



# Voter Guide

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ELECTION

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## General Election — Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7AM to 7PM

*The general election is open to all registered voters in the City of Tulsa. All candidates who won primary races for their respective party's candidacy, or who were the only candidate for their party for a particular office will be on the ballot. Voters may select any candidate who appears on the ballot. Candidates for seven of the nine city council seats and four city charter change proposals will be on the ballot.*

### 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.
- 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.

#### **Don't have ID? Ask for a provisional ballot!**

It will take time to do the paperwork, but the Tulsa County Election Board says your vote will be counted if the name on the affidavit that accompanies the provisional ballot substantially conforms to the name on the voter rolls. Be sure the name you put on the affidavit matches the name you used to register to vote.

#### **VOTE!**

*You can vote in person at your polling place for the precinct in which you live.:*

- The name of your polling place is on your voter identification card.
- The polls are open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on election day. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you will be able to vote.

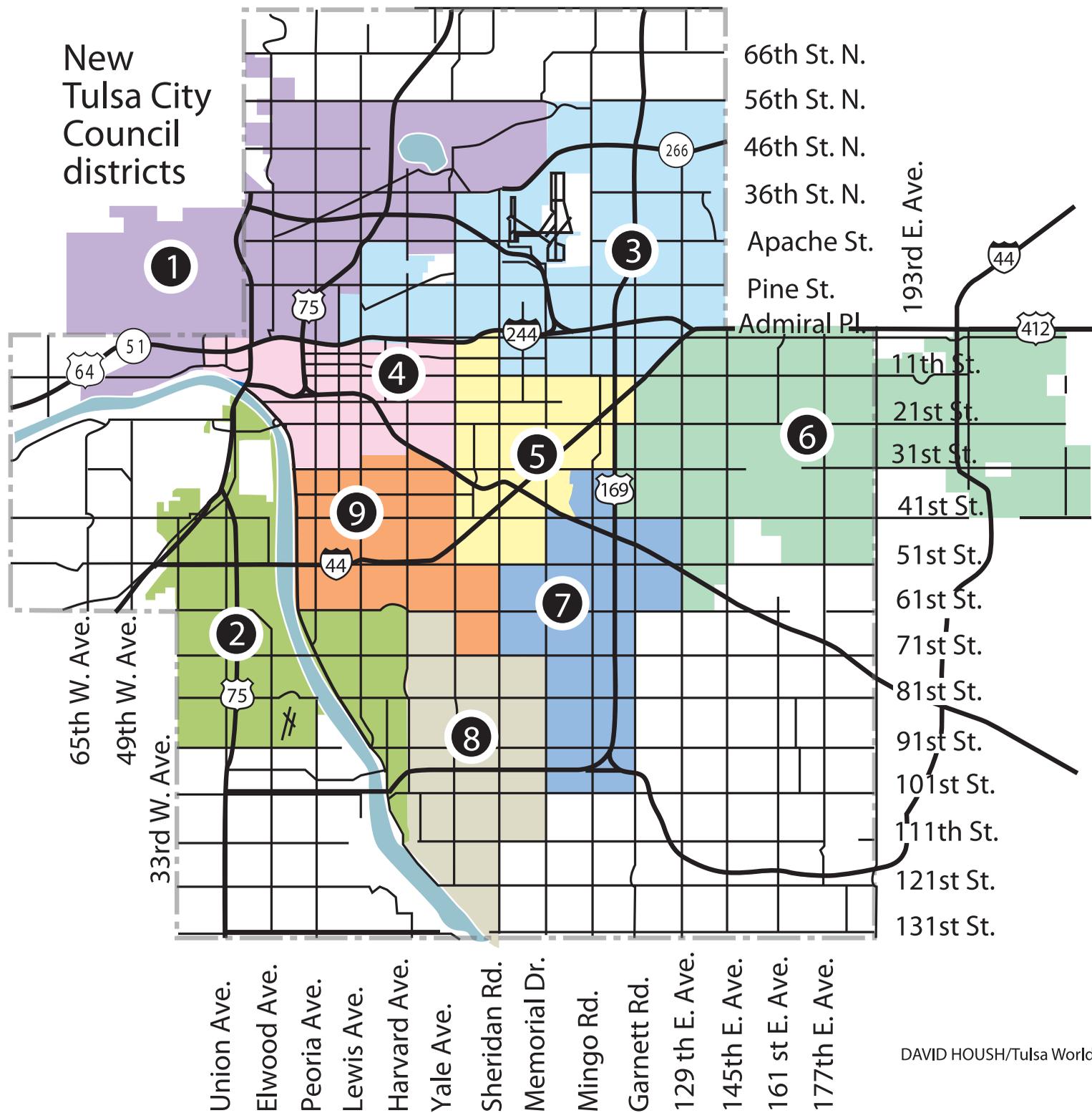
*You can also vote early or by absentee ballot:*

- Early in-person voting takes place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Friday and Monday before municipal elections.
- An absentee ballot may be requested in person or by mail. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is the Wednesday before an election.

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## NOTES ON THIS VOTERS GUIDE

- **The League neither edits material submitted nor changes spelling, punctuation or grammar.** If word limits are exceeded, the extra words are deleted and this is indicated by ellipsis (...).
- **All candidates for municipal office are listed by district and in alphabetical order by last name in this guide.**
- **The following districts do not have candidates for City Councilor in the November general election:**
  - District 1 drew candidates from the Democratic Party only and Jack Henderson was elected as Councilor for District 1 in the primary election.
  - District 5 drew candidates from the Republican Party only and Karen Gilbert was elected Councilor for District 5 in the primary election.
- **Voters will go to the polls in all nine City of Tulsa districts:**
  - Voters in all districts, including Districts 1 and 5, will vote on November 8 on four ballot proposals for all voters in the City of Tulsa to decide.
  - A brief explanation of each of the four proposals, written by the League of Women Voters Voter Services Committee, is printed in this guide.
  - The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa has taken a position on all of the ballot proposals and the positions are not printed as part of the guide, but may be found in the blue insert.

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## Tulsa City Council, District 2 (2-year term)



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**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:** (150 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 plan on standing up and representing the people of District 3. Ensuring we get our fair share for a change, whatever that takes.

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

I know how to get our Neighborhoods cleaned up with much better and fairer Code Enforcement, Streets paved and parks enhanced. Accountability, Transparency, Fiscal Responsibility!

## Tulsa City Council, District 2 (2-year term)



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**EDUCATION:** I have attended both Junior College and other 4 year universities in the pursuit of my education. Additionally I would submit my training and schooling received courtesy of the US Government while serving in the following branches of the US Military:

- US Army (84-86), Combat Supply/Logistics
- US Navy (86-92), Served with the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division before and after Desert Shield/Desert Storm as a Hospital Corpsman, Fleet Marine Force
- US Air Force (97-2001), Financial Management/Budget ...

**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

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

- Economic Development, both long term vision and short term start up actions
- Fostering private business/government relationships with area entities
- Protecting and defending the rights of Tulsa Citizens
- Partnering with area efforts geared towards educating the citizens of our great community

**2. Why should voters elect you?**

I do not have a political background. I have a background of team work and leadership in getting the job done. My experience is in building a collaborative bridge between folks in leadership and people on the front lines that collectively solve real world business needs, which has had positive impacts to the company bottom line resulting in a community wide benefit.

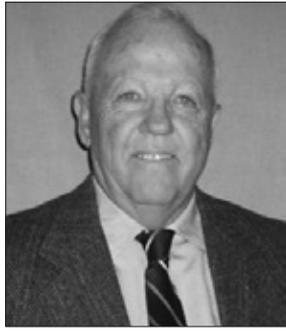
**3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?**

I will learn the current issues at hand which affect both of these entities and the impact it has upon our citizen population. I find that in mending fences, building teams and leading efforts, it is best to first exhibit the actions you desire, so that it sets the leadership pace for those that surround you in any given situation. Lead by example.

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

Persistence, Patience, Teamwork and daily affirmation that we can "Unleash Tulsa's Potential" working together for the people and by the people.

# Tulsa City Council, District 3 (3-year term)



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**EDUCATION:** High School, approximately 750 hours of state accredited school, Council on law enforcement Education and training CLEE

**EXPERIENCE:** Founder and Neighborhood Association President, State Trooper, involved in about 10 political campaigns, I know the difference between right and wrong, I know what a crook is.

**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

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

- Fair city government for all legal citizens
- Strongly supporting the enforcement of the state HB 1804 and federal immigration laws
- Stopping the declining property values in District 3
- Quicker time schedule for destruction of abandon boarded up houses
- Re train and equip Code Enforcement to clean up Tulsa fairly
- Leave the Trash Service and our water supply alone

**2. Why should voters elect you?**

As a lifelong Tulsan, I understand the problems we all face In District 3, Crime off the scale, rundown Neighborhoods, bad Streets and falling property values because of boarded up houses and no representation of District 3 I will fight rising property taxes increasing and the ever increasing salesTax and will work to straighten the mess left by the uncaring District 3 Councilor of the past that has taken Chamber tax money That belonged to you and put Tulsa in a big debt.

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

I plan on standing up and representing the people of District 3. Ensuring we get our fair share for a change, whatever that takes.

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

I know how to get our Neighborhoods cleaned up with much better and fairer Code Enforcement, Streets paved and parks enhanced. Accountability, Transparency, Fiscal Responsibility! I know how to give our police the proper help for better protection from illegal Immigration, crime prevention, enforcement, and quicker Response times to all Police calls. As a Christian I know right from wrong, as a former Oklahoma State Trooper I know what a the word "Illegal" means.

# Tulsa City Council, District 3 continued (3-year term)



## David Patrick

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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.

**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

**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.

**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.

## Tulsa City Council, District 4 (1-year term)



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**EDUCATION:** B.A., M.A. and J.D.

**EXPERIENCE:** United States Army 1969 – 71, Federal Court 1975 – 76, Asst. District Attorney 1977, Special District Judge 1977 – 1978

**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

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

Restore civility in City Government, beautify and develop schools, neighborhoods, streets and Downtown

**2. Why should voters elect you?**

I am a small businessman, Downtown property owner, and resident. I have experience in organizational and legal issues.

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

Reach out to other Councilors, citizens, Mayor and the leadership of City departments.

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

Experience, knowledge and ability to find solutions with civility.

# Tulsa City Council, District 4 (1-year term) continued



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**EDUCATION:** Studied English and Broadcasting at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR

**EXPERIENCE:** I am the owner of local Tulsa businesses including Jo Momma’s, Back Alley Blues and BBQ, The Max Retropub, Boomtown Tees, Black Gold Entertainment, The Engine Room Creative, the soon to be opened restaurant, The Phoenix and downtown’s first grocery store, Archer Market. I started Joe Momma’s when I was 25 years old and grew the restaurant to its second location, which is located in downtown Tulsa. Since 2008, I’ve opened several new businesses and have worked to create new attractions in the Blue Dome District.

**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

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

The most important thing for the citizens of Tulsa as it relates to the City Council is the implementation of the city’s master plan. PlaniTulsa will have an enormous impact on District 4, which has long dealt with issues between its historic neighborhoods and new construction. These new small area plans will be important for the harmonious growth and prosperity of District 4.

**2. Why should voters elect you?**

I will work to represent District 4 constituents with the same passion, vision, and creativity I’ve employed in my personal career. Tulsans deserve an elected official who loves and believes in our city and is capable of translating that passion and optimism into continued progress. I’m unique in my experience as a business owner and the problems with which I’m presented in my vocation have prepared me distinctively for the work of dealing with budgets, payroll, communications, and problem solving.

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

I’ll communicate openly with my fellow councilors as well as with the mayor and his staff. I’m proud to have a good working relationship with the mayor right now and plan to continue our open communication while at City Hall. I’m confident that I can be a positive and strong leader on the council and that I can help set a tone of cordiality and diplomacy.

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

I can be a voice of progress and vision. Much of the public is aware of the work I’ve done with my businesses, and voters have remarked that they appreciate an official who “walks the walk.” I hope to inspire young people to get involved in our local government, to dream bigger about how great Tulsa can be, and to work to make it that way. We live in an incredible city that’s only beginning to see its potential. I hope to play a role in helping Tulsa achieve that potential by setting a public example of optimism and effort.

## Tulsa City Council, District 6 (3-year term)



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**EDUCATION:** Bachelors degree in business administration from NSU (1997) associate degree in accounting from TCC (1994).

**EXPERIENCE:** Over 20 years of customer service listening to people and getting things done for others, no political experience.

**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

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

Retail development in the 21st and 145th east ave area, and the Tulsa side by the casino, admiral between 161st and 193 east ave is a top priority. Second, would be better roads, sewer and water line development. Third, to listen to my constituents and be a man of the people, to do what they want, not what other councilors or the mayor wants.

**2. Why should voters elect you?**

My experience in customer service shows i can listen to people, I can do what needs to be done. People have said that I cant do this or that, but I've proved them wrong in the past, and I will do whatever it takes to get the people in district 6 what they need.

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

My first priority would be to the people of district 6, this much will always be true. If the mayor or other councilors put a measure out that hurts district 6, I will vote against it. However, if the mayor and I or other councilors and i can agree to help district 6, i will support it.

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

If elected, I will hold monthly town hall meetings in district 6 to get input from the people in district 6 to be a better councilor. I will be a man of the people, fighting for district 6, even holding press conferences if the mayor or other councilors do things against us, the people will know about it, open government is essential to me.

**Biography:** (100 word limit) to include education, organizational affiliations and experience.

**ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** Boston Avenue Methodist Church

**EDUCATION:** BS Degree in Business

**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 out 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..

## Tulsa City Council, District 7 (1-year term)



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

**Questions:** (150 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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**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.

**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.

## Tulsa City Council, District 8 (2-year term)



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**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:** (150 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.

**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 8 continued (2-year term)



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**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

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

- Timely infrastructure and recreational projects in the capital improvement programs.
- Consistent zoning decisions to ensure continued neighborhood quality.
- Use conservative, cost effective practices throughout the city's budget and management. Representing the taxpayer through oversight of the budget is the council's predominant function. By subjecting even core services to strict scrutiny, the council can help ensure that funding will also be available for the neighborhood, cultural, and quality of life services that made Tulsa such an ideal area for families. Have substantial council involvement in the administration's use of the KPMG study and independent analysis of the review committee's suggestions.

**2. Why should voters elect you?**

- Analytical and business management skills from business history
- Analytical capabilities from academic studies.
- Appreciation for Tulsa's and South Tulsa's heritage, transitions, resources, and potential. I have been a resident in the Tulsa area since the 1950s and South Tulsa since 1980

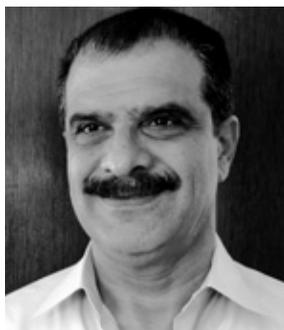
**3. What will you do to help improve relations between the executive and legislative branches of city government if elected?**

- Consistent, casual "update" meetings between the mayor and councilors within requirements of "open meeting acts".
- As a new element of the city's personnel policy, use an organizational behavior specialist to train mayors and councilors on an individual basis.
- Reasonably frequent attendance by the mayor at council committee and full meetings. Attendance by a senior aide of the mayor whenever the mayor cannot attend.
- But, these structural changes and training do not remove embedded distrust. The simplest, but personally most difficult, way for the current mayor and returning councilors is a mutual: "I am sorry. I want to start afresh."

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

- Represent the district's citizens in the services, economic development, political, and neighborhood/quality of life issues related to the city's government.
- Advance the general economic, social, and cultural aspects of the city so that Tulsa is the "location of choice" for current and prospective businesses and families.
- Restore the constructive use of checks and balances among the mayor and city councilors so that Tulsa is viewed as the innovative, can-do city that is our actual heritage.

## Tulsa City Council, District 9 (3-year term)



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**ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** I don't belong to any organization.

**EDUCATION:** I taught Math and Science in Elementary School. I studied Child Psychology and Development.

**EXPERIENCE:** Dishwasher, cook, waiter, host, run a sandwich shop for 8 years (*Submariner Sandwich Shop 61st and Lewis*), convenience store since 1996 (*Batman's Good Food Pine & Mingo*) and a car lot since 2009 (*Batman's Auto Sales on 11th Street*).

**Questions:** (150 word limit per question).

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

When I vote on any issue, I'm going to advance and please Tulsa and the well-being of all its' citizens first, not just the ones who have a lot of money and clout. I will concentrate on efficiency, and honesty.

**2. Why should voters elect you?**

Voters should elect me because I love Tulsa, and my record will prove courage, honesty and integrity. Visit [www.BatmanForTulsa.com](http://www.BatmanForTulsa.com). I will never charge anyone a consultation fee during my term.

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

Tulsa already has a Charter to be maintained by all, and I will stand by and adhere to what the Charter requires in every matter. I am a good listener, and I have the courage to do what's right, and I will employ the same common sense as I have done in all three of my successful businesses.

**4. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

I have a lot of experience running businesses and dealing with the public and realize what it takes to succeed. I want to bring that skill set to the City. I will emphasize the importance of diversity for the well-being of our city and its future, and I will devote my time to lobby for the good of Tulsa's future, and its citizens. (*I will not lobby for anyone else*).



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**ORGANIZATIONAL 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.

**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.

**All voters in the City of Tulsa will vote on four charter change proposals.  
Below are the titles as they will appear on the ballot. This is not a typo; there are two No. 1s.  
The League—simplified explanations of those proposals are below.**

## **City Council-City Manager Form of Government, with the Mayor as Member of City Council Proposition No. 1**

This Resolution proposes to change how the City of Tulsa is managed by making the Mayor part of the City Council and vesting all executive and administrative decision-making in a City Manager. The City Manager would be appointed by the City Council to serve at its pleasure.

In addition to appointing a City Manager, the City Council would also be given the power to appoint and determine the duties of the City Attorney, City Auditor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Municipal Judges. To remove the City Manager, City Attorney, City Auditor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, or a Municipal Judge from their appointment would require a super-majority, or 2/3 of the entire Council. The City Manager would replace the Mayor as a member of the Airport Authority, the Utility Board, and the Parks and Recreation Board.

The City Council would be comprised of a Mayor and nine (9) Councilors. The Mayor would be the titular representative of the City of Tulsa and would have no veto power over the legislative acts of the Council. The Mayor and the Councilors would run without declaring a political party preference (known as non-partisan elections). The term of office for the mayor, who would run at-large, and the nine (9) Councilors would be four (4) years. The terms of office for the Councilors are to be staggered. The staggering of terms will cause city elections to be held every two years. The Mayor and each City Councilor will be limited to serving no more than twelve (12) years on the Council.

## **Initiative Petition Proposition No. 1**

This Proposition would amend the Charter of the City of Tulsa to restructure the City Council making the Mayor a member of the Council and its Chairman. The Mayor would only cast a vote to break a tie. The Mayor would have veto power over any proposal adopted by the Council. Additionally, the Mayor would possess the power to create the agenda for the Council, call special sessions, request the purpose of any decision or action of the Council and send messages and recommendations to the Council.

Aside from the Mayor, the Council would be comprised of twelve (12) Councilors, three of whom would be elected from at-large districts encompassing the entire city. The remaining nine (9) Councilors would be elected by districts.

Absent the adoption of Initiative Petition Proposition No. 2 and No. 3 the date of City elections would remain the same, the term of office for the Mayor and Councilors would not change and there would continue to be partisan elections.

## **Initiative Petition Proposition No. 2**

Proposition No. 2 would change the timing of the City elections to coincide with election cycle established for state and federal elections. In order to accommodate such a change the term of office for various elected office holders for the City of Tulsa would be temporarily altered. After the temporary terms are completed the Mayor will be elected for a four (4) year term, the City Auditor and Councilors would be elected for a term of two (2) years.

## **Initiative Petition Proposition No. 3**

This proposed amendment to the City Charter would eliminate partisan elections for City officers.

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