for exemplifying professional responsibility and ethics. Mike began his career with Oklahoma governor Frank Keating, first as campaign manager and then as deputy chief of staff in 1995, where he managed the staff and served as a political and policy advisor. Later, Mike became state director for U.S. Senator Don Nickles, serving four years. In 2005, Mike was named state director for Americans for Prosperity, Oklahoma, a grassroots economic public policy organization.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 81 (con.)



Melanie Spoon

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As a teacher, I am someone who will do the extensive research on the issues and look for common sense solutions that provide resources for needed services, while balancing that with reform. The best solution to any of the problems we face as a state may not be easy to solve, but nothing can be solved if we don't work together.

As an educator, my campaign will be focused on issues regarding our schools, including teacher and staff pay, classroom funding, and creating opportunities for our children. I will also focus on issues affecting my district including healthcare, core state services, and family law reform.

As a mother, I am committed to providing the best life for my two girls as they grow up as Oklahomans. I am a fourth generation Okie whose roots run deep as a public school teacher, one could say it is in my blood. I started my journey in education as a young teenager when I followed my mother down to the state capitol to strike in 1990 in support of House Bill 1017. I graduated from University of Central Oklahoma in 1998 with my Bachelors of Science in Education, and then followed with a Masters of Education in Library Science in 2008.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 82



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As a community organizer, mother, and business owner, I have watched our state’s leadership ignore the best interests of Oklahomans again and again. This is bad governance and it’s just plain wrong.

I’m running because I know we can and must do better for our kids, our parents, our neighbors, and the future of Oklahoma.

Born and raised in New York, I planted my roots in Oklahoma 18 years ago. I volunteered at Edmond Public Schools for 15 years while my children were growing up. I watched first-hand as the most coveted schools in the district slowly deteriorate.

I have dedicated my life to serving others. While raising my children and pursuing my degrees, I launched Business Interludes to help women rebuild their financial lives after a crisis. Since that time, I have earned an MBA from the University of Central Oklahoma, published two books, completed a TED Talk, and have been a nationally recognized advocate for single mothers trying to rebuild their financial lives.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

No Answer

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

As a mother of three children who attended Edmond Public Schools and with 15 years of volunteering experience in the school district, Oraynab knows how important it is that teachers are vigorously represented at the Capitol. While Oraynab is understandably concerned that Oklahoma ranks 50th in teacher pay, she has also been taking time during her campaign to reach out to teachers so she can better understand the myriad issues they face on a daily basis.



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Nicole's father was a Nazarene pastor, and her mom was a teacher. Growing up, Nicole lived throughout the central United States as her father worked in various ministries. Her family eventually settled down when her father took a pastorate in the Fort Worth area, where Nicole graduated from high school and college (B.S. in Government Service).

One day a young Air Force Lieutenant visited Nicole's father's church in Fort Worth. That was the day Nicole met her future husband, Doug. Doug is a pilot who graduated from the United States Air Force Academy. He recently retired after 20 years of active duty service, which included combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. He now flies for a major airline.

Doug was first stationed at Altus Air Force Base in 2006 and was eventually transferred to Will Rogers World Airport flying military flight inspections with the FAA. While in the service, Nicole and Doug had two children, Aubrey and Hutch, and now attend Deer Creek Public Schools and Classen SAS.

While pregnant with her second child, Nicole was diagnosed with a highly aggressive form of breast cancer at the age of 35. To make matters worse, Doug was flying missions overseas at the time. Nicole was diagnosed on a Tuesday. She was induced the following Saturday and started Chemotherapy within the month.

Going thru chemo with a newborn, a 3 year old and a military husband flying abroad all at the same time taught Nicole invaluable lessons about God's grace, personal humility, and determination. Nicole is a woman of great personal courage who will stand strong at the Capitol.

Over the years, Nicole has been highly involved in activities supporting our military and veterans. In Oklahoma, she began working for the Oklahoma National Guard, focusing on federal legislation. She took lead roles on BRAC issues and was instrumental, for example, in helping to save hundreds of jobs stationed at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base with the replacement of the KC-135 mission with a new special operations MC-12W mission.

Nicole subsequently moved to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs with Major General Myles Deering. There she has helped modernize agency operations, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars. She's also taken lead roles on important projects, such as a new Oklahoma Veterans Registry, to ensure all Oklahoma veterans receive the support and benefits they have earned.

Growing up in a pastoral home, Nicole has always been active in her faith. She's served in almost every ministry job imaginable, from sweeping the church floors to teaching Sunday School. Nicole and her family now attend Heritage Baptist Church in far northwest Oklahoma City, where she is involved with the AWANA program.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

No Answer

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

Nicole supports our public schools and will vote to increase teacher pay. Strong education systems are key to building our economy and attracting good jobs.

HOUSE DISTRICT 82 (con.)



Cobi Ceron

Cobi Ceron is a proud Oklahoman, who has been an exemplary member of his community. Cobi graduated from Edmond Santa Fe High School, and will soon gain a degree in business administration. As the son of a school teacher, Cobi knows the importance and the commitment of teachers in our community. That is why he has remained in touch with many of his former teachers and professors, so he can learn about the problems educators and students are facing, and begin to work on solutions to better the education in our community. Cobi believes the only way we can build a better Oklahoma is together. Which is why he continues to reach out to leaders and members of the community, so we can band together and create the best Oklahoma possible. Cobi lives in Edmond, and continues to be a presence at his former schools, among his former teachers, and within his community.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

No Answer

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

For too long teachers in Oklahoma have been undervalued, and have not received the respect or support they deserve. The leaders of the Oklahoma Department of Education have no knowledge of business practices, and continue to waste money on resources that do not help teachers or students. For example, over half of our states educational employees are non-teaching or administrative personnel. This is because over the past ten years Oklahoma has continued to hire administrative positions at almost three times that of teaching positions, even while we have had a shortage of qualified teachers. If we start tackling the education problem with a business approach, we can begin to get rid of wasteful spending, and we can finally give teachers the pay they deserve and the resources students need to succeed. And all of this can be done without raising taxes on hard working Oklahomans, if we begin to take a closer look at just where our tax dollars are going. But most importantly, if I am elected I will listen to every and any idea on how to improve our education system, because I truly believe our state's success begins with our children receiving a quality education.



Robert Jernigan

Robert was born and raised in Northwest Oklahoma City. He attended PC North in the early 1990s and is well informed about the needs of our community. Robert also graduated from UCO with a Bachelor's in Public Administration with Business Focus. Robert joined the U.S Army Reserves at the age of 17 and honorably served our nation through 1999. Robert is ready to serve the people of this state again representing you in the state legislature. Robert knows what it takes to start businesses, create jobs and build our local economy because he's done it.

Robert knows the value of hard work too. He got his first job at a fireworks stand at age 12 and worked to put himself through school.

Robert started Jernigan Tile & Construction in 2002. The company now operates as a home building business under the name J&A Homes. He also owns and operates a real estate investment company and local retail store.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS
NO RESPONSE

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NO RESPONSE

Gregory Mead Mills

Party | *Republican*

NO RESPONSE



Brad Martin

A fourth generation Oklahoman, Brad Martin grew up on a farm outside Cashion where he graduated high school and where his step-father was principal. Martin attended Southern Nazarene University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing and Finance. After graduating in 2000, Martin co-founded his first business, HealthHistories, Inc. and the company developed software allowing patients to go online to access pertinent medical data from any computer worldwide. The company was recognized by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST). Martin was also a Journal Record Innovator of the Year award recipient.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS
NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 82 (con.)



Brent Nyberg

Brent Nyberg is a devoted husband and loving father who believes it is time for some new leadership at the State Capitol. As a practicing attorney, Brent focuses on mineral title work, where he serves his clients with honesty and integrity. As our state representative, he will do the same.

Brent is the son of a railroad man who taught him the value of hard work early in life. Brent's father worked his way up from pounding railroad spikes to serving in corporate management, demonstrating the importance of dedication and perseverance. That lesson was invaluable to Brent as he worked his way through school as an undergraduate and then attending law school at nights while working a full time job.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

The current group of elected officials at the State Capitol have wreaked havoc on the budget and cut vital services to devastating levels. Brent Nyberg believes it's time for fresh new leadership that will make the tough decisions necessary to fix the budget and put our state on a long term path to prosperity.

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

As a father, Brent Nyberg understands how important it is for our children to have access to a quality education delivered by outstanding teachers. Oklahoma has not been investing adequately in education--Brent wants to change that. He will support increased funding for our schools, and increased pay for our teachers. Our children deserve it.



Brad Schmitt

Brad Schmitt is an Oklahoma native who is ready to serve his district and his state. Brad grew up in Bartlesville, OK and attended Oklahoma State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing.

Since graduating from OSU Brad has spent over ten years as a business development manager in the healthcare industry where he has had the opportunity to work with many providers and help care for Oklahomans all over the state. Brad knows the importance of building relationships with people to better understand their needs, and has listened to and responded to those needs as a profession. He is ready to take these exact same principles to our state capitol and represent the people of House District 82.

Brad and his wife Jenny have chosen Edmond as their home for the last seven years and is where they are raising their children Caitlyn (9) and Luke (5 months). They are active members of Life Church where they serve on the host team. Brad also helps to coach his daughter's YMCA basketball team.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

No Answer

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

We need immediate and long term solutions for teachers in Oklahoma. Our teachers are the foundation for our future and tasked with the most important job of educating our children. I will be a constant advocate for our teachers. We must work together to find practical solutions that will keep teachers in Oklahoma. It is time for our community to acknowledge the important role of educators by increasing teachers' salaries.

HOUSE DISTRICT 82 (con.)



Casey Satterlee

I am an Edmond native. I graduated from Edmond North High School and the University of Central Oklahoma. I moved to Broken Arrow to begin my teaching career where I taught for 4 years. While there, I married my beautiful wife Lisa (whose is also a teacher in Edmond) and we returned back to Edmond to begin growing our family. We have to amazing boys ages 9 and (almost) 6.

I have taught 14 years, most of which in Putnam City Schools. I am currently teaching Algebra 1 at Putnam City North High School. Prior to that I taught 8 years at Capps middle school. (Previously Central Middle School). Edmond is my home and I would be proud to represent the people of my community.

My purpose for running is to help create balance in our government. There are too many agendas leaning far right or far left. Neither of these is good for our state. My goal is to strive to work together, collaborate, and find a balance that benefits everyone in our state. I believe as a teacher, I am effective at collaborating with others to achieve a common goal. I am willing to research to find the best solution to a problem even if I am not familiar with the material. I can listen to other opinions which differ from mine, I want to include my constituents in the process, and make an informed decision.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

No Answer

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

There is a reason half of the state's budget funds education, it is the one area that impacts the highest number of Oklahomans. Our students deserve the best opportunities. For many students in our state, public schools are the great equalizer. Education is an INVESTMENT in our future for all Oklahomans. We need to invest in our children to bring change to our state. We need to promote education to keep our highly qualified teachers in Oklahoma. I would like to initiate a program on a state level similar to a federal program. Let's create an incentive program for those who choose to become educators through our state universities. This creates highly qualified teachers, and helps to keep them in our state. An example might be if they teach in the state for 5 years they could receive a \$5000 bonus after the 5th year. Five years is a benchmark teaching year. Typically someone will decide if they will continue in the profession by the 5th year.



Kip Baird

Party | *Republican*

Kip Baird was born and raised an Oklahoman with humble beginnings in the rural farm town of Buffalo. As a very young man, he learned what it means to roll up his sleeves and help his grandparents on the farm. He took those lessons to the industrial construction industry in which he built complex machinery and piping systems across the country. He then met his wife, Natasha, a compelling young woman of the same hometown, Buffalo. She was a Student at UCO, well on her way to her future path as Circulation Retail Sales Manager of The Oklahoman. Shortly thereafter, unwavering, they chose to take on the responsibility of opening a business, The Baird Insurance Agency. Over 13 years later, it is one of the most efficient agencies in the State. Together, they have a blended family. Dylan, age 22. Copper and Dret, ages 5 and 3, respectively, who are just embarking on their adventures as students in public schools. Kip's is the voice we need in our government – it's a powerful voice of reason and common sense. It's the voice of a business owner. It's the voice of a parent with children in public schools. It's the voice of a homeowner. It's the voice of a tax payer. It's the voice of an Oklahoman. Put YOUR voice in action. Vote Kip Baird.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE



Travis Hays

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Travis and his wife Mica work hard each day to build a better life for themselves and their two children, Cason, 10 and Pierce 5. No stranger to hard work, Travis spent a decade as a journeyman electrician working in oil and gas and construction, so we know he has the grit to stand up for us at the Capitol. Travis is also a competitor by nature and was a standout college football player until a serious injury forced him to the sidelines. This proved fortunate because it led him to meeting his wife. After marrying Mica, he made the decision to work full-time, so Mica could finish her degree and now the roles have reversed. Mica completed her master's in nursing at OU and is providing for the family as Travis will finish his mechanical engineering degree at OSU this December. Travis and his family are active members of Life Church.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 82 (con.)



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Dear Future Constituent,

I want to take the time to let you know a little bit about myself and why I am running for the House of Representatives, District 82.

I am passionate about standing up for those who need to be heard. I feel privileged to be the voice of others. People need to know they are not alone. People need support. People need encouragement. It's in my DNA to help others. I've been like this my entire life.

My husband, Justin, and I have had a homeless ministry, we've fostered, we've served in youth groups and church staff positions, I'm a high school science teacher, and I am currently running for House District 82. I'm honored to have the experience and passion of advocating for others so their voice can be heard.

I've spent a lot of time up at the State Capitol, have had many conversations with legislators, sat in legislative sessions, and one thing has become abundantly clear: Most legislators are not listening to their constituents. THIS MUST STOP NOW! Therefore, I am running for Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 82. It's time to get people into the Capitol who will actually be the voice of their constituents.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

It is detrimental to our state and our future when critical state agencies and the services they provide (e.g., education, foster and adoption services, etc.) are not fully funded. I have heard from so many of my neighbors, colleagues, friends, and family members who are all wondering the same thing: Where has all of the money gone? Everyone is asking why there have been so many budget cuts to state agencies. People want to know if the money is being wasted or mismanaged. People wonder why there hasn't been a state audit to try to get to the bottom of this. I hear what you are asking and I wonder these same things too. I plan on getting to the bottom of this!

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

Proper funding for education is essential to a healthy economy and a healthy state. All students deserve a fully funded, high-quality education! As an educator, I have seen first hand the struggles in Oklahoma classrooms. I have also seen the potential of my fellow teachers and the amazing students we serve. The current state of education is beyond ridiculous! A simple one-time fix is not going to change years of neglect. Our schools need immediate and long-term, sustainable, funding. Never again should education be put on the back burner! Education should always be on the forefront of our minds! By prioritizing funding for education, we are not only investing in schools - we are also investing in the future of our state.

HOUSE DISTRICT 83



Chelsey Branham

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Chelsey Branham is a community leader, nonprofit professional, and lifelong Oklahoman. Chelsey worked her way through college at the University of Oklahoma. She graduated with a Bachelor's in Religious Studies and Psychology. She went on to earn her Master's in International Economics and Development. Her area focus was Sub-Saharan Africa and she conducted primary research in Zambia, and was a two-time Boren Travel Fellow. Now Chelsey works at the Young Women's Christian Association of Oklahoma City.

At YWCA OKC, Chelsey serves as Director of the Social and Economic Justice Department. She works closely with employers and community groups to create opportunities for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors. Chelsey is responsible for coordinating trainings related to job readiness and financial literacy. She also leads trainings for groups focused on ending racism and empowering women.

A committed leader, Chelsey works to promote inclusion, diversity, and economic development. She organized the Racial Justice and Economic Empowerment forums and the CommUNITY Alliance. Chelsey is also an Executive Stakeholder in the Police and Community Trust. This group works to improve relations between law enforcement and minority communities.

Chelsey is a Native Chickasaw and lives in Oklahoma City. She is a Sally's List candidate, a nominee for the New Leaders Council Fellow, a member of Women Lead Network, the World Experiences Foundation, and the Black Chamber of Commerce.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

The U.S. has some of the most discriminatory and stringent immigration laws in the world, and they heavily favor Euro-centric countries over Middle Eastern, African, Asian, and Latin countries. I have been an advocate for immigration and immigrants to this country for many years. I have personally assisted several individuals and families through the process and helped to connect them with resources and information, as well as fought and advocated for their rights. I have even provided seed grants for a few individuals that had to apply numerous times and drive long distances to submit applications, as well as assisted with settlement, employment, and resource development upon arrival.

Immigrants are essential to our economy nationally, as well as locally. Oklahoma undervalues and under-invests in education and skills development, and we would be without some of the human capital necessary without the contribution of immigrants. Immigrants do local populations a service by contributing to our economies and communities.

BUDGET

I am strongly in favor of increasing revenue for our state through many pathways, to fund the vital programs and services that help our state thrive. I would heavily invest in education and workforce development, general and mental health, and infrastructure. Those three things are essential to building a strong community foundation, increasing economic opportunity, and attracting industry to the state.

HOUSE DISTRICT 83 (con.)

CHELSEY BRANHAM CONTINUED

INTERFAITH

My personal and professional passion is working to increase inclusion, diversity, and community to create equity and acceptance for all people. I have been fortunate to work with and serve many marginalized communities locally and globally for over a decade to carry out the mission of creating opportunities for dialogue, reflection, and advocacy. There are not many groups or organizations that advocate on behalf of our diverse communities in Oklahoma that do not know my dedication to serving them and elevating them in whatever way I can. As a legislator, I will continue to create opportunities for these communities, advocate on their behalf, and actively invite them to the table. Engagement begins with engagement, and I have always been and will always be a friend to the Muslim community and all communities.

BULLYING

We are currently in an social environment that tolerates and encourages bullying and harassment at all levels, because we continue to fail to address the deep social and cultural wounds that foster this behavior. I have always placed an emphasis on building relationships, because I believe care and consideration for one another makes it more difficult to make decisions that might have negative consequences and helps us to challenge harmful notions and stereotypes. Not only must we focus on creating a healthier environment for children and students at school, but at home as well. Public education should have elements of both mindfulness/reflection and cultural exchange and appreciation of difference. As a legislator, I would push for these changes in public education, as well as protections for students under attack. In addition, schools and communities need education on these issues and best practices, to increase the understanding and action around these issues.

HATE CRIMES

While it is often easy to identify that a crime has occurred, it is much more difficult under current federal and state law to prove that crime was bias-motivated. As someone who is not an expert in criminal law or hate crimes, I would work with organizations like CAIR OK and ACLU to determine what improvements might be needed in local law to further protections under this classification of crime and make recommendations accordingly.

EDUCATION

It only takes a few seconds of reading my background or stance on issues to know that I am an ardent advocate of public education and have worked to support education both in and out of the field for many years. As nearly the last state in the U.S. to value education and produce positive outcomes, it will take a major investment and overhaul at all levels to create an education system that benefits our children and community. As a legislator, I will fight to heavily invest in public education, educators, and core services to help repair our crumbling education system. I would advocate to increase active learning, technical development opportunities, and STEM in schools, to help our students be competitive on the local, national, and global scale.

Tyler Grey

Party | Democrat

NO RESPONSE



Jason Reese

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Jason Reese was raised as the only child of a single father who moved to a small town, enduring a long commute so Jason could attend a good school. Jason made it through the University of Oklahoma on part-time jobs and scholarships before leaving for Notre Dame Law School. While at Notre Dame, the attacks of September 11 occurred. Answering the call of duty, Jason enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve. While still in the Navy, Jason transferred back to OU to marry Jessica and settle in Oklahoma City.

After the Republican Party gained control of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for the first time in over eighty years, Jason was offered a position at the House conducting legal research and drafting legislation. In 2006, he left state government and entered the private sector. For the past eleven years, Jason has represented and advised Oklahoma businesses, especially in the field of employment law. His expertise in employment law was recognized by the Governor when he was appointed to the Merit Protection Commission, which oversees the employment decisions and policies of state agencies.

Jason and Jessica live in Quail Creek with their four children. The Reeses attend Christ the King, where all but baby Charlotte attend school as well. Jason is active in the community, serving as an usher for his church and on the board of the Quail Creek Homeowners Association. He is a member of Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29 and the Downtown Club. The service he finds the most fulfilling is as a member of the Board of Cristo Rey Catholic High School, a startup school tailored to fit the needs of underprivileged teens who otherwise would lack the opportunity to make a better life.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

No Answer

BUDGET

In order to increase accountability and transparency in state agencies, I favor a return to line-item budgeting.

INTERFAITH

No Answer

BULLYING

No Answer

HATE CRIMES

No Answer

EDUCATION

I favor immediately raising teacher pay to the regional average and will not vote for a budget that doesn't address this goal. Public higher education is an engine for economic development and social mobility. I will work to keep higher ed in this state excellent, accessible, and affordable.

HOUSE DISTRICT 83 (con.)



Paul Cason

Paul Cason has long been active in Republican politics, having served as a staff assistant to U.S. Sen. James Inhofe and as a field director in Alaska for the Republican National Committee during the 2014 election cycle. Cason interned in 2013 with then-Congressman James Lankford.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Purdue University where he studied History and Political Science. While at Purdue, Cason was involved in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and held several leadership roles. He earned a Juris Doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. Cason is currently a partner with the Rosell Law Group, focusing on business and estate issues.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 84



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Joey Rodman is a born and raised Oklahoman. Joey has spent years working in science education and has gained important skills in taking difficult concepts and breaking them down into simple pieces for children and adults alike. This skill set means she is perfectly prepared for tackling the complex issues surrounding education in Oklahoma. She believes that education must be made a priority for Oklahoma to truly thrive.

As a working mother, Joey is excellent at juggling schedules, budgets and deadlines. Joey is confident she'll be able to bring these real life talents to the House Floor to begin to construct a realistic, sustainable and balanced budget for the state of Oklahoma as the representative for House District 84.

Joey Rodman has spent her life as a mother, a wife and an advocate for those that need her voice. There is no better place for her to be that voice than as your representative in House District 84.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

I support immigration and seek to make the system more efficient and easier for people to navigate.

BUDGET

I support raising enough revenue to fully fund all core services, I see public schools and community health as being the most dire areas of need, but feel that all core services are important.

INTERFAITH

I believe it is every citizen's right to fully participate in their community and be recognized and respected by community leaders and government. I would like to see better protections for people of all races, genders, religions and abilities against discrimination and harassment. I will work to make sure everyone is treated equally and that nobody's rights are being ignored.

BULLYING

I believe we need to work with schools to gain better resources to deal with issues like this, by fully funding our schools we can better address issues like this before they become harmful to the learning environment and student safety.

HATE CRIMES

I support better training on unconscious bias and intersectionality for all people in positions of power or leadership in our community.

EDUCATION

I believe our school system is woefully underfunded and without fixing that issue we can't begin to address the myriad of other problems that it has caused.



Lauren Morris

My name is Lauren Morris, and I am running for State Representative for District 84. I have lived in Oklahoma since 2013, though our family has roots here in Oklahoma extending back nearly a century. Though I am not a professional politician, I believe that the citizens of this state and district deserve honest, responsible, and well-considered representation at the state level. As such, I have chosen to run in the upcoming election.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | *Democrat*

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Tammy West

Tammy West is a Republican member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, representing District 84. She was first elected to the chamber in 2016. West has a degree in business management from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has held various volunteer positions, including PTA president at the elementary, middle school and high school level. She has three children with her husband, Jon. Her children are all graduates of Putnam City West High School.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

Party | *Republican*

HOUSE DISTRICT 85



Cyndi Munson

Party | Democrat

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First elected in September of 2015 and re-elected in 2016, Cyndi Munson became the first Asian-American woman elected to the Oklahoma Legislature. She has concentrated her legislative efforts on providing equal pay for equal work, strengthening the rights of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, assisting Oklahoma's veterans, and working to make life easier for our loved ones who suffer from Alzheimer's and dementia.

Originally from Lawton, Cyndi developed her passion for public service at an early age. Her father's military service taught Cyndi and her sister, Sandra, the importance of giving back. A first generation college student, Cyndi graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, where she earned a Master of Science in Leadership Education. Cyndi also spent a semester of her college experience studying at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Before her election to the Legislature, Cyndi spent a decade working and volunteering in Oklahoma City's non-profit community. In her most recent work with Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma, she provided leadership programs for thousands of girls in low-income schools, juvenile detention centers, and public housing.

Cyndi is a member of Leadership Oklahoma Class 31 and an alumni member of Leadership Oklahoma City's LOYAL Class VIII. She serves on the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, is a member of the Oklahoma Messages Project Board of Directors, and is the past chair of the Infant Crisis Services Young Professionals Group.

In her free time, Cyndi enjoys running, reading, mentoring young women, trying new local restaurants and attending events in Oklahoma City, and spending time with her family and friends. Cyndi is also a member of Crestwood Vineyard Church in Oklahoma City.

CYNDI MUNSON QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

Immigration is personal to me. As a Korean American woman, I am very aware of my mother's decision to come to the United States and become an American citizen. As Congress and the President work to reform immigration policy, their focus should be on policies that are humane and just. I believe families should remain together without the fear of deportation. Immigrant children and adults should be treated with compassion, not judgement. I am in support of the full Dream Act and we, as a country, should follow through on our promise to make sure our children and families are not living in fear of being separated. The pathway to citizenship should be easier and more clear, not difficult and confusing. Immigrants in Oklahoma play a vital role in our economy not only by bringing rich culture and diversity, but by also growing and strengthening our state's workforce. This presents a greater demand on us as a state to ensure we invest in public education and healthcare as well. We can work together by highlighting immigrant owned businesses in our state to bring greater awareness of their economic impact in our communities and to increase patronage. We should embrace and celebrate the work being done all across our state by immigrant families who have contributed to business, education, and healthcare.

BUDGET

We absolutely must continue working toward raising more revenue to invest in Oklahomans. Now that we have raised the gross production tax, cigarette tax, and gas/diesel tax, we need to make changes to our personal income tax structure. We should restore the income tax back to 5.25% and consider creating a new tax bracket for higher income earners starting at \$250,000. I would prioritize public education, healthcare, mental health, and human services. These four areas of our state government have been neglected for far too long and until we reinvest our revenue we will continue to see Oklahoma at the bottom of every good list and at the top of every bad list. In order for our economy to grow, we have to invest in the one thing that will do it: our people.

INTERFAITH

I will continue my work in engaging and supporting the great work being done by the Muslim and interfaith community. I will continue to speak out against my colleagues who choose to tear down any individual member or group for their own political gain. I will continue to engage in community activities and forums as well as build on my personal relationships within my Muslim and interfaith constituents. In order to increase civic engagement in minority communities, I will continue to show up to empower individuals by listening. I will continue my work on the barriers many, but specifically minority populations, face in our election system and processes.

BULLYING

Children and their families should be held accountable for their actions, especially bullying and harassment. I also believe we must better prepare our administrators, teachers, aides, and staff members to handle these situations not only after they occur, but also before. I would like to implement cultural competency trainings as a continuing and professional education course to better educate the adults running the school building. I also believe organizations, like CAIR, should be invited to our schools to give talks and answer questions to better educate our children and build curiosity and compassion toward their neighbors. I believe we can and will experience a decrease in bullying and harassment when we invest time toward better educating adults and children about the Muslim community and Islam.

HATE CRIMES

I am interested in working toward the prevention of bias-motivated crime and I believe it starts with dialogue. I believe leaders need to muster the courage to talk to their constituents about misleading, harmful, and hateful information used against Oklahomans that motivate hate crimes. As a community, we have to stand up to and call out individuals and organizations that choose to harm our neighbors. CAIR is already doing a tremendous job of starting and continuing dialogue with community members and elected leaders to better engage with the Muslim community specifically, but as an elected leader I can always do more to highlight the good works and deeds of CAIR and other organizations.

EDUCATION

Properly funding public education is the key to improving what is currently happening in Oklahoma. For the last decade, the Legislature has decreased taxes and faced numerous budget shortfalls which have resulted in negatively impacting public education. Though we were able to make some improvement during the 2018 Legislative Session, there is still plenty of work to do. Our teacher shortage is a crisis. Not only are we losing teachers to neighboring states and non-education industries, our colleges and universities have seen a dramatic decrease in teacher candidates graduating to teach in Oklahoma. The State Department of Education has reported an increase in emergency certified teachers, almost reaching 2,000 teachers. We must prioritize funding for education as an investment for our future.

HOUSE DISTRICT 99



Ajay Pittman

My name is Ayshia "Ajay" Pittman and I am a sixth-generation Oklahoman with dual citizenship as an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation. My grandparents and parents have taught me the value of hard work and the importance of advocating on behalf of all people, especially those who cannot do so for themselves. Honoring my heritage and respecting my culture is key to my way of life. Respect for diversity is a principle that guides my actions every day.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

My stance on immigration is that we need immigration reform because it is a federal issue, and we need a concise path to citizenship. Immigrants and undocumented workers play a vital role in Oklahoma's economy they pay fuel tax, grocery tax and property tax. My concern is that States legislatures do not regulate immigration reform however they do benefit.

BUDGET

We are currently in a budget deficit. Yes I believe that we should pass more revenue raising measures and core government must be sustained. I would Prioritize funding for Education, Healthcare, and Transportation.

INTERFAITH

As a minority female I understand the complexity of politics. First I would continue to support your rights to religious freedoms, I will encourage increased participation in advocacy programs to help keep you informed and engaged in the political process. I would start by educating your high school seniors and expanding opportunities for them to participate in addressing community issues. I would teach the VoteWise Project and the Neighbor to Neighbor Campaign.

BULLYING

As a supporter and participant in Anti Bullying rallies and campaigns I would strive to educate the Muslim community on our current bullying laws that protect them, in an effort to empower them so that they can educate their teachers and administrators to follow the law.

HATE CRIMES

I would work to introduce hate crime law because currently Oklahoma does not always recognize crimes as a "Hate" crimes. Sometimes a higher court opinion has to be sought for a case to be classified as a crime of hate.

EDUCATION

The improvement of the public educational system will depend on two things, local control from the local school board and superintendent. The second thing will come from the legislature securing and sustaining long term revenue for teacher pay raises, updated textbooks, and maintain smaller classroom sizes. I would fight to sustain long term revenue which is in part a long term solution to fix our educational systems in Oklahoma. The student population is increasing while teachers are leaving so we have to fight to fund the public education.



Crentha Sequoya Turner

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

I envision Oklahoma as a future state that welcomes all. It breaks my heart that people don't feel welcome in America and we have elected leadership who support this kind of nonsense. If a person is willing to go through the legal process of being a citizen they should be treated with the same respect and have the same opportunities as those born in America.

Party | Democrat

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BUDGET

My ideas are geared towards increasing revenues to fund a better education system in Oklahoma. There are several areas that need funding but I feel its best to tackle one issue at a time so we don't have to keep having the same conversations year after year. My goal priority would be changing our child welfare system that works to keep families together and not separate them so easily. I'm a child welfare supervisor at the Department of Human Services.

INTERFAITH

I think it starts with putting the right people in positions of power that will hold lower level staff accountable when situations of harassment are voiced. I would like to see someone of Muslim decent in a position of authority that will look out for their community. This would be the standard in the African-American community or the Native American community. as well. We have laws that protect but not anyways the right people enforcing them.

BULLYING

We must start holding the parents accountable. Parents should have go before a board of anti-bullying members with their child and make sure the bullying stops. If it does not, and it can be proven, we need to enforce fines or possible jail time. It has to stop, period. A parent should not be allowed to say anymore, "I didn't know." Well, now you do. Get your child's behavior in check. Bullying in unacceptable.

HATE CRIMES

I believe with a better education system this would naturally decrease but until that time I would like to see maximum sentencing enforced. We have to show that we are a state that does not allow our citizens to be mistreated because they look different, or worship different, or love different than what we are use to. Its just not right.

EDUCATION

I want to get with members of legislation to brainstorm ways to pay our teachers a salary they deserve. We have been last in the nation for many years and I think its time to be first. Oklahoma will attract the best educators in American once we increase the salary to 90,000/yr. I think would should start with legalizing recreational marijuana and hemp. We should take the profits from both and pay our teachers.



Nkem House

Nkem House grew up in District 99 where he lived with his grandfather, Jonas House. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, he purchased his first home in District 99, a few miles from the home he grew up in, and married his wife, Alana (Haynes) House. They have lived there for 10 years, raising their three boys, Nkem Jr., Jonas, and Charles.

Nkem is an alumni of Leadership Oklahoma City, has served on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma, as a moot court coach for the Douglass High School moot court team, and as co-founder of the Oklahoma Chaos Basketball Club. He is also a member of a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc. His family, which consists of three generations of Douglass High School graduates, supports the community through the award of the Mary Beatrice & Jonas House Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduate of Douglass High School.

Party | Democrat

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QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 99 (con.)



Steve Davis

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Steven Davis founded Believe, Inc. in 1999 and currently serves as CEO and Executive Director. Steve has had a diverse and unique career including serving as the chaplain of the Oklahoma City Hornets, during their relocation time in Oklahoma City, and as the only African-American on the civic group to help bring Oklahoma City its first NBA team in state history.

Steve has over twenty years of experience guiding nonprofit organizations, community and housing development, fundraising, leadership training, and is a highly sought after conference and public speaker. Steve initiated and built a 60 unit, \$8 million senior living community in the heart of Oklahoma City, with the Great Mt. Olive Baptist Church and The Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City, as well as raising well over \$1 million dollars for other community development projects. Steve, as CEO of Believe, Inc., has fed well over 5000 children and families with their Feed 5000 initiative, and gave out over 10,000 books to create in-home libraries for children.

QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

IMMIGRATION

It is my belief that we should provide a pathway to citizenship for all people immigrating to the United States, regardless of subjective assessment of merit; increasing the number of changing USE immigration law to eliminate detention and providing better protection for asylum raising the quota caps on certain preference classes of green cards and recognizing the role those immigrating to the country play in the national labor force.

BUDGET

We absolutely should pass more revenue raising measures. At the top of my list for funding is education, health care and the department of human services.

INTERFAITH

When I'm elected, it's my intent to serve the faith community in this state with the respect and reverence all communities of faith deserve in this country. My faith teaches me that all of us are equal and have the free will and right to serve whatever god we see fit. With that said, I will make sure I'm intentional in my language to assure all of my constituents understand I support their freedom to serve whatever god they choose and the right to do it without fear of negative recourse. I plan to be intentional to invite even more groups out to the already community empowerment events I do now, once I'm elected. I think it's important we engage in community fellowship on a regular basis, so to better understand each other...it's the true way of community.

BULLYING

This issue is very close to my heart, as the experiences children have, they tend to take into adulthood. In order for us to grow healthy adults, we first must make sure our young people feel safe and heard in their schools, with a zero tolerance on bullying. Again, I will be intentional in my language to make sure it's understood across the schools in my districts, that I am engaged and paying close attention to how they handle these situations, as well as hosting annual conference around this issue, as to make sure those needing help can get it. Also, reaching out to those who bully, so to look at how we can address this hurtful behavior.

HATE CRIMES

I will request a interim study to look at the cost hate crime have on our communities, as well as look at how we better enforce the laws on a consistent basis around these crimes. We must send a message to the country that in Oklahoma, there will be no tolerance for this kind of behavior, as well as send a message to the country, so to attract business, that we are serious about making this the Great State of Oklahoma, and that can only happen when we see the humanity in all people.

EDUCATION

No Answer

Chris Harrison

Party | Democrat

NO RESPONSE

HOUSE DISTRICT 100



Donald Wentroth

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Dr. Don Wentroth was born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and graduated in 1972 from John Marshall High School. He went on to receive his BS in 1976 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. After graduation, he took his first teaching and coaching position at Boswell High School in the southeastern part of the state. After a couple of months, he married his wife, Susan, and began work toward his master's degree at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Dr. Wentroth moved to Oklahoma City and began teaching and coaching at Putnam City Central Junior High School during his second year. He eventually moved to Putnam City High School to teach and coach. During this time, he continued his education and graduated with his master's degree from Central State University in 1981. In 1984, Dr. Wentroth became a counselor at Ponca City East Jr. High School, and in 1985, Dr. Wentroth moved back to Putnam City Central Jr. High School. While teaching and coaching, he was also a substitute assistant principal and instigated an assistant principal intern position within Putnam City Schools.

He began work on his doctorate at Oklahoma State University while being an assistant principal at Putnam City West High School and then principal of Putnam City Western Oaks Middle School for ten years. He earned his Doctorate of Educational Administration in 1993 and then became principal of Putnam City High School for nine years. His last five years, before retiring, will be as principal of Bethany High School.

Some of Dr. Wentroth's achievements over his forty years of service in public school education include being awarded the Oklahoma Principal of the Year award, being named Oklahoma's first finalist for the National Principal of the Year award, and receiving commendations from former Governor Keating and former State Superintendent Garrett. He also led Putnam City Western Oaks Middle School to be ranked as one of the top 100 middle schools in the nation and Bethany High School to be named in the top 1% of high schools in the country for four years in a row. In 2014, Bethany High School, under the direction of Dr. Wentroth, also received the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School award.

Other accomplishments in Dr. Wentroth's career in public education include creating an anti-bullying program followed by schools inside and outside the state of Oklahoma, beginning sister school exchange programs with schools in South Korea and Israel, and working with legislators to write a bill to remediate students' learning. This bill was passed and is used in schools across Oklahoma. He also served and chaired the Alternative Teacher Certification Board for the Oklahoma State Department of Education for 7 years.

In addition to his work in schools, Dr. Wentroth spent many years coaching his children's sports and supporting his community as his own children grew. He teaches Sunday school, has served as a church deacon and as a church elder, serves on church committees, and is active in the church's choir. It has been his sincere pleasure to give respite care for fifteen years to a Downs Syndrome child who is now a young man. He has also been an adjunct professor for Southern Nazarene University and the University of Central Oklahoma over the past seventeen years.

Dr. Wentroth enjoys being with his wife of forty years, their two children and their spouses, and especially his six grandchildren. He is proud of the successes each of his children have had as products of Oklahoma public education. It is important to him to continue to fight for the teachers and administrators in the schools each day because he understands their needs, their frustrations, and their hearts. Dr. Wentroth wants to ensure that his grandchildren can have the same high quality public education that his children received and that he spent his life building for so many others because he knows that Oklahoma's children deserve much better than they are currently receiving.

HOUSE DISTRICT 100 (con.)



Marilyn M. Stark

I am a Christian, Republican who is concerned by what I see and hear in the world around me and in the political arena specifically. Being challenged by Franklin Graham on our state Capitol lawn in 2016, I was challenged again recently to be a part of the conversation. I have a wide variety of experience that I believe equips me to be a part of the solution. While I don't see any easy answers, I do see a desire from many to work harder at communicating across the aisle, across the chamber, and across the street, neighborhood to neighborhood to find those answers and build a stronger Oklahoma. Accountability, transparency and availability are key to a better OK! Together we can be better!

Party | *Republican*

HOUSE DISTRICT 45



Merleyn Bell

Party | Democrat

Merleyn Bell is a fifth-generation Oklahoman. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, going on to serve as Art Director for OU's award-winning literary magazine *World Literature Today* for 12 years. Through her company, Bell Design LLC, she provides graphic design services and consulting to public and private entities across the state. She and her husband Corey Matzkanin, a registered nurse, are delighted to raise their son in the same city where Bell grew up.

Merleyn has answered the call to serve throughout her life. She serves on the United Way of Norman Health and Safety Council and has volunteered for a number of local nonprofits including Food and Shelter for Friends, Full Circle Adult Day Center, and Thunderbird Clubhouse.

Merleyn is an alumna of Leadership Norman and a member of the Norman Chamber of Commerce. She created the public radio program *Race Matters* in partnership with KGOU Radio as a forum for conversations with leading experts on the topic of race.

Merleyn's dedication to Norman has given her deep insights into the community and a clear vision for Oklahoma's future. She will encourage increased funding that provides for high-quality public education, access to affordable healthcare, and the revitalization of our state's infrastructure.

Ken Kerr

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NO RESPONSE



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