# State Senate District 11

A special primary election has been called to fill Oklahoma Senate District 11 seat being vacated by Jabar Shumate. The primary election will be held April 7, with a special general election on June 9. If a special primary is not needed, the special general election will be held April 7.

Only Democratic candidates filed for this seat, so only registered Democrats residing in Senate District 11, which includes north Tulsa and rural areas of southeast Osage County, will be able to vote in this election.

## Regina Goodwin



**Education:** Booker T. Washington High School, 1980
University of Kansas, B.F.A., 1984
Columbia College, Finished Master's course work, 1989

**Professional Experience:** Art and Animation Workshops, Greeting cards

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**Please provide relevant biographical information for voters (education, work experience, community involvement) Limit: 150 words:**

Regina's community service ranges from volunteering in schools, organizing meetings and addressing social justice issues.  Civic engagement is key. In 2014, the Tulsa YWCA named Goodwin  1 of 100 " Women of Moxie". 2008-2010  Twice selected to attend  the Ford Foundation symposium on grassroots efforts. 2013-2015  Addresses with neighbors and police "Stand Your Ground " law and community policing. Helps students gain access to schools. 2011-2014  Led efforts to save B.C. Franklin Center. Research team found allocated tax dollars which did not reach designated recreation centers.

2009 – 2012  Supported  "Good Friday" Hate Crime victims and  families. Twice Co-Chaired remembrance services.
Raised funds for lawyer, court case won for innocent citizen.
2007- 2008  Instrumental in Oklahoma becoming first of five states to defeat a deceptive Civil Rights Initiative petition.
2005- 2007 Spearheaded inclusion of African American History into TPS curriculum.
2004-2005 Campaign Manager for TP…

**Crime in Tulsa is a top priority for many residents. What plans do you have to reduce violent crime, gang activity and drug sales? Limit: 150 words**

Reducing violent crime, gang activity and drug sales occur through the  on-going and initiated efforts of many. Effective legislation results in full - time served for violent offenders. Strict enforcement of the law serves as a crime deterrent. I support funding successful comprehensive, evidence - based prevention,intervention and rehabilitation programs. Collaboration between parents, youths, law enforcement, private and public entities is beneficial.

**How will you address the needs of our public schools including funding shortfalls and teacher shortages? Limit: 150 words**

I would seek to increase  funding for  public education. Pay should be increased to retain  good teachers. Reduced testing would allow teachers more time to  teach students. Excessive testing does not determine the full potential of a student. Aside from legislation, decreasing top - heavy administration costs would enhance the overall budget of the school district. Corporate partnership donations would help increase public school funding.

**What untapped sources of revenue would you propose being pursued to improve state income? Limit: 150 words**

Accepting federal medicaid funding is presently an untapped source of revenue. State tax revenue collections that exceed yearly revenue projections could be appropriated to improve state income.

## Kevin Matthews



**NO RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATE**

## Heather Nash

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I've raised three children as a single mother in District 11.  In 1998, I left my job, uprooted my children and moved to Tahlequah, Oklahoma to pursue my Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Mass Communications.   My commitment of service began long before my decision to run for office. I've served as a lobbyist and advocated on issues such as 695 Right to Work Initiative, homelessness, HIV/STDs awareness, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, and re-entry services.  My professional experience led me to the opportunity to work on local governor and congressional campaigns. My background and dedication of service led me to serve as the Black Vote Director and consultant for the National Coordinated Campaign and Democratic National Campaign.  I am conscious of the work that must be done in this district. I pride myself on being the person in the trenches.

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According to statistics, Tulsa's violent crime rate doubles the national average.   In 2014 the violent death rate was 93, which included 35 homicides and 58 suicides.  Safe communities are formed through providing adequate mental health services, quality education, community policing, and the employment of residents in thriving businesses. Legislation, tax re-structuring, and appropriations to the organizations and agencies established to address these issues are required. I am up to the challenge. District 11 houses a large percentage of ex-felons. Reintegration services, and employment opportunites are essential for petty drug crimes, theft, traffic violations, and burglary. Methamphetamine and prescription drug and other serious drug problems will require mental health and treatment centers.

**How will you address the needs of our public schools including funding shortfalls and teacher shortages? Limit: 150 words**

The educational experience is not the same for all children across the state. Students in District 11 face many societal challenges.  Dr. Benjamin Bloom once said, "Home is the best nest and

parents are the best teachers." In tackling student achievement in District 11, we must effectively change the culture of the school and family relationships. This process is possible through re-enforcing safety nets for families. This includes; making schools neighborhood centers, investing in lifetime learning and technical education, legislating for a core curriculum that includes and celebrates all students, developing relationships with stakeholders such as the school superintendent, teachers, unions, and PTAs, reviewing appropriations to ensure equitible funding between school districts, and ensuring that the teachers are representative of the neighborhoods. Cultural isolation also plays a part in the lack of achievement in District 11. We must make teaching a desirable profession, and...

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Oklahoma must be willing to focus on the future and budget to improve the quality of life in the state. This requires a longer vision than year to year budgeting. The bleak revenue picture is not simply the slowdown in the energy industry but poor decisions by the governor and the legislature. There are several options that will close the gap: cancel the scheduled cut to the top income tax rates, end some tax breaks like double deductions for state income taxes, and close loopholes in the corporate income tax. Businesses are driven more by quality of life than by how low state taxes are. Slowdown off- the-top funding diversions where about $3 billion is collected which is not a part of the budget process, tap into a portion of the Rainy Day Fund, and accept federal funds for expansion of health care coverage. Tax collections could also be improved.