



Tulsa League of Women Voters Municipal Primary Election Voter Guide

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Primary Election — Tuesday, September 13, 7am to 7pm

Early in-person absentee voting will be available at the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 North Denver, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, September 9 and Monday, September 12.

Each candidate in the nine City of Tulsa council districts was sent a questionnaire and given an opportunity to respond. The League neither edits material submitted nor changes spelling, punctuation or grammar. If word limits are exceeded, the extra words are deleted, indicated by an ellipsis.

This Voter Guide does not include candidates who drew no opponents from their respective parties. Those candidates will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. The League of Women Voters will publish a general election voter guide in October 2011 with responses from all candidates on the general election ballot who submitted answers to the League's questionnaire.

New Voter Identification Requirements

Oklahoma's Voter ID law took effect July 1. All voters are now required to produce proof of identity before casting a ballot whether voting at a regular polling place or voting early at the County Election Board.

Acceptable identification includes documents issued by the federal, state or a tribal government that includes the voter's name, photograph, and an expiration date that is after the date of the election in which the voter is attempting to vote. Voters also may use a voter identification card or a temporary voter identification document issued by the County Election Board.

The following ID will be accepted:

- A valid driver's license with an expiration date later than the day of the election.
- A state identification card, which is not a driver's license, with an expiration date that is later than the day of the election; persons 65 or older are not required to have an expiration date on their state identification card.

The LWV of Metropolitan Tulsa is a nonpartisan organization that provides information about political issues and candidates for public office in order to promote greater citizen responsibility and participation in government. As a nonpartisan organization, the League neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. It publishes and distributes factual information for citizens to use when preparing to cast an informed vote. **Candidates are listed by District, then by party affiliation. All candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name.**

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- A tribal government ID, with a photo and expiration date later than the date of the election.
- A military/uniformed services ID, with a photo and expiration date later than the date of the election.
- A United States passport with an expiration date later than the date of the election.
- A voter registration card or a temporary voter registration document –the only forms of ID without a photo that will be accepted. A voter registration card does not have an expiration date. However, the temporary voter ID does have an expiration date and that date must be after the election.

The law does not require checking the voter's address, only that the name on the ID is similar to the name in the precinct registry (for example the ID may say John Edward Doe and the precinct registry says John E. Doe).

No ID? Vote a Provisional Ballot

Don't have ID? Ask for a provisional ballot! It will take a little more time to do the paperwork, but the Tulsa County Election Board says your vote will be counted if you fill out the affidavit correctly. Poll workers are not permitted to assist voters with the paper work, so be sure to take your time and read the instructions carefully. Be sure the name you put on the affidavit matches what is on the voter rolls. This is the most important step in voting your provisional ballot. If the name on the affidavit that accompanies the provisional ballot substantially conforms to the name on the voter rolls, that vote will be counted.

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Tulsa City Council, District 1

District 1 drew only Democratic candidates and will be decided in the primary election.

Jack Henderson, Democrat

(no response received)



Twan Jones, Democrat

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Response: This information can be found at www.twanjones.org tab "Who Is Twan Jones".

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

The top priorities for my constituents in District 1 are: A) Public Safety B) Unemployment C) Economic Development

2. Why should voters elect you?

Voters Should elect Twan Jones if you want a candidate that has a heart for the community and believes in fair and accountable government, then Twan Jones is the candidate that voters should elect on September 13th

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3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

Leaving personalities at home.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

Twan Jones believes that city government should be held accountable and will be the "Watchdog" over the city budget to ensure that it is spent appropriately.

Jason Trent, II, Democrat (no response received)

Tulsa City Council, District 2

District 2 drew only one Democratic candidate. There will be a Republican primary and the winner of the primary election will face the Democratic candidate in the general election. This primary guide lists only those candidates who will be on the primary election ballot.

Judith Adams, Republican (response received after deadline)

No picture
submitted

Jeannie (Lugenia) Cue, Republican

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Tulsa City Council, District 2

(Jeannie Cue, continued)

Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Rte 66 Village, Red Fork Mainstreet, SW Chamber of Commerce, Chandler Park Partners, Chandler Park Lights on the Hill, Webster Alumni, SW Tulsa Historical Society, Elementary PTA

EDUCATION: TCC AS Nursing

EXPERIENCE: Chairman of the Route 66 Village, Vice Chairman of the Sales Tax Overview Committee, Founder of Chandler park Lights on the Hill, Charge Nurse Hillcrest Emergency Department

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

Public Services: Streets, Crime, Water, Sewer, Police, and Fire

Economic Development: Bring more Business to Tulsa, Increasing Jobs,

Promoting and working with new Large and small Businesses; showing why Tulsa is a great place to live and grow.

Cooperating with needs and concerns of citizens but creating a broad sustainable and successful economic ecosystem

2. Why should voters elect you?

I am a dedicated citizen of the City of Tulsa. Who will work hard getting the needs of district 2 accomplished. I will not only be a voice but a listener for the needs of the district.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I am a team player that is willing to listen and make the best decisions based on the views of both branches. That aligns with the needs of my district and the entire City of Tulsa.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

My knowledge, love and passion I have for Tulsa, will allow me to make decisions to give everyone in the City of Tulsa a better life. I want to work hard to create economic development with the citizens of Tulsa in mind.

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Matthew Foster, Republican (no response received)

Nancy Rothman, Republican (response received after deadline)

Tulsa City Council, District 3

District 3 drew two candidates from the Republican party and two candidates from the Democratic party. The winners of the primary for each party will be on the November general election ballot.

David W. Bell, Republican (no response received)

Randall Reese, Republican (no response received)

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Tulsa City Council, District 3



David Patrick, Democrat

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Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

David Patrick is a life-long resident of the Dawson Community, located in Tulsa, OK in Tulsa City Council District 3. Early on, he developed a love for mechanical things, and he was good at it. After high school, David opened Patrick's Auto Repair Shop, a successful small business he owns, and has operated for 41 years. David and his wife, Dannette have been married 41 years, and reared their two children in the Dawson Community.

Experience David's business requires the ability to think, analyze, and solve problems. These qualities have served him well during the three separate terms he has served at Tulsa City Council for District 3. He is also known for his ability to work well with others, and build consensus in teamwork situations.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

My top priorities for serving the people of District 3 are: **Public Safety—Police, Fire & Ambulance services; Street/Water/Sewer** repair and maintenance, maintaining these important infrastructure services; **New businesses**, more jobs and an increased tax; **Blight removal**—working to raze abandoned buildings and homes to make room for commercial and residential development, and **Revitalizing, and beautifying our neighborhoods**.

2. Why should voters elect you?

Voters should select me because I have a proven record of achievements. I am a self-starter, I am fully aware of the job description of a Tulsa City Councilor; I work well with others and find ways to focus the efforts of others and myself on providing solutions, not creating conflict, chaos and two years of wasted time and taxpayers' dollars, which is only legacy the current City Council will leave our citizens.

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3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I will rely on past successful experience in creating a courteous, well-focused approach to City business, by reminding and/or educating newly elected councilors as to our common purpose for the benefit of citizens of Tulsa. Disagreement sometimes happens, but with focus, cool heads and a common purpose, we shall conduct all matters with courtesy and respect.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

What I bring to the table as a Tulsa City Councilor is experience, and a record of accomplishments. I have worked with three different Mayors and City Councils. By pursuing tasks with a combined sense of purpose, these administrations governed well and accomplished much. My contributions will be clear thinking, analysis of each challenge as it comes, and seeking the ideas and solutions of the entire council before I speak. My efforts will help to bring sanity, purpose and productivity back to the City Council.

Roscoe Turner, Democrat (no response received)

Tulsa City Council, District 4

District 4 drew three candidates from the Republican party and two candidates from the Democratic party. The winners of the primary for each party will be on the November general election ballot.



Maria Barnes, Democrat

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Tulsa City Council, District 4

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Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Crosstown Learning Center, Educare, Human Rights Commission, Kendall-Whittier Main Street, Christ the King Parish Council.

EDUCATION: Graduate Morse HS, San Diego, CA, 2 years Mesa Jr. College.

EXPERIENCE Having served on City Council for almost 4 years, including a year as chair, I have immense experience in how this city functions. My record as City Councilor reflects my commitment and ability to work with all people—businesses, homeowners, Republicans, and Democrats—and to get things done. I helped ensure the passage of PlaniTulsa and worked hand-in-hand with the Pearl District to get Tulsa's first form-based code enacted. I currently am serving on the zoning code selection committee. I have received the City of Tulsa Picket Fence Award, and have been honored by The Tulsa Indian Coalition against Racism, the American Dream Coalition, and the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations. As native Tulsans, my husband and I have lived in District 4 for over . . .

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

Implementing PlaniTulsa. We must be diligent to ensure that our plan is implemented. We need a Planning Director and a new zoning code that reflects the vision Tulsa's citizens. As your Councilor, I will continue to monitor the progress.

Ensure funding of Core Government services. As city councilor, I have worked hard to ensure that the city's core services remain adequately funded, like our police force, our firefighters, and similar services.

Encourage Local Small businesses. Local businesses put more money back into the community. Nurturing local businesses, and finding ways to strengthen them, continues to be my goal.

2. Why should voters elect you?

As City Councilor, I have a proven record of putting my constituents first. I always am available and responsive to problems that people in my district bring to me. While I am known for being a civil voice that can work with others, I also am known as one who will stand up for principals that are important to my constituents and me. My first priority is being your councilor. If I am honored to return to office, I will continue my hard work and dedication to the people of district 4.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

Disagreements and politics go hand in hand like bread and butter. While some political bickering is inevitable, it only becomes problematic when things cannot get done. The local media likes to play up the disagreements in
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City Hall, instead of focusing on all the things we have accomplished, like providing funding for more police. However, I have and will continue to stand up on issues that are critical to my constituents and Tulsa, like ensuring adequate funding for public safety departments. As Councilor, I promise to continue maintaining an open door policy, listening to all sides, and keeping an open mind.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

There are many people running for council positions that are beholden to various special interests. I am not one of those people. I have and will continue to put the voters of district 4 first. I am not someone who grandstands or plays politics, but someone who works hard and stands up for my constituency. I have a long history of volunteer service for the city, and have the knowledge to assist the residents of District 4. We need a City Councilor who will work for the entire district, and I have a record of doing just that.

Ken Brune, Democrat

(response received after deadline)

Blake Ewing, Republican

(response received after deadline)



Rocky Frisco, Republican

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Tulsa City Council, District 4

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Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

Rocky Frisco was born at Saint Louis, MO on July 26th, 1937. He attended schools in District Four from Kindergarten through High School graduation. He has been playing piano professionally since 1957 and played a concert at Carnegie Hall in 1996. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame and was inducted in 2009. He has also been inducted into three other State Music Halls of Fame. He worked for a time in Basic Research and troubleshooting for Fairchild, Litton's and IBM. He raced Sports Cars for four racing seasons during the 60's and he holds a Private Pilot's License. He has appeared in major motion pictures and is completing a starring role in a feature film on August 2nd. His politics are conservative and libertarian and he is a Constitutionalist and a veteran of the U. S. Army. He has lived . . .

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

To represent their wants and needs impartially; to serve as an ombudsman in disputes with the city government and an arbiter in local disagreements. To work to get lower taxes and less governmental intrusion and attempted micromanagement of residents.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I'm the best candidate. I have lived here since I was a small child and I understand the area and its people. Their issues are my issues. I think government should serve the people and protect their rights. I advocate liberty and responsibility as the best policy.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I get along with people and have always been successful in arbitrating disputes in organizations I have been a member of. I think I will bring a mature voice of reason and sanity to the Council, if elected. I have no ax to grind with the Mayor's office.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I am mature and very well informed. I just turned 74 and first moved into District Four at three year of age. I have been reading and studying politics and American History for many years. I have no personal agenda or political ambition to get in the way of being a good representative. I plan to be a representative, not a "leader;" my constituents are neither dogs nor sheep and need no leaders. I think most "leaders" want to be rulers.

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Liz Hunt, Republican

(response received after deadline)

Tulsa City Council, District 5

District 5 drew three Republican candidates and will be decided in the primary election.



Karen Gilbert, Republican

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Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

I am a Tulsa native. My husband and I have been married for 20 years. We have three children, Marshall, a sophomore at TU where he also plays football, Peyton, a freshman entering TCC with the Tulsa Achieves program and Karsten, a sophomore at Memorial High School.

I have been employed with TPS for the last 13 years. The last four years I have been nominated as a site support personal of the year and 2 years ago was nominated as one of the top 5 support employees for the entire district. My 12 year combined work experience within the Tulsa Public Schools System includes Administrative and Lead teaching as well as volunteer leadership positions. As the current President of Tulsa Council of PTAs, I helped lead the successful 2010 Bond Campaign. I served on the Advisory Council for Project Schoolhouse and lead numerous Town Hall Forums to explain the ...

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Tulsa City Council, District 5

(Karen Gilbert, continued)

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

Protect and serve, make sure the police and fire departments are fully staffed and able to do their jobs properly and within a budget.

Maintaining and improving the quality of life in Tulsa. Businesses need to be encouraged to locate here and quality of life is a major factor in attracting them. Working with neighborhoods and dealing with issues that effect everyones lives should be a priority.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I would be a fresh face and bring in new ideas. I will work with the mayor, my fellow councilors to bring civility to city hall. People are fed up with the bickering and I will distinguish myself as a positive leader. I will listen carefully to the constituents in CD 5 and bring their ideas and concern to city hall.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

To work together to help improve the growth and economic progression to you city. Right now is the time to get a city council that will work together with the mayor for the city of Tulsa.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

Protect and serve, make sure the police and fire departments are fully staffed and able to do their jobs properly and within a budget.

A city's infrastructure including a city council that works together helps people decide where they want to live and work. Improving our roads, street lighting and neighborhood parks is vital to the economic growth o

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Tulsa City Council, District 5



Sam Roop, Republican

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Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: .

- Republican Party local and national, Heritage Foundation, Freemasons, NRA, Tulsa Scottish Rite.

EDUCATION:

- St Gregory's University, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Masters of Science in Management May 2008
- St Gregory's University, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Bachelor of Science, Business/MIS Degree, Graduated Cum Laude, May 2006
- Tulsa Junior College, Tulsa, Oklahoma
62 hours, **Telecommunications** Technology
- Tulsa Technology Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma
518 contact hours **Technical Electronics**, Certificate in Technical Electronics

EXPERIENCE:

- Nine years on the City Council, one year as Chief Administrative Officer City of Tulsa.
- Worked for United Video, Wiltel, WorldCom, MCI, AT&T, Spirit Bank and private consulting.

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

I am a listener. I want to hear from my constituents to find out what is important to them. There are many things that are important to district 5 residents. It could be a road or water runoff control issue or railroad crossing. Whatever it is, I am accessible and listen to their needs. I have always done my best to get things done for them.

Additional priorities, government waste and efficiency, fighting crime, improving neighborhoods, promoting quality jobs and businesses in Tulsa and helping to craft a vision for the future of this City.

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Why should voters elect you?

2. Why should voters elect you?

I listen to them and I have the experience that is needed for the next council. I have nine years of previous experience serving the people of Tulsa in district 5. My constituents know that I get things done for them.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

That is quite simple; I respect varying points of view on the issues. I'm a professional, I don't make things personal. I will decide issues on the merits of the issue itself.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

My contribution will be experience, civility and respect for people. I plan to set an example for new councilors as we work together to get things done without making it personal or petty.

Christopher Trail, Republican

(no response received)

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Tulsa City Council, District 6

District 6 drew only one Democratic candidate. There will be a Republican primary and the winner of the primary election will face the Democratic candidate in the general election.



Jim Mautino, Republican

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ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Republican Men's Club and the Tulsa Area Republican Assembly

EDUCATION: La Salle Peru Oglesby High School, Illinois; Air Frame, Power Plant, and Instrument training, US Air Force

EXPERIENCE: Aircraft Mechanic/Crew Chief/Inspector/Maintenance Instructor, 39+ years; Tulsa City Councilman, District 6 2004-2006, 2009-Current

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

East Tulsa and government accountability are two of my top priorities. Other pressing concerns and priorities include graffiti control, street maintenance/repair, and neighborhood safety.

2. Why should voters elect you?

Voters should elect me because I have experience, am trustworthy, and am focused on results; a representative for all of District 6.

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Tulsa City Council, District 6

(Jim Mautino, continued)

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

On my part, I will make every effort to cooperate with the executive branch of our government for the betterment of District 6 and the city of Tulsa while maintaining my integrity and the voter's trust. And as I have in the past, I will continue to extend opportunities for frank and open discussion.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I will contribute my experience, dedication to District 6's best interests, perseverance, and a strong voice for accountability in our government.



Byron "Skip" Steele, Republican

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EDUCATION: BS Degree in Business

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Tulsa City Council, District 6

(Byron "Skip" Steele, continued)

EXPERIENCE: I'm not a politician and have never run for a political office. I simply decided that the city was in trouble and needed someone to step up and get her back on track. I have owned and operated a computer service "All Hours Computer" which offers professional service at low rates. We need to improve by bringing new business to Tulsa which would bring new jobs and increase our tax revenue.

Raised in Tulsa and graduated from Edison High School then on to John F. Kennedy College I have lived most of my life right here in Tulsa. I also enjoy boating, fishing and of course computers.

I find it distressing that some are proposing a change in our city government as the system is not broken. So let's get back to serving the citizens of Tulsa and improving our community . . .

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

To represent the citizens of district 6 and Tulsa using my skills in business to make improvements that are needed and make sure that we are getting the best possible solutions for our tax dollars. We can also strengthen our police force making Tulsa a safer environment to live and do business.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I'm not a politician and have no political aspirations. I simply want Tulsa to be a better place to live and do business. Tulsa was once the most beautiful city in America, my goal is to bring Tulsa back to what once was.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

No response

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I would offer a more business friendly approach using common sense solutions rather than political aspirations. I would focus on enforcement of our laws rather than creating new ones and stay focused on the long term growth rather than quick or temporary fixes.

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Tulsa City Council, District 7

District 7 drew three candidates from the Republican party and two candidates from the Democratic party. The winners of the primary for each party will be on the November general election ballot.

Bobby Bookout, Jr., Democrat (has dropped out of race)

Because Mr. Bookout dropped out of the race after the deadline for withdrawing, his name will be on the primary ballot.



Michael Rainwater, Democrat

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ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: President of Regency Park Homeowners Association, Oklahoma Public Employees Association

EDUCATION: Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology, University of Tulsa, Bachelor of Arts, Northeastern St. University, Tahlequah, Psychology and sociology major.

EXPERIENCE: Employed for the DHS 29 years, retired in 1999 (At age 50.) He was assigned to the juvenile services and child welfare areas while with DHS. He supervised a total of 18 years while with the agency. While with the juvenile services offices in Tulsa, he oversaw multiple contracts with vendors for community based services. He piloted a program to recruit, train and certify foster homes and volunteers for juvenile delinquents, the first of its kind in Oklahoma. While supervising the child abuse unit he participated in the implementation of the first paperless child abuse office in America. Mr. Rainwater has operated a small business for several years, the wave mobile disc jockey services.

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Tulsa City Council, District 7

(Michael Rainwater, continued)

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

As District 7 councilman, I will provide a consistent system of responding to the needs of my constituents in a timely, efficient manner. I also will insure regular communication with the residents of District 7, by providing newsletters and emails concerning business before the council and my positions on issues. Further, I will hold regular town-hall types of meetings with the residents to hear their feedback and concerns.

2. Why should voters elect you?

This past five years as the President of my homeowners association, I have gotten great experience working with the residents in my neighborhood and feel that experience will carry over well toward fulfilling my duties as a councilman. I have gained considerable knowledge of neighborhood issues, worked with city government officials numerous times, and studied to understand the nature of local government funding, taxation and budget issues.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I have worked at the state government level for a number of years and have a broad understanding of the different branches of government. I understand the concept of teamwork, negotiation and tactful confrontation. As such I believe I can contribute to resolving disputes and finding innovative solutions. As a psychologist, with training in group processes, I believe I will be able to apply my education and experience toward building good relationships with council members and with those the council must work.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I am a person who cares about people and most of my work experience has been toward serving the public. I also believe in respecting individual differences and enjoy helping people solve their everyday problems. I am a good listener and learn from others input. I am respectfully humble to our divine creator's plan and believe it is our responsibility to do God's work on earth as the time we are granted permits.

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Tulsa City Council, District 7



Thomas Mansur, Republican

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ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

EDUCATION: B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Oklahoma; M.S. Civil Engineering Oklahoma State University

EXPERIENCE: 21 years with US Army; 21 years experience in engineering design and engineering business as licensed professional engineer.

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

Public safety, economic development, improved streets, citizenship in the community

2. Why should voters elect you?

I have experience in managing a successful business, working with municipalities, solving infrastructure problems, dealing fairly with the public, and doing so with maturity, good judgment, and respect for others.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I will collaborate with my fellow councilors and the Mayor to establish and focus upon critical issues and set aside petty problems and personality differences.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

My three principal objectives as a Councilor are Accountability, Collaboration, and Service.

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Elliot Leroy Parker, Sr., Republican (no response received)



Steven H. Roemerman, Republican

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Steven was born in Dallas in 1976. In 1998 after graduating from Evangel University with a BS in Computer Science and a minor in Biblical Studies. Steven and his wife Stacey moved to Tulsa where he started his career at Avis Budget Group as a computer programmer.

Steven and Stacey both love Tulsa and volunteer their time to make it a better place for their children; Regan, Audrey, and Steven. Both have served as party precinct officials and both mentor K-5th grade boys at their church.

Steven, age 35, serves on Tulsa's Sales Tax Overview Committee, where he reviews and reports on the expenditures of Tulsa's Third Penny Sales tax. He was appointed to that position in 2007.

Steven has been an active follower of The City Council, frequently attending meetings and speaking before the council both as a member of the STOC and as a concerned citizen.

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

To be an effective representative of District 7. I pledge to be available and responsive to my constituents, by attending neighborhood meetings, by working with other civic leaders and activists and by making myself available to entrepreneurs that want to invest in District 7.

To invest in technology in order to increase efficiency and reduce duplication of effort in city operations.

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(Steven Roemernam, continued)

Tulsa has recently approved a new comprehensive plan. I want to focus on implementing clear and concise zoning changes, where needed, in a way that protects property owners and helps developers spur economic growth.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I have been a local watchdog for many years, and have had the honor of serving Tulsa on it's sales tax overview committee for 4 years. The knowledge and experience I've gained over the past several years will help make me a good city councilor for Tulsa.

Also, my job as a computer programmer requires me to take an analytical approach to problem solving. Breaking problems down into component parts and then coming up with out of the box solutions. These skills are well suited for work as a city councilor.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

At my job, I am required to work with others in a professional manner. I'm expected to do my job without letting personal feelings get in the way. I'm expected to be civil and courteous. Elected officials should be expected to do the same thing at City Hall. I pledge to be polite, kind and thoughtful

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

If elected I would be one of the younger members of the council as such I would bring a perspective that I think is it is currently lacking. My background in technology will position me to help bring a level of expertise that is vital for a growing city in the 21st century.

Tulsa City Council, District 8

District 8 drew one Democratic candidate and two Republican candidates. The winner of the Republican primary election will face the Democratic candidate in the general election.



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Married to Dr. Rachel Gibbs for 31 years, a physician at Warren Clinic and St. Francis Hospital. Two sons, Sgt. George Edward Gibbs, USMC, and Jonathan Gibbs.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Oklahoma Bar Association; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of Oklahoma; Federal Courts of Arkansas; Arkansas Bar Association; 5th and 10th Circuit Courts of Appeal, Tulsa Metro Chamber, a board member of Baptist Village, member of First Baptist Church.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree from Southwest Baptist University; Master's Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Juris Doctor from OCU

EXPERIENCE: An Oklahoma attorney for 26 years, president of Gibbs Armstrong Borochoff Mullican & Hart, P.C. for 11 years. Lead attorney on the fight against building the bridge in South Tulsa. I have supported and fed the U.S. Marines at Camp Pendleton, California, for the past four years. Led the fight for tort reform in Oklahoma. I also ranch a small herd of cattle.

Questions: 100 word limit per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

To serve the needs and interests of the citizens of District 8; to respond to their questions and inquiries for assistance on solving problems in their communities; to improve our infrastructure and roads and streets; to preserve city services such as trash pickup; to increase the number and frequency of police patrols and improve fire and ambulance service in Tulsa.

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(George Gibbs, continued)

2. Why should voters elect you?

I am responsive and consider myself a servant to the citizens of South Tulsa. If elected, every resident of District 8 will have my cell phone number and I pledge to return their phone calls within 24 hours; to listen to their concerns and assist them in developing an action plan. The citizens of District 8 deserve prompt and helpful responses from their councilor. I have represented hundreds of people throughout the State of Oklahoma and the City of Tulsa. I have represented large, medium and small business for the past 25 years and look forward to helping District 8 . . .

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I believe that as a businessman and as a potential member of the city council, it is my duty to work with the mayor's office and city employees in a reasonable, positive, friendly manner, and to work together as a team to solve our city's problems. I believe you should do unto others and you would have them do unto you. I feel if we practiced that philosophy we would solve a lot of problems between the executive and legislative branches of city government.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

My time, energy, talents and focus. We are missing too many opportunities to bring jobs to the city, to improve the quality life of our citizens, and to save money. Tulsa can and should be a strong and vibrant community. I love Tulsa and I think it's a wonderful city. I want to do everything within my power to improve the quality of life for the citizens of District 8 and the Greater Tulsa area.



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(Phil Lakin, Jr., continued)

Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Board President for Tulsa Zoo, Rotary Club of Tulsa, George Kaiser Family Foundation, and Folds of Honor Foundation. Board member for Tulsa Community College Foundation, Jenks Public Schools Foundation, Tulsa Area United Way, and Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority. Serve as an officer on the boards of several local charitable foundations. Deacon at Southern Hills Baptist Church.

EDUCATION: Jenks High School national merit graduate. BBA, Baylor University. MBA, Baylor University.

EXPERIENCE: Founding CEO of Tulsa Community Foundation, America's largest community foundation. TCF has donated \$600 million to charities all across Tulsa and the nation, built the River Parks trails, distributed school supplies to over 250,000 disadvantaged children, and funded the KPMG efficiency study to save taxpayer dollars. TCF also provided the only private funding for PLANITULSA and is responsible for the art deco beautification enhancements currently being erected on I-44. Prior to TCF, I worked for Baylor University.

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

Provide police and fire services in an efficient and highly-responsive manner. Nothing is more essential. Maintain and rebuild our deteriorated and neglected streets. Widen roads and construct sidewalks for better access to schools and trails.

Restore the positive, proactive spirit that made Tulsa great. It's time for our elected officials to cooperate and set goals for Tulsa's future. I will bring a renewed sense of respect for others to City Hall.

Make our government more efficient. I will focus the council on implementing the recommendations of the KPMG study that provide the greatest return and highest taxpayer savings.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I have served this city in a wide variety of ways, not because I have to, but because I want to. I have dedicated the last 12 years of my life to creating ways to improve this city. It's not only my job, it's my passion. Tulsans have benefited from my positive, proactive spirit through my work at TCF, service in privatizing the zoo, initiative in beautifying our city, and dedication to our public school systems. My attitude and work ethic will be the same at City Hall as it has been in my service to Tulsa through these organizations.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

First, as a step toward better communication and more stability, I will encourage the council to meet weekly with the mayor to discuss, set, and monitor goals that are mutually agreed upon. The executive and legislative branches must work together if Tulsa is going to advance, and this will be a great restart to a strong working relationship. Second, to break down "ward politics," I will initiate district tours: councilors will host other councilors in their respective districts at least once a year, letting them see and experience the good that their district offers, and the help that it needs.

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4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I understand the issues of District 8, because south Tulsa was my home as a kid and is as a parent. I've always wanted to serve this city, which is exactly what I do professionally.

At TCF, I have demonstrated that I can build consensus, then implement actions that have tremendously impacted our city, increasing our tax base and quality-of-life.

I will continue to use my education, community experience, and character to right our city government, making it a body that will lead the people rather than one that merely reacts to the city's needs and criticizes its shortcomings.

Tulsa City Council, District 9

District 9 drew only one Democratic candidate. There will be a Republican primary and the winner of the primary election will face the Democratic candidate in the general election.



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G.T. Bynum is currently serving his second term on the Tulsa City Council. G.T. and his wife, Susan, have two children: Robert (4) and Annabel (1). Robert and Annabel are the 6th generation of Bynums to call Tulsa home.

Organization Affiliations: Tulsa Historical Society (board member), Leadership Tulsa (past board member), Leadership Oklahoma (graduate), Rotary Club of Tulsa. G.T. also earned his Eagle Scout designation as a member of Troop 73.

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(G.T. Bynum., continued)

Education: G.T. is a graduate of Eliot Elementary and Cascia Hall. He graduated from Villanova University with a B.A. in Political Science and a Concentration in Ethics.

Experience: G.T. has represented District 9 on the Tulsa City Council since April 2008. G.T. has also served as spokesman for the Tulsa Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and for 6 years he worked as an aide to U.S. Senators Don Nickles and Tom Coburn.

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

To address Tulsa's true long term goals, we have to move past the far too prevalent personal issues that have invaded our city government. I want to remain above that fray, and instead focus on the real issues. My top policy priorities on the Council include forming a joint task force between the City and our area school districts to determine any efficiencies that could improve the effectiveness of all entities involved, developing the next streets improvement package, and continuing pursuit of private development of the Arkansas River along with other opportunities to create jobs in Tulsa.

2. Why should voters elect you?

Voters should elect me because I have a track record of serving them on the Council, because I am accessible to my constituents, and because I take a balanced approach to deliberating on any important vote before the Council. Beyond all that, though, I have a young family that I want to grow in District 9. I have the long-term best interests of Tulsa and this district in my mind on any issue that comes up.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

My efforts to bridge the divide between the Council and the Mayor have been well documented by the local media. While these efforts have been rebuffed by both the Mayor and fellow councilors, I am hopeful after these elections we will have a renewed opportunity for collaboration. The key issue is a shared vision to work toward. To this end, I plan to initiate the creation of small working groups among councilors on particular issues that will allow us to develop policies jointly with the Mayor.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I have a proven track record of getting things done. In my current term alone, I authored a budget amendment restoring the Tulsa Police Department helicopters into service. I led efforts to create the first municipal Rainy Day Fund in Oklahoma in order to stabilize our budget in the future. I worked with our local Veterans community to create the first municipal Veterans Treatment Court in the nation. My goal on the Council is to be a work horse rather than a show horse, and if elected to a third term I plan to continue that approach.

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Tulsa City Council, District 9

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I was born and raised in Tulsa and I'm a graduate of Nathan Hale High School. I am a realtor and real estate investor. District 9 was my home before it was established as a council district by the amended charter of 1989. I am former President of the Brookside Neighborhood Association and served on the board for many years. In that capacity I volunteered my personal time to help neighbors and businesses navigate city bureaucracy with regard to zoning, code enforcement, streets, flood control and permitting. I have volunteered on numerous committees, task forces, etc. with the city as well as the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

My top priorities will be code/law enforcement, zoning by compliance (not exemption) and governmental accountability. I will seek to provide the existing population a more prosperous future through efficient and accountable government within existing or lower tax/fee structures. The solution for Tulsa's future success is to refocus on the fundamental basic services provided by a municipality such as law enforcement, streets and utilities.

As a councilor one of my first actions will be to investigate how \$1,448,000 of an allocated \$2,000,000 has been spent on 2001 Sales Tax Project 013110 (Crow Creek Rehabilitation) without any actual rehabilitation work being done.

2. Why should voters elect you?

The short answer is I'm smart enough to know what's wrong with city government and dumb enough to think I can fix it.

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Admitting to a certain amount of ego, I can honestly say I believe I am the most qualified person for this position. I have been involved in neighborhood and municipal issues for almost twenty years. I am very familiar with the bloated bureaucratic processes of zoning, code enforcement, streets, flood control and permitting.

I am a firm believer in honest, open and accountable government — and that the government does not fail us, the people we elect do.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I will not participate in political snipe hunts. I will work to create solutions, not problems. Debate is important and healthy, but it must be appropriate, respectful and civil.

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I will work to bring accountability and efficiency to city government. I will respect the citizens of Tulsa and their tax dollars. I intend to refocus public debate on the real issues which will improve Tulsa's future.

My first quarterly legislative agenda can be found on my website, ww.Robert4Tulsa.com. I welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Doug Rucker, Republican

(has dropped out of race)

Because Mr. Rucker dropped out of the race after the deadline for withdrawing, his name will be on the primary ballot.



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(Kimberlee Whiteman, continued)

Biography: **150 word limit** to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Tulsa Young Professionals

EDUCATION: East Central High School graduate; attended University of Oklahoma-No degree

EXPERIENCE: Many of the candidates have either a political background or political experience. My lack of political experience is what sets me apart because my objective is truly to serve my district and the citizens of Tulsa. I have always been a leader with innovative ideas and I do not back down from a challenge. The morals and work ethics that were taught to me at a young age are what will keep me professional and focused on doing what is right and making the best decisions for my district and Tulsa.

Questions: **100 word limit** per question.

1. What are your top priorities for your constituent area?

First is to get the Council and Mayor to work as a team to make positive changes for Tulsa. The citizens of Tulsa expect their City Councilors to be professional and work together for the betterment of each district and the city of Tulsa. Secondly, to uncover innovative ways of bringing new businesses to Tulsa, while keeping current ones. The joint efforts between the Council and Chamber should be lobbying new businesses in our experienced industries. Third is developing a budget plan that will protect our public safety departments. Obviously this relies heavily on the success of the first two.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I truly believe that I have the passion and capability to represent my district and the city of Tulsa. Positive changes need to be made, and I know I will assist in making those changes. I have lived in Tulsa nearly all my life, and I am now raising a child here, which takes my initiatives to a whole new level. I have family who are city employees and my husband works for a local bank; so my interests in seeing Tulsa prosper are very important to me.

3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?

I would address this issue by representing District Nine in a professional manner and to be a team player, without jeopardizing my character or the needs and concerns of District Nine. The citizens of Tulsa deserve a leadership that will work together and put their egos and personal political agendas aside

4. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I will be a public servant to my district and Tulsa. I have email, telephone, FaceBook, and Twitter accounts dedicated to hearing the needs and concerns of my neighbors. I will work within the City Charter guidelines to make all decisions that are to the best interest of this beautiful city.

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