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Tulsa County Primary Election

## June 26, 2012 Primary Election Voter Guide



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### **Voter Guide for the Primary Election Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 7am to 7pm**

Early in-person absentee voting will be available at the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 North Denver, on Friday, June 22, 8 am to 6 pm; Saturday, June 23, 8 am to 1 pm; and Monday, June 25, 8 am to 6 pm.

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### Voter Information

#### Voter ID

*Oklahoma's Voter ID law took effect July 1, 2011. 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 (of Oklahoma) 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.
- An identification card issued by the state of Oklahoma, 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 or vote early at the Tulsa County Election Board:*

- 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.
- Early in-person absentee voting will be available for this election at the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 North Denver, on Friday, June 22, 8 am to 6 pm; Saturday, June 23, 8 am to 1 pm; and Monday, June 25, 8 am to 6 pm.

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### Notes on this Voter Guide

Each candidate who will be on the ballot for primary elections for U.S. Congressional District 1, U.S. Congressional District 2, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma Senate, Oklahoma House and Tulsa County Clerk, was sent a questionnaire by the League of Women Voters and given an opportunity to respond. The League neither edits material submitted nor changes spelling, punctuation or grammar.

This Voter Guide **does not** include candidates who drew no opponents from their respective parties and does not include districts in which there was only one person who filed. If only one person filed in a district, that individual wins the seat. Candidates who drew no primary opponents from their respective parties and all candidates who registered as Independents will be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. The League of Women Voters will publish a general election voter guide in October 2012, with responses from all candidates on the general election ballot who submit answers to the League's general election questionnaire.

This Voter Guide **does** include the charter amendment proposition that will be on the June 26 ballot for all residents of the City of Tulsa.

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## Oklahoma Congressional District 1

Two Republican candidates for Oklahoma Congressional District 1 will be on the June 26, 2012, primary election ballot. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in the primary election. One Democratic candidate and one Independent candidate filed for this district. The winner of the June 26 Republican primary will face the Democratic and Independent candidates in the November general election. Link to map of District 1 <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/OK/1>

### Republican Candidates



**Jim Bridenstine**

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#### Biographic Information

*Occupation:* Pilot, U.S. Navy Reserve

*Age:* 36

*Professional Experience:* Pilot, Lieutenant Commander, E2-C Hawkeye & F18, U.S. Navy, 1998-present, E2-D subject matter expert, Wyle Laboratories, 2007-08, Executive Director, Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium, 2008-10, Network-Centric Warfare Subject Matter Expert, Deloitte Consulting, 2010-11, E2-C Subject Matter Expert, Wyle Laboratories, 2011-present, Marketing Consultant, Dr. Robert Zoellner, 2011-present.

*Education:* Jenks (Oklahoma) High School, 1993 Graduate, Rice University, BA (Triple major: Business, economics and psychology), 1998, Cornell University, MBA, 2009

*Volunteer Service:* U.S. Navy service, Eagle Scout, elementary school student mentoring.

#### Questions

- 1. What educational and public service endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking? What is the most important factor that influenced you to seek public office, and why?**

I received a triple major from Rice University and an MBA from Cornell. After graduating from Rice I joined the U.S. Navy and became a pilot. I flew combat missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, accumulating 333 aircraft carrier landings. Returning home, I flew F18s with the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, the parent command for TOPGUN where I helped train TOPGUN instructors. While flying in the Navy I built up profitable real estate and livestock businesses. I also participated in Department of Defense procurement projects. In Tulsa, I was executive director of the Tulsa Air and Space Museum, responsible for finance, human resources, development and programs. Under my leadership Museum attendance increased and financial stability was restored. I've also done business consulting. I was motivated to run for Congress because we face a potentially devastating financial crisis due to Congress' inability to control spending and limit debt to levels that don't threaten our children's future.

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Oklahoma Congressional District 1

**Jim Bridenstine** (*continued*)

**2. What is the role of the federal government with respect to issues such as energy, the environment, housing, education, and health care?**

The Constitution defines a limited role for the federal government. The Tenth Amendment says, "The powers not delegated to the United States by this Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved respectively to the States, or to the people." The federal government should facilitate domestic energy production by removing barriers to energy development including oil and gas drilling on federal territory, onshore and offshore. Environmental policies should be left primarily to the States except where multiple state laws and regulations could inhibit interstate commerce, as in the case of multiple automotive emission standards. The Constitution grants the federal government no role in housing or education. Health care is mainly the responsibility of individuals and the private sector. The federal government should ensure that health insurance may be purchased across state lines and that persons with pre-existing conditions can purchase health insurance.

**3. What are your ideas with respect to creating greater employment?**

It is not the role of government to spend money to create jobs. Government's legitimate role in fostering greater employment is to create the most attractive capital investment environment possible and to allow people and companies to keep what they earn. Individuals and companies seeking places to set up operations can go anywhere in the world they judge to offer the best business environment. Countries that ensure the rule of law, protection of intellectual property rights and offer low tax rates will have the greatest success in attracting start-up businesses, small businesses and large businesses and will therefore experience the greatest employment growth. Entrepreneurs and skilled workers will be drawn to these same countries because they offer the best opportunities for bringing new products and services to market and reward those who do so. Government policies highly favorable to entrepreneurs, business and investors promote strong employment growth.

**4. What are your ideas with respect to the future of Social Security, Medicare and the social safety net for the poor?**

Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid make up the majority of federal spending. However, these programs represent promises made by previous Congresses and Administrations and those promises must be kept for Americans 55 and over who based their retirement plans upon what the government committed to do. Unfortunately, the costs of these programs as now constituted will greatly exceed the tax revenue available to pay for them. If they are to be preserved, the programs must be changed for younger Americans. Possible changes include raising eligibility ages for social security payments, enhancement of health savings accounts to encourage people to shop for the most cost effective medical care and increased emphasis on healthy life styles that make us less susceptible to disease, including diseases associated with aging. Help that's provided by family members, churches, charities, and local and state agencies should be used before the federal social safety net is called upon.

**John Sullivan – No Response**

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## Oklahoma Congressional District 2

Voters in the June 26 primary election for Oklahoma Congressional District 2 will select a Republican and a Democrat who will be on the November general election ballot. If no candidate in the primary election receives a majority of the votes for their party, a runoff election will be held on August 28. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican and Democratic voters will cast ballots in the Oklahoma Congressional District 2 primary election. Link to map of District 2

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/OK/2>

### Democratic Candidates

**Earl Everett** – No Response

**Wayne Herriman** – No Response

**Rob Wallace** – No Response

### Republican Candidates



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*Occupation:* Small Business Owner

*Age:* 48

*Professional Experience:* Oklahoma State Representative, 6 years  
Past Chairman, Administrative Rules & Government Oversight Committee

*Education:* (candidate left blank)

*Volunteer Service:* (candidate left blank)

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### U.S. Congress, District 2, Oklahoma

#### George Faught (*continued*)

##### Questions

- 1. What educational and public service endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking? What is the most important factor that influenced you to seek public office, and why?**

The most important reason I seek this office is the very real concern that our children and grandchildren will not have the same opportunities to grow up and thrive with the liberty and freedom that my generation enjoyed--because of the astronomical growth of government and its intrusion into every aspect of daily life, and because of the staggering levels of wasteful spending and debt that this government is forcing future generations to bear.

I am currently in my 6th year serving as a State Representative working to limit the interference of government in our daily lives and fight back against the liberal mindset that bigger government is the answer to every problem. My family and I have operated a small business here for 25 years, so I am familiar with the frustrations of dealing with overreaching and intrusive government agencies and regulations. I believe that I can use this knowledge and legislative experience to work to restore lost freedoms and liberties to all Americans.

- 2. What is the role of the federal government with respect to issues such as energy, the environment, housing, education, and health care?**

The role of the federal government is to maintain and enforce a rational, fair and consistent system of laws under which private enterprise can effectively make decisions and compete in the open market to address all the needs of the American people, including those needs identified in this question. Where decisions are necessary to address an issue, those decisions are better made by individuals who are personally invested in making the right choice, i.e., private enterprise, rather than by a government bureaucrat who has no personal stake in whether the problem is solved.

The proper role of the government is not to pick marketplace winners and losers, unilaterally declare domestic energy sources "off-limits," nor to impose controls on our healthcare system.

I will work to eliminate or downsize federal bureaucracies that have overstepped their Constitutional grounds in these areas, like the Energy and Education Depts, OSHA, and EPA, and of course to repeal ObamaCare.

- 3. What are your ideas with respect to creating greater employment?**

Government does not create jobs--it only takes money from productive citizens by force of law and spends it on bureaucrats that themselves become a drag on productivity through excessive laws and regulations that by their very nature interfere with the free flow of commerce in the market.

Therefore if the country wishes a more vibrant economy that creates more employment, it must reduce the size and burden of government.

My proposals for a "sunset" process for executive branch agencies and to require legislative approval for rules made by those agencies would accomplish this. Similar to the sunset review process that I oversaw at the state level, non-essential and unconstitutional regulations and agencies could be systematically eliminated under a process that would require our elected representatives to periodically review and reauthorize these rules and agencies in order for them to remain in existence, and to ratify any new regulations sought to be imposed by federal agencies.

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**George Faught** (*continued*)

**4. What are your ideas with respect to the future of Social Security, Medicare and the social safety net for the poor?**

The federal government is destructive to every social program it takes over because any system where power is entrusted to unaccountable bureaucrats naturally seeks to expand its own power and scope--restricting individual liberty, taking more resources from productive citizens to feed its bureaucracy, and reducing resources available for its intended purpose.

Short-term, I support the Ryan Plan, designed to bring existing programs to fiscal balance. However, any real solution to the problems of the federalized social programs must include reducing or eliminating the federal government's involvement, and designing a new system where the effect of the program is not to encourage dependence on government systems, but rather to encourage and reward individual freedom and opportunity to earn a living in the free market, save for retirement, and invest those savings in a growing economy rather than the current system of government IOUs that create additional debt for future generations.

**Markwayne Mullin – No Response**



**Wayne Pettigrew**

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Founder & Board Member, First Trinity Life Insurance Company,  
Oklahoma House of Representatives 1994-2004, former Assistant Minority Leader

*Education:* BA in Business Administration Management & Finance with minor in Accounting & Economics (with Honors)

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OU Medical Center Hospital Board  
Oklahoma Centennial Commission  
50 Year Water Study Committee  
Oklahoma Healthcare Authority Oversight Committee  
(see website for additional)

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**Wayne Pettigrew** (*continued*)

**Questions**

- 1. What educational and public service endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking? What is the most important factor that influenced you to seek public office, and why?**

The threat to our national security due to the continuing deficits and US indebtedness and the possible collapse of our monetary system is what brought me to seek election to Congress. My background in economics, accounting and business combined with previous legislative service will allow me to quickly be effective in reform efforts on these crucial issues. My business background in crafting health policies will also allow me to be at the forefront in offering free-market alternatives for healthcare once Obamacare is repealed. My history of being able to work with others on major reform efforts without compromising personal conservative principals will also allow me to be quickly effective in Congress.

- 2. What is the role of the federal government with respect to issues such as energy, the environment, housing, education, and health care?**

The federal government should only be responsible for broad overviews of state regulatory issues while allowing states to do much of the work as regulatory authorities. In the last 25 years we have seen a complete duplication of federal regulatory authority in addition to previous state regulatory bodies. This has led to increased regulation and has negatively affected many businesses. The federal housing authorities (FHA, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) are now essentially serving the same populations and should be combined and reduced in size. Their regulations to a large extent caused many aspects of the housing bubble and many provisions of the Affordable Housing Act should not be re-authorized. Federal Reserve Bank issues have also threatened the integrity of our US currency and audits of Federal Reserve's powers and policies should be performed.

- 3. What are your ideas with respect to creating greater employment?**

The immediate repeal of Obamacare, the Dodd-Frank Act and the new EPA regulations would immediately send the US economy soaring as it would immediately boost insurance and healthcare (17% of the economy), banking and financial services (12% of the economy) and the mining and energy industry (15% of the economy). This combined with continuation of the tax reforms implemented under the previous Republican administration would lead to a large economic expansion that would allow for federal government contraction through deficit reduction initiatives for duplicate and unnecessary programs as well as Medicaid and Welfare reform and contraction. Requiring 5 and 10 year sunset provisions for all federal programs (like we do for agencies in Oklahoma) would set in place a methodology for continued program obsolescence that has been overdue at the federal level for some time to downsize the federal government. Private sector jobs would mushroom due to the immense economic expansion.

- 4. What are your ideas with respect to the future of Social Security, Medicare and the social safety net for the poor?**

Social Security must be preserved for those that it has been promised to. In addition, the Trust funds that were taken from Social Security must be replenished. Private sector alternatives must be offered to seniors who wish to "buy in" either fully or partially to Medicare. Medicare should provide a cost reimbursement to providers so that the state is not subrogating its duty to a private vendor at a loss. Medicaid must be curtailed and non-essential programs such as cell phones and other luxury programs for able bodied citizens need to be discontinued. Cash assistance programs should be cut or reduced and commodity based assistance should be provided along with educational and childcare assistance (Wayne was author of the Oklahoma Welfare reform Act of 1995 which implemented many reforms in Oklahoma).

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**Dustin Rowe – No Response**

No Photo  
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**Dwayne Thompson**

**Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Pastor

*Age:* 53

*Professional Experience:* 10 years sales & sales mgmt calling on numerous Fortune 500 companies. Almost 18 years of pastoring as a church planter. Planted 2 from zero and one restart.

*Education:* BS - Business Administration - Northeastern State University  
Master of Divinity - Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Volunteer Service:* Board Member Kiwanis Club of Tahlequah  
Certified Court Mediator - Small Claims / Family & Divorce

**Questions**

- 1. What educational and public service endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking? What is the most important factor that influenced you to seek public office, and why?**

Every life experience dealing with people has prepared me. To fulfill my platform will require my training, experience and position in life. This is the reason I am seeking this office. For 35 years nothing changes in DC. No matter the 'parameters' we use to elect someone, nothing changes. The simple answer is because we always address the symptoms of our problem, never the root problem. As long as our elected officials who 'swear' to uphold the Constitution and the majority claim to be a Christian, yet they continue to vote other than what they say they believe. This is where the root problem lies. These must be held accountable to vote the principles they profess to believe and NOT for the party, special interests and re-election purposes over the people. This is immoral voting and it must stop. But NO ONE ever talks about it, addresses it or campaigns on obtaining accountability. CD2 will have a choice they have never had. If we don't address the root problem, nothing will change.

- 2. What is the role of the federal government with respect to issues such as energy, the environment, housing, education, and health care?**

Where do these show up in our Constitution? The further we get away from what our Founders designed, the more problems we experience. Any issue outside the enumerated powers listed in Article 2 Section 8 should left up to the states to decide. That is what our Founders had in mind. Every state is different and must have their

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**Dwayne Thompson** (*continued*)

own say. The topics listed above are doing nothing less than breaking our nation by their shear costs. These things are what have grown our government when we need to be shrinking our government. The 'programs' must be returned to the states, to "We the People". The more our federal government gets involved in our lives, the more freedoms and liberties we lose. We must return to the Constitution and the Biblical principles that made our nation exceptional. These principles benefit everyone, as proven through out our history. This will require people of absolute courage, those who fear God more than man and will stand on what they profess to believe.

**3. What are your ideas with respect to creating greater employment?**

First, let me state clearly. Nothing will change until we address the root problem. Once again, the principles will guide us. For example, there is no Biblical principle for a progressive tax system, government welfare, distribution of wealth, capital gains tax (we're to reward those who do well, not take it away) nor giving welfare to those who can work. This will only be fixed when we get it back to the local level. No principle for giving tax payer money to any company. Recall the lesson that Davey Crockett had to learn while in office. That money is not ours to give. And of course, repealing Obamacare, make Bush tax cuts permanent, and get rid of the EPA.

**4. What are your ideas with respect to the future of Social Security, Medicare and the social safety net for the poor?**

Regarding SS: Do the people want the Fox to continue guarding the hen house? Once again, all three of these areas are not what our government is to be doing. SS and MC should be turned back over to the people and private enterprise. This would need to be phased in but ultimately taken away from the government. Why do we continue to ask thieves to fix a problem they're not going to fix? The care of the poor must be returned to the states and specifically the people through churches and other organizations. Get the government out of all the things our Constitution doesn't address. Our Founders knew from experience, research and prayer what was needed. Why would we want to change a proven system that made us an exceptional nation? Pride, greed and corruption is what comes to my mind. How much longer will we keep doing the same old thing to solve the same old problems leaving the same old people in office to do so? Does that sound foolish? I say YES!

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Age: 49

*Professional Experience:* 20 year U.S. Marine Corps veteran, combat experience; 1 yr Senior Analyst, Systems Planning and Analysis Inc; 5 yr Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments

*Education:* U.S. Naval Academy, BS Oceanography; U.S. Naval War College, MA National Security and Strategic Studies, with Distinction; USMC School of Advanced Warfighting, Honor Graduate; Multiple service schools over 20 years

*Volunteer Service:* Adult Literacy Volunteer; Active involvement in church, mission trips, community service

### Questions

1. **What educational and public service endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking? What is the most important factor that influenced you to seek public office, and why?**

My studies at the US Naval Academy, US Naval War College and 20 years serving as a US Marine have exposed me to the full array of challenges our Congress must address. My travels to over 30 countries had me working with people from all walks-of-life across a range of environments and situations. After retiring from the Corps I developed a national program that provided warning of any biological threat to the U.S. from anywhere in the world. I then became a Senior Fellow with CSBA, an institute focused on National security affairs, where I supported our national leadership in Defense, Congress, and the intelligence and business communities, accounting for economic, demographic, resource, technological, political and cultural factors. I have been effective at the highest levels of our government and succeeded in affecting change, even saving taxpayers \$14 billion. I have the proven track record and capability to serve even more directly as an effective voice for Eastern Oklahoma.

2. **What is the role of the federal government with respect to issues such as energy, the environment, housing, education, and health care?**

The federal government's primary role includes defense of our country, managing relationships with other countries, and maintaining the framework of individual liberty, a free-market economy, and laws governing relations among the individual states. The federal government's Constitutional role in issues such as energy, the environment, etc., should be limited to those actions that ensure free-market competition, availability of resources needed by our economy to prosper (such as access to energy and mineral deposits), and prevent unfair or abusive dominance by one entity or group over another. The government best supports free-market principles

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**Dakota Wood** (*continued*)

and maximized opportunity by staying out of the market. By intruding into the market or controlling it by regulation or threat of punitive action it warps market dynamics and reduces options for the consumer. Local communities are best able to develop solutions and options that match local needs, regulated as needed by local and state agencies.

**3. What are your ideas with respect to creating greater employment?**

Lower taxes, a simplified tax code and less regulation would stabilize the our business climate, reintroduce confidence in the fiscal viability of our country and incentivize businesses to invest. This was Ronald Reagan's approach to reenergizing the economy after one of the worst economic periods in our nation's history, resulting in three decades of uninterrupted growth. We need to reform the tax code; I prefer the "fair tax" model. A tax code that allows for exceptions or 'loop holes' encourages abuse. A "fair" or "flat" tax approach precludes this. Replacing our current tax code will reduce the cost and complexity of government thus making life easier for individuals and businesses, spurring economic growth. The federal government should not be in the business of "creating jobs" by spending tax dollars on government-preferred programs. It should be in the business of maintaining as "free" a market as possible that enables people to start and expand businesses.

**4. What are your ideas with respect to the future of Social Security, Medicare and the social safety net for the poor?**

I think Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin has provided an excellent platform to discuss the future of these programs. By putting forward his proposals, Chairman Ryan has provided two critical things our nation needs at this point in our history – leadership in dealing with our very real budget challenges and practical ideas for solving them. We need to reform these programs and do it in such a way that allows us to keep our promise to current recipients and beneficiaries while preserving more viable options for future generations. Our current and projected-future fiscal situation and the demographic profile for our country combine to make our current "social safety net" programs unsustainable. I am open to any ideas that will help accomplish these goals, including what is often referred to as the "Chilean Model" which would provide individuals several options for how their Social Security money is invested.

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## Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner

The purposes of the Corporation Commission are to regulate and supervise the exploration and production of oil and gas, the storage and dispensing of petroleum based fuels, and the operation of intrastate transportation, and to establish rates and services of public utilities. Only Republican candidates filed for this office. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this election.

### Republican Candidates



**Bob Anthony**

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#### **Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner

*Age:* 63

*Professional Experience:* Commissioner Anthony has served five times as chairman of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, and the United States Secretary of Energy appointed Anthony to the National Petroleum Council. He is a board member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, past chairman of the National Regulatory Research Institute, and past president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference.

In 1988, Anthony became the first Republican elected to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in sixty years, receiving more votes than any Republican since statehood. In 1994 he became the first Republican incumbent in Oklahoma history to win statewide reelection to a state office. In 2000 he was reelected with more votes at that time than any candidate for state office in Oklahoma history, and reelected again in November 2006.

Prior to his election to the Corporation Commission, Anthony served as staff economist for the United States House of Representatives Interior Committee. From 1979 to 1980 he served on the Oklahoma City Council as Ward 2 Councilman and as vice mayor. In 1980, at age thirty-two, Anthony became president of C.R. Anthony Company retail stores, then the largest privately-owned firm headquartered in Oklahoma. During his seven-year term as president, annual sales for the retail chain increased from \$256 to \$411 million and payroll, employment, and dollar profits reached all-time record levels. In 1988 he was chairman of the Trust Committee of Oklahoma's largest bank trust department.

*Education:* Anthony holds a BS from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, an MSc from the London School of Economics, an MA from Yale University, and an MPA from Harvard University. He rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

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**Bob Anthony** (*continued*)

*Volunteer Service:* In 1995 the Federal Bureau of Investigation honored Anthony with its highest award given to a citizen who “at great personal sacrifice, has unselfishly served his community and the nation.” Among other recognitions, a national elderly advocacy group presented Anthony with an award “in appreciation of his tireless efforts on behalf of Oklahoma consumers.” In addition to holding public office, Anthony is a member and past-president of the Economic Club of Oklahoma, a board member and past-chairman of the Crown Heights United Methodist Church, a delegate to the worldwide General Conference of the United Methodist Church, and a past board member of Skyline Urban Ministry. Prior to joining the Corporation Commission he served on the boards of the Oklahoma State, Oklahoma City, and South Oklahoma City chambers of commerce; the Oklahoma Historical Society; the Oklahoma Science and Arts Museum; Liberty National Bank; Banks of Mid-America, Inc.; the Dale Rogers School for Retarded Citizens; and the Kirkpatrick Center. Anthony has also held positions with Oklahoma City University, Leadership Oklahoma, Leadership Oklahoma City, O.I.C., the YMCA, Contact, Children’s Medical Research, and Hospital Hospitality House.

**Questions**

- 1. Since your education and experience are listed above, how does your education, professional and community experience prepare you to be a good Corporation Commissioner?**

My commitment to honesty, integrity, openness, and fairness is demonstrated by my record as a Corporation Commissioner. Business education, business experience, military service, degrees in finance, economics and administration are all highly beneficial to doing the work of a commissioner, especially when overseeing agency performance and hearing expert testimony in our commission courtrooms. Through extensive community involvement and as former president of C. R. Anthony stores when it was the largest privately-owned company headquartered in Oklahoma, I am familiar with the entire state of Oklahoma. I will continue to fearlessly perform my constitutional duties as commissioner in the same manner that allowed me to receive both the FBI’s highest civilian award for fighting public corruption and a national award for “tireless efforts on behalf of Oklahoma consumers.”

- 2. How should state government interact with the federal government on energy, environmental and transportation issues?**

The Federal government continues to impose itself into the jurisdiction of state regulators, including the Corporation Commission. The EPA’s pending requirement of multi-billion dollar scrubbers for our electric generation plants could cause electricity rates to skyrocket and cost Oklahoma jobs. Likewise, federal attempts to restrict the use of proven drilling technologies threaten our country’s recent progress toward greater energy independence. EPA and other federal regulation of oil and gas drilling operations should not be allowed to replace state regulation. Oklahoma needs a fighter to stand up for consumers at the Corporation Commission and beyond.

At the same time, our agency does properly administer several programs in compliance with federal legal standards, and Oklahoma even shares its expertise to help certain federal agencies that have less environmental experience than we do.

- 3. What do you regard as the most pressing issues that will come before the commission in the next few years? How would you, if elected handle these issues?**

The Commission must always deserve of the public trust by avoiding conflicts of interest and by making decisions in the courtroom based on fairness and professionalism instead of politics and special deals. I have a proven

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**Bob Anthony** (*continued*)

record of fighting public corruption as well as providing public service that supports openness and ethical behavior in government and opposes sweetheart deals for special interests. Questions with potentially multi-million dollar impacts on consumers must be decided based on law and the public interest. We must work to keep a vibrant energy industry in Oklahoma to serve our nation with secure energy supplies while protecting the environment.

**4. How would you as commissioner protect needs of consumers in a time of increasing energy costs?**

The Oklahoma Constitution clearly spells out the role of the Corporation Commission – to set fair and reasonable rates and protect consumers from abuses.

Consumers depend on their utility services to power the equipment they use in their jobs, schools, health care, and countless other needs. In modern times, having reliable service with the fewest possible outages is very important. The commission must make sure utilities earn enough to invest in their infrastructure so they can provide reliable service, while at the same time keeping the rates they charge customers as low as possible. Failing to strike the proper balance could result in outages or overcharges, both of which hurt consumers.

I am very proud that a national group honored me for my "tireless efforts on behalf of Oklahoma consumers". My work at the commission has resulted in the largest refunds and rate reductions in state history. My record shows a commitment to the public interest, not the special interests.

**5. How do you as a commissioner propose to protect the property rights of citizens in Oklahoma as it pertains to energy exploration and utility line land access?**

The Corporation Commission does not have jurisdiction over siting, condemnation, right-of-way, or granting easements for public utility transmission or telephone lines. However, regarding oil and gas drilling and production, the commission does have statutory responsibilities to protect property rights when deciding spacing and pooling applications as well as environmental complaints. In these matters the rights of citizens are best protected when the commission provides fair, honest, open hearings and makes decisions based on facts, evidence, the law and professionalism.

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**Brooks Mitchell**

**Biographic Information**

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*Age:* 50

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### Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner

#### **Brooks Mitchell** (*continued*)

##### **Biographic Information** (*continued*)

*Professional Experience:* Certified Public Accountant. I have had my own firm for 25 years. I practiced full time for 15 years. I was with the Corporation Commission for 9 years. I was the Director of Administration for the past 6 years and managed 430 employees and a \$40M budget.

*Education:* 1983 BBA Accounting from the University of Oklahoma

*Volunteer Service:* Served on the Board of Directors at Infant Crisis Services in Oklahoma City. Was the President of the Chairman's Club for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

#### Questions

- 1. Since your education and experience are listed above, how does your education, professional and community experience prepare you to be a good Corporation Commissioner?**

It is vital that a Corporation Commissioner be able to work with the Legislature, other agencies, the citizens of Oklahoma and the other two Commissioners. My record proves I can do that. One example is that before I came to the Commission the agency had a difficult time getting needed changes made to their statutes. During the eight years that I worked with the Legislature not one State Senator voted against a Commission sponsored bill and all but two bills received at least 95 of the possible 101 votes in the House. I negotiated a new maintenance agreement for our fleet vehicles, which saved our agency \$300K annually. I worked with consumers and utility companies so that issues were resolved to the satisfaction of both parties without having to go to a hearing. I started an outreach program so out of state royalty owners could become educated on their rights.

- 2. How should state government interact with the federal government on energy, environmental and transportation issues?**

In my opinion, Oklahoma has the best regulatory program for Oil and Gas in the nation. It is important that there are strong voices at the State level to respond to inaccurate statements made by the EPA

- 3. What do you regard as the most pressing issues that will come before the commission in the next few years? How would you, if elected handle these issues?**

The continued attack by the EPA on our oil and gas industry will be one very important issue. It is likely that a new electric generation facility will also need to be built in the next few years. If elected I will stand up to the EPA and oppose all of the onerous regulations that they will want. In the case of a new generation facility, I believe that the cost to the rate payers should be fully justified.

- 4. How would you as commissioner protect needs of consumers in a time of increasing energy costs?**

By making sure that the utility companies are entering into fuel contracts that give consumers the best price. I will also make sure that reliability of service does not deteriorate. All requests for rate increases will be thoroughly reviewed.

- 5. How do you as a commissioner propose to protect the property rights of citizens in Oklahoma as it pertains to energy exploration and utility line land access?**

By making sure that oil companies and utilities comply with state statutes and with Commission rules. Proper notice must be given in all instances so the citizens can be heard.

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## Oklahoma Senate District 11

There are two Democratic candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma Senate District 11. In November, the winner of this primary election will face the one Republican candidate who filed for this office in the general election. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Democratic voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 11 map [http://www.oksenate.gov/Senators/2011\\_maps/districts/District\\_11.pdf](http://www.oksenate.gov/Senators/2011_maps/districts/District_11.pdf)

### Democratic Candidates

#### Jabar Shumate – No Response



**Joe Williams**

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#### **Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Area Manager - Oklahoma Natural Gas

*Age:* 56

*Professional Experience:* Accounting, Financial, Administrative, Customer Service and Civic Affairs.

*Education:* University of Oklahoma, BBA in 1979. Cum Laude, National Business Honor Society and National Dean's List.

*Volunteer Service:* Mentoring Youth, Civil Rights, Education and Community Development through various organizations, committees, task forces, boards, authorities and commissions.

#### **Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

Jobs and economic development. I have seen a lot of families suffer because they are going through financial hardship. This impacts their health, their ability to pay bills and feed their families, and lowers their self-esteem. In North Tulsa where I reside there is a high poverty and unemployment rate and I want to see our community grow and prosper in the future. I also want to see more entrepreneurs and jobs in the North Tulsa community so more people can work closer to where they live.

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**Joe Williams** (continued)

**2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

In addition to graduating from the University of Oklahoma I have received numerous training at work in leadership, crisis management, financial decision making, policy making and business development. I have also taken additional formal college classes. I served ten years as a member of the Tulsa City Council and that helped to educate me about being a lawmaker, policy maker, and working with government budgets and regulations.

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

No I do not. First of all they are underpaid for the work we ask them to do. They have some of the greatest impact on the future of our children and ultimately our state, but compared to other states they are paid close to the bottom which is unacceptable to me. In spite of that our teachers work very hard to make sure their students receive the best they can give to them. After teachers, the keys to success in the classroom are the resources that the students need. We need more books, instruction material, computers and technology so that our youth will be prepared for the future. Education is paramount to any hopes of real economic development in the state and a strong investment needs to be made to ensure we have excellence in all of our schools.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

I absolutely believe that. Voting is a right and key to having a real democracy. Many people sacrificed and even died to expand that right to everyone. It is wrong to try to suppress the vote and make it harder for eligible citizens to vote. People have more confidence in our government when they have voted and participated in the democratic process.

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## Oklahoma Senate District 25

There are two Republican candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma Senate District 25. No Democrats filed for this office. The winner of this primary election will be the next Oklahoma State Senator for District 25. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 25 map [http://www.oksenate.gov/Senators/2011\\_maps/districts/District\\_25.pdf](http://www.oksenate.gov/Senators/2011_maps/districts/District_25.pdf)

### Republican Candidates

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**Ronda  
Vuillemont-Smith**

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*Age:* 51

*Professional Experience:* Entrepreneur- previous owner/operator of DejaVu, Designer Consignment, Sales, Office Manager Triad Service Co (husband's business), Grassroots Organizer

*Education:* some college

*Volunteer Service:* Tulsa 9.12's Coins, Cash and Coats, America's Vet Dogs, Republican campaigns, GOTV, Tulsa 9.12's many educational and training classes as well as helping families in need

#### **Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I am seeking the office of State Senator in district 25 because I believe the citizens of district 25 deserve better representation than they have received. Our senator has missed a large percentage of his opportunity to vote which means we have been without representation most of the time. We need someone that is available to the people he/she serves and represents them at all times in matters relating to the district they serve as well as the state.

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**Ronda Vuillemont-Smith** (continued)

**2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

As a grassroots leader I have traveled regularly to the state capitol during the legislative session since 2010, to speak with legislators about bills that are of concern to conservative Oklahomans. I understand the Constitution and the intent of our Founding Fathers and have watched our liberties diminish as our government grows. Together with other grassroots organizations and activists I have fought fellow Republicans to keep Obamacare out of Oklahoma and was instrumental in getting our governor to not accept the \$54 million Early Innovator Grant which would tie us directly to Obamacare. Being a legislator isn't rocket science, but it does require common sense and wise counsel.

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

There is plenty of money in the budget for education, the problem is the money doesn't trickle down into the classrooms, hamstringing teachers.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

As long as you are a U.S. citizen, are not dead, not a convicted felon or currently serving time in prison, are 18 years old or older on or before election day, haven't been declared mentally incompetent by a court of law, are a registered voter and have proper identification, you should be allowed to vote.

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Oklahoma Senate District 33

There are four Republican candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma Senate District 33. No Democrats filed for this office. The winner of this primary election will be the next Oklahoma State Senator for District 33, unless there is a runoff election. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 33 map [http://www.oksenate.gov/Senators/2011\\_maps/districts/District\\_33.pdf](http://www.oksenate.gov/Senators/2011_maps/districts/District_33.pdf)

**Republican Candidates**



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[www.youtube.com/DahmCampaign](http://www.youtube.com/DahmCampaign)

**Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* self-employed

*Age:* 29

*Professional Experience:* Professional experience in non-profit, church, corporate, government, and family business;  
Missionary & Dean of Students RBTC Romania;  
Engineering Technician City of Jenks;  
Self-employed business owner;  
Manager of the family-owned cleaning company.

*Education:* Abeka Christian Academy Graduate;  
Domata Bible School Graduate;  
Dean of Students RBTC Romania.

*Volunteer Service:* Missionary to Romania for over 6 years;  
President of the Tulsa Area Republican Assembly;  
Tulsa County GOP Executive Committee member;  
Vice-Chair of the Alliance of Young Republicans.

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**Nathan Dahm** (continued)

**Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

Having served as a missionary in Eastern Europe, I quickly noticed the change America was going through when I returned home to Broken Arrow. Having experienced socialism and the effects of communism first hand, I knew that I had returned home to help get our nation moving back in the right direction by returning to the Constitution and the Biblical heritage our nation was founded upon. My desire is to serve the people of Oklahoma as I served as a missionary; not for personal gain, but for the benefit of others. I understand that the People are my boss, and I answer to them- whether Republican, Democrat, Independent, unregistered, or even too young to vote. Their voice matters and I represent them while upholding the Constitution.

- 2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

Having served as the dean of a Bible school and as the general manager of the 65-acre campus that was being developed overseas, I experienced first hand the detrimental effects of socialism on a people and a nation. As a non-profit organization, we relied solely on donations and therefore knew how to budget accordingly: if the money wasn't there we couldn't spend it. A lesson that most in government do not seem to realize and a fresh perspective that I will bring to the Oklahoma State Senate.

- 3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

Teachers across the nation are being handed down unfunded mandates from the federal government which has no authority to be involved with education according to the U.S. Constitution. Local control is the best solution and we need to get the federal governments intrusions out of our classrooms so teachers can concentrate on teaching kids to learn rather than teaching them to pass standard tests that have been mandated outside of proper Constitutional authority.

- 4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

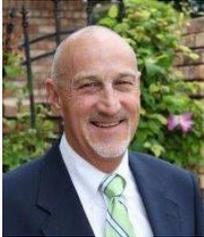
Every registered voter should be allowed to vote, however requiring identification to vote will help avoid voter fraud that has become apparent across our country and even in the state of Oklahoma. As I go through neighborhoods speaking to people and knocking on doors, I often come across a house where the resident listed has died years ago, yet they somehow miraculously continue to vote in every election.

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**Cliff Johns** – No Response

**Don Little** – No Response



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**Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Retired

*Age:* 61

*Professional Experience:* Stated my first business when I was 30. In six years grew it to \$3 million a year and sold it to a division of Dunn and Bradstreet to focus on my second business which grew to over \$40 million in revenue and 150 employees and named to Inc. Magazine's 500 fastest growing companies twice in the 1990's. Also won the New Business of the Year in Oklahoma in 1991 and Venture of the year in 1993.

*Education:* BS in Marketing from Oklahoma State University in 1973

*Volunteer Service:* Serve on the Board of Trustees for Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy in Broken Arrow

**Questions**

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I had never considered public service, but on the night before filing I was contacted by a group of Republicans asking me to run for this office because they believe we need more business people serving in the legislature. I decided to run the next day when they told me that I could have an impact on the state of Oklahoma if elected. I decided if they truly believed this to be the case, then I had no choice but to run for this office. I believe I can bring my business skills to the legislature and help move Oklahoma forward.

2. **What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

The fact that I took a risk to start two businesses from my idea about each, grew both into successful multi million dollar operations that others were willing to purchase, and what I learned in this process regarding taxes, workers comp, health benefits, regulations, etc. that affect businesses in Oklahoma.

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**Tim Wright** (continued)

3. **Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

No. We've taken discipline away from the teachers to the point that they can no longer control their classroom. We no longer empower our teachers to teach to the level of the student, but to a test. We've eliminated competition in the education system and simply moving the problem to the teacher at the next level. We are not preparing our children for success in the business world by not expecting performance and making them aware that non-performance is unacceptable. There is too much administration in our education system which affects our teachers ability to teach in the classroom.

4. **Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

Yes, I believe every registered voter has a right to vote.

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## Oklahoma Senate District 39

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### Republican Candidates



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#### **Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* attorney

*Age:* 50

*Professional Experience:* Salesman, Electrical Wire and Cable Distributor, 1984-1996  
Assistant District Attorney, Tulsa County, 1996-1998  
Attorney in private practice, 1998- current  
State Senator, 2004-current

*Education:* Putnam City West High School, 1979  
University of Oklahoma, B.BA in Business Administration, 1983  
University of Tulsa, Juris Doctor, 1991.  
Currently enrolled in the University of Oklahoma seeking a Master's in Public Administration

*Volunteer Service:* Tulsa Lawyers Helping Children,  
Various programs at First Baptist Church - Tulsa  
Mayo Demonstration School Foundation,  
PTA for Mayo Demonstration School, Thoreau Demonstration School, Edison Preparatory School and  
Booker T. Washington High School

#### **Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

When I graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1983, Oklahoma was suffering from the oil bust. No jobs were available in Oklahoma, which forced me to go out of state to find employment. As the father of two daughters, I want them to have the job opportunities in Oklahoma that weren't open for me. I want to see my grandchildren raised in Tulsa, not Texas.

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**Brian Crain** (continued)

**2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

My undergraduate degree allowed me to work in a large business enterprise, which served me well for 13 years. It allowed me to marry, raise my family, pay our bills, put food on the table and provide a comfortable home and clothes to wear.

My law degree allowed me to serve the people of Tulsa, prosecuting criminals and representing Tulsa County. This experience, combined with that of my private practice, showed me the clear need that government should be the servant of the people, not their master. We function best when citizens have the opportunity to succeed or fail based upon their own talents and energies; not when they become dependent upon government.

As a legislator, my education provides the knowledge required to deal with a multi-billion dollar budget. Life experiences give me the perspective necessary to weigh policy decisions based on real-world impact and not abstract theory.

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

Oklahoma teachers provide our children with a great education, especially when you consider the demographic challenges their students face. Oklahoma ACT scores are among the highest in the region and that is due in large part to the hard work of many teachers. As a parent, I know that teachers have a great impact on students, and I work to support them as much as possible. The debate over school funding will never be fully resolved because there is always the opportunity to do more. At the same time, there are limits on the amount of funding we can provide while balancing the budget. Finding the balance between these two goals will always be challenging. Furthermore, the question is not only how much you spend, but also on what are you spending your money on. We must insure that more dollars reach the classroom and reduce the diversion of funds to needless administration or other uses.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

The right to vote is one of the most precious rights held by citizens and we must protect it. That is why I supported voter identification requirements to insure no citizen's vote is diminished by someone else's fraud. Law abiding citizens who register to vote should not be prevented from participating in the electoral process by overly cumbersome requirements. Fortunately, Oklahoma provides both ample opportunities for citizens to register and vote, including early voting and registration by mail, while also maintaining safeguards to prevent fraud.

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**Kevin McDugle**

**Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Small Business Owner, eXpect3, Marketing Services

*Age:* 45

*Professional Experience:* 8 Years United States Marine Corps, Technical Sales, Director of Sales, Business Owner Tulsa Hearing Aid Technologies, Business Owner Lawyer Marketing Services, Inc., Business Owner eXpect3 Marketing

*Education:* Masters of Business Administration from Phoenix University, Bachelor in Organizational Management from Southern Nazarene University

*Volunteer Service:* Usher at Church on the Move, Marine Corps League

**Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I use to think it was good enough to simply vote republican. I started looking at how the people I elected actually voted. I was appalled at the self serving attitude of our elected officials. I learned that my senator passed a bill that allowed him to take on a second salary with Tulsa County, I learned that he pushed hard for Obama Care and even after Oklahoma said they did not want it he created a trust to bring it in regardless. Now he is trying to sell Texas our water. I served in the Marine Corps and I remember the feeling of stepping into a combat zone thinking it would be the last country my feet would step into. I was willing to give my life for this country and our legislatures make decisions that are self serving. I knew it was time to serve again. It is a sacrifice much like before, time away from family and my business but for the better good of Oklahoma and the United States. I am willing to give again and look forward to being elected June 26th.

- 2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

I have my masters of business administration and a bachelors in Organizational Management but my greatest education came from 8 years in the Marine Corps and through building a business. My experiences both good and bad have given me the tools I need to be able to lead Oklahoma by sacrificing self for the better good of our state. My business background gives me the foundation needed to make commonsense decisions for our state. I believe in a balanced budget without considering a loan in order to get there. My leadership as a Drill Instructor in the Marine Corps gives me the backbone it takes to stand up against the establishment in Oklahoma City and make decisions that are in the best interest of our state.

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**Kevin McDugle (continued)**

- 3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

Our Teachers do not have what they need. We have to empower them and get more money into the classroom. We can do this without it costing the people of Oklahoma anymore taxpayer money. Oklahoma has more than 500 superintendents where Florida has only 75. If we consolidate our school districts (NOT THE CLASSROOMS) we could cut out more than 400 superintendents. Each Superintendent is worth at least 3 teachers salaries at the lowest level. By doing this we could hire more teachers and even better pay our teachers more. We also have to empower our schools to get rid of students that cause the majority of the problems in the classrooms. Teachers have to keep kids that are multiple repeat offenders and disrespectful because their parents are tax payers. By allowing schools to kick those disrespectful repeat offenders out of school (Provide a tax credit to the child's family to compensate for no education) the state could improve the school experience for all involved.

- 4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

Anyone who is a legal citizen of the United States of America who has not given up their right to vote by committing a felony should have the right to vote.

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## Oklahoma State House District 23

There are three Republican candidates for the June 26 primary election for Oklahoma House District 23. In the November general election, the winner of this primary election will face the one Democratic candidate who filed for this office. If no candidate in the primary election receives a majority of the votes for his party, a runoff election will be held on August 28. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 23 map <http://www.okhouse.gov/Documents/Districts/2012/HD23%20Reduced.pdf>

### Republican Candidates



**Jason Carini**

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*Social Media:* In 2010, I was brought onto Dr. Coburn's reelection campaign to run his social media.

My twitter is [www.twitter.com/jasoncarini](http://www.twitter.com/jasoncarini) and my facebook is [www.facebook.com/votecarini](http://www.facebook.com/votecarini)

#### **Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Self-employed - Green Country Mowing

*Age:* 28

*Professional Experience:* I began my political experience working on Dr. Coburn's 2004 campaign. I was asked to come back on staff in 2010 for his reelection campaign. In 2009, my brother and I established our lawn care company - Green Country Mowing. From day one, we have run our business debt free.

*Education:* Home educated - graduated 2002.  
Patrick Henry College - graduated 2006 with a degree in Public Policy.

*Volunteer Service:* I've volunteer at my church helping to run sound during worship service. I've also organized non-partisan voter drives at my church since 2004. I have also helped on numerous campaigns in the areas, and currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the Rogers County Republican Party.

#### **Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I am tired of politics as usual. I've been involved over the last several years as a staffer on Dr. Coburn's campaigns and other candidates. I was also very involved with the Tea Parties and was a guest speaker at four different events. I operate my small business debt free, and I want to take that philosophy to Oklahoma City.

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**Jason Carini** (continued)

**2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

I graduated in 2006 with a degree in Public Policy from Patrick Henry College. On the practical side, I have been in the political scene for the past 8 years. This has given me an insight into how things operate, and at the same time, how things could be different. I have also run my own business since 2009. This has given me a hands-on learning experience on how to operate a budget and be responsible with it.

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

No. Too much money is diverted to other functions outside the classroom. For example, we have a significantly larger administration level than most other states around us.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

Every registered voter should be allowed to vote, but not everyone should be allowed to register. Our society has always recognized some restrictions. For example, felons lose the freedom to vote. Also, non-citizens don't have the right to vote. I have two aunts – one from Columbia and the other from the Philippines – who were not allowed to vote until they became naturalized citizens.

**Terry O'Donnell – No Response**

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**Rob Reck**

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My campaign page is listed above. You can find me on facebook...

**Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Teacher (Orchestra), Composer, Perform

Age: 58

*Professional Experience:* Music Education- 34 Years, last 12 in Broken Arrow Public

Composer - Two published and numerous self-publications

Director - Boston Avenue UMC Church Orchestra

*Education:* BME and MEd from Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Muskogee High School 1972

*Volunteer Service:* Columbus Neighborhood Pool Board

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church - Administrative Board, Adult Sunday School Teacher,

Church Choir, Youth Choir Sponsor, Vacation Bible School, Brass Ensemble etc. Church is a big part of my life.

**Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I was asked to run by Sue Tibbs, who was getting ready to serve her last session. She did not finish the session, losing a long battle with cancer.

I had always considered running for office when the opportunity arose. We had several family meetings, the last with my sons when my older son was home from graduate school at the University of Michigan. They had lots of questions. My younger son asked, "Dad, can you make a difference?" And I believe I can, even if it is small. I am an intelligent person who looks carefully at the basic issues and well as the complex nuances. I think I can have a lot to offer to both the debate and the eventual outcomes. Those that encouraged me to run gave similar reasons. "It is time for someone with some sense to run," was a typical comment.

- 2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

In the 8th and 9th grade I took Speech from Mr. Billy Sanders at Alice Robertson Jr. High in Muskogee. To this day I am still able to speak effectively in front of any size group thanks to Mr. Sanders.

My formal college degrees are in music education. To earn these degrees I had to learn about research methods. I had to read complex texts both in music and in psychology. I had to learn how to do rudimentary research and also how to critique a research study.

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**Rob Reck (continued)**

I am a lifelong learner. I read constantly about all manner of things. I look up things like opinions written by the Oklahoma Attorney General. If a person or a news story quotes a study in a political debate I will look up the study and read not only the conclusions.. but also the methodology.

In today's political world, a lot is made of what "studies" have to say. Many times studies are mis-used. The ability to research, to think, to discern, to evaluate information: All are relevant to legislative work.

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

Perhaps "adequate" would be a good word. Barely adequate might be more accurate.

I saw a demonstration last week of a paperless classroom in Broken Arrow. This is not done with adequate tools, but with some of the very best tools available. Today's students are used to getting new information electronically and a paperless classroom meet them where they live. Students in this class were engaged and worked hard. They were able to get most of their schoolwork done at home when they were absent.

Educational choices are a good thing. But most Oklahoma students are going to attend public school for the foreseeable future. It is important that we have decent funding of public schools. This should include both the tools and the teachers who use them.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

This is really two different questions. In Oklahoma there are no restrictions on voting by registered voters. While an ID is required, the voter registration card is an acceptable ID under our law. This card is free and all registered voters get one, of course. The voter ID law in Oklahoma is much different that those passed in other states. It is much more about voter fraud than it is about restricting voting.

Voting should be limited to US citizens who are 18 years of age or older. Citizens must register. Convicted felons may not vote. There are other restrictions based on residency that apply to state and local elections. I support all of these as well. I am currently happy with the state of Oklahoma election laws unless I am missing something. I would be happy to answer more specific questions about these or other issues. Email me.

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### Oklahoma State House District 36

There are three Republican candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma House District 36. If no Republican candidate wins a majority vote in the primary, it may trigger a runoff election, which would be held on August 28. One Democrat filed for this office. The Republican candidate chosen in the primary or runoff election will face the Democratic candidate in the November general election. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 36 map <http://www.okhouse.gov/Documents/Districts/2012/HD36%20Reduced.pdf>

### **Republican Candidates**

**Paul Nosak** – No Response

**Sean Roberts** – No Response

**Stan Sallee** – No Response

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## Oklahoma State House District 68

There are two Republican candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma House District 68. No Democrats filed for this office. The winner of this primary election will be the next Oklahoma State Representative for District 68. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 68 map  
<http://www.okhouse.gov/Documents/Districts/2012/HD68%20Reduced.pdf>

### Republican Candidates

No Photo  
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### Darren Gantz

#### Biographic Information

*Occupation:* Insurance Agent

*Age:* 39

*Professional Experience:* Insurance professional, Independent agent for 13 years.

*Education:* B.S., Oklahoma State University  
Sapulpa High School

*Volunteer Service:* Church, Civic Clubs, Fraternity

#### Questions

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

It's time we have a state representative who will actually fight for what the people want not what they want. We need someone who work to better educate our children, cut taxes, shrink the size of government and stop obamacare.

My current state Representative Glen Mulready has worked tirelessly to implement a key provision of Obamacare known as Health Exchanges. Despite the fact that an overwhelming majority of Oklahomans don't want any part of Obamacare.

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**Darren Gantz (continued)**

**2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

I grew up in small business. I worked in fortune 100 to mom and pop for myself. I graduated from Sapulpa High School and Oklahoma State University. I also have several certifications in insurance, fire fighting, ems, safety, and sanitation.

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

No I do not. There is not near enough money that actually gets into the classroom, there is lots of waste and strings attached from Washington. We have too many regulations from Washington and Oklahoma City. Even this last session law makers including my opponent raided the text fund to keep pet projects going in Oklahoma City. Things like this do not move our kids into a competitive world. We need courageous leaders who will have an education summit to move our state to the best not near the bottom of all 50 states. If we keep electing the same kind of people to office how can we ever get different results. I believe in parents and teachers on a local level to make better decisions than those in Oklahoma City and Washington. Together I know we can do better at educating our children.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

The system we have now is one of the best in the world. Everyone who is legal based on our laws we have should be allowed to vote.

**Glen Mulready – No Response**

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## Oklahoma State House District 70

There are three Republican candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma House District 70. No Democrats filed for this office. The winner of this primary election will be the next Oklahoma State Representative for District 70, unless there is a runoff election. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 70 map <http://www.okhouse.gov/Documents/Districts/2012/HD70%20Reduced.pdf>

### Republican Candidates

No Photo  
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#### David Davis

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##### Biographic Information

*Occupation:* (candidate left blank)

*Age:* 63

*Professional Experience:* Engaged in Business for 38 years. 38 years in the oil and gas business with 20 years with my own Oil and gas corporation and 20 years engaged in the practice of law and currently practicing law at David W. Davis, P.C.

*Education:* Juris Doctorate in Law  
B.S. Business and Business Economics  
A.A. Medicine

*Volunteer Service:* Paul Harris Fellow Award - Rotary Club; Served 2 years on the Tulsa Human Rights Commission; Tulsa Global Alliance representative to the World Games in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Personnel Committee and Kirk Karpenters volunteer building wheelchair ramps for disabled for Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church; Served 12 years as a monthly chapel speaker at John 3:16 Mission for Homeless men.

Annual supporters of the Center for Individuals for Physical Challenges.

##### Questions

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

The desire to serve people and to make changes for a better life for Oklahoma citizens.

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**David Davis (continued)**

**2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

My Law degree and continued practice as an attorney. I have been trained in the law and, in my practice, must continue to review and study the law.

I have hands on experience with the justice system, department of Human Services, Juvenile Court. In addition, I understand how the laws affect the lives of People in a direct manner.

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

They are provided adequate tools, but inadequate environments. Classrooms have far too many students. Oklahoma teachers are among the worst paid in the U.S. Funding of our schools is a priority to give the teachers a better environment and stop the drain of our best teachers to other states.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

Every registered voter should be allowed to vote, provided they are a citizen and can provide identification at the voting location.



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**Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* President and Owner, Trident Energy, Inc.

*Age:* 31

*Professional Experience:* President, Trident Energy, Inc.

*Education:* B.A., Politics and Classics, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA.

M.B.A., University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK.

*Volunteer Service:* Board Member- The Bridges Foundation

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**Shane Saunders (continued)**

**Questions**

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

Single biggest factor: the largess of government spending in the State of Oklahoma. As a businessman, taxpayer, and father, I'm frustrated with the growth and ineptitude of government in our state. We have no meaningful progress to show for the investment of our tax dollars.

Under Frank Keating, the State of Oklahoma collectively spent around \$9 billion. This year, we will spend nearly \$17 billion. And, while our expenditures have essentially doubled in ten years, we still have some of the worst roads, worst bridges, failing schools, and over-crowded prisons. By any measurable standard, that growth is unsustainable and the results unacceptable.

We have over 600 state agencies, boards, and commissions that aren't held accountable for the tax dollars that they spend. I believe that we need conservative, practical, business-minded citizens (like myself) to go to Oklahoma City and get back to basics. Government should be limited and should use our tax dollars responsibly.

2. **What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

**I am a Tulsa native who went to Jenks for elementary and middle school and Bishop Kelley for high school. I went to college at Washington and Lee University where I earned my undergraduate degrees in Politics and Classics. I earned my Master's in Business Administration from the University of Tulsa.**

**After college, I spent 3 years in Congressman Sullivan's Washington, DC office as a Legislative Assistant and Press Secretary. There, I learned first-hand how government (dis)functions and how the legislative process is influenced by external factors. I believe that, unless you understand how special interest groups and lobbyists work, you are powerless to stand against them. I joke that, while I have a Master's degree in business, my time in DC should qualify me for a Doctorate in government.**

**I started my company, Trident Energy, Inc., by risking my own capital. I know the difficulties that business owners and job creators face on a daily basis, because I've been there.**

3. **Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

In short, no.

Our education system in Oklahoma is top-heavy with administrative costs. Too few of our tax dollars find their way to the classroom, where the actual learning takes place. We have 527 school districts in Oklahoma and 300 of those districts have fewer than 500 students each. Collectively, we pay our Superintendents \$51 million each year. If we cut that number in half, we would free up more than \$25 million which could go right into our classrooms without costing the taxpayer a penny more.

By reducing our administrative overhead, we could afford to pay our teachers more, attract the most qualified educators, keep our talented teachers in Oklahoma, and extend the respect and esteem that our educators deserve.

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**Shane Saunders (continued)**

I have yet to meet a teacher who hasn't spent some of his or her own funds to help educate our children. While honorable, they shouldn't be placed in that situation.

Sadly, we have failed the rising generation. We must reform our education system.

4. **Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

Legal Citizens of the United States of America who reside in Oklahoma, have reached the age of majority, and have registered to vote should be allowed to vote in our elections.

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**Ken Walker**

**Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Publisher

Age: 40

*Professional Experience:* 10 Years Owner of Shepherd's Guide Yellow Page Franchise, Chef, Military Interrogator, Military Intelligence Analyst, French and Spanish Linguist

*Education:* Defense Language Institute, Baltimore International College, Leadership, Management, and Public Policy at ORU

*Volunteer Service:* Victory Christian Center

**Questions**

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

The restoration of limited government, the promotion of maximum individual liberties, and restoration of family, faith, and community organizations as the backbone of society.

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**Ken Walker (continued)**

**2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

Military Intelligence education and linguistics training as well as business ownership has prepared me for the office I am seeking .

**3. Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

Teachers should not have to spend so much of their salaries on supplies for the classroom. I will use my platform to encourage more churches and business to adopt schools. I will, as a legislator, spend time in the classrooms getting to know the needs of the teachers. I look forward to spending time with the kids in the classrooms inspiring and challenging them to be and do all that they dream. As a business owner, I look forward to and will enjoy going over the state budget and making sure that the monies are used wisely and used effectively and get to the classroom to help the teachers and the kids.

**4. Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

The right to vote should follow the United States Constitution and Amendments.

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## Oklahoma State House District 71

There are two Republican candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma House District 71. The winner of this primary election will be on the November general election ballot, facing the one Democrat who filed for this office. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 71 map

<http://www.okhouse.gov/Documents/Districts/2012/HD71%20Reduced.pdf>

### Republican Candidates

#### Katie Henke – No Response



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#### **Evelyn Rogers**

#### Biographic Information

*Occupation:* Librarian

*Age:* 59

*Professional Experience:* Librarian

*Education:* AA - nursing/psychology - Pasadena City College (CA)

BS - Health Care Mgmt - Univ of LaVerne (CA)

MA - Practical Theology - Oral Roberts Univ - Tulsa OK

MLIS - Library & Info Studies - Univ of OKLA - Tulsa OK

*Volunteer Service:* Sunday School Sign Class - Victory Christian Center

#### Questions

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I desire to represent people. I wish to enact good laws, and get rid of bad laws.

2. **What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

With 30 years of college training, 4 degrees, and experience as a librarian, I believe I have preparation that will serve me well as a representative for OK House of Representatives for district 71.

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Oklahoma State House District 71

**Evelyn Rogers** (continued)

3. **Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

Teachers need an increase in pay, and a resource of funds that will help them to have more adequate tools for educating students more effectively in the classroom.

4. **Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

Are registered voters: US citizens, law abiding, and currently registered where they are living? Then they should vote. Voters ID will help to identify that when one goes to the polls to vote.

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## Oklahoma State House District 79

There are two Republican candidates for the primary election for Oklahoma House District 79. No Democrats filed for this office. The winner of this primary election will be the next Oklahoma State Representative for District 79. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election. Link to District 79 map  
<http://www.okhouse.gov/Documents/Districts/2012/HD79%20Reduced.pdf>

### Republican Candidates



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### Lois Jacobs

#### Biographic Information

*Occupation:* Dentist Anesthesiologist

*Age:* 61

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Dentist  
Dentist Anesthesiologist  
Pharm.D.

*Education:* B.S. Pharmacy, D.D.S., Certificate of Residency in Anesthesia, Pharm.D.

*Volunteer Service:* I have volunteered at health care clinics, and vocational Boards.

#### Questions

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I am able to understand complex issues and legislate for each constituent. I appreciate how complex issues affect everyday living, including EPA Stormwater over-regulation.

2. **What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

**B.S. Pharm, D.D.S. Pharm.D.**

**I have taught at the graduate level. I have lectured at numerous post graduate seminars throughout the USA.**

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**Lois Jacobs** (continued)

3. **Do you believe that teachers in the state of Oklahoma are provided adequate tools to competently educate Oklahoma's students? Please explain your point of view.**

Yes. All revenues are appreciated. Information technology will provide a greater role.

4. **Do you believe that every registered voter should be allowed to vote? Please explain your position, including what restrictions on the right to vote are appropriate.**

Voting should be reproducible and verifiable.

**Weldon Watson** – No Response

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## Tulsa County Clerk

There are three Republican candidates for the primary election for Tulsa County Clerk. No Democrats filed for this office. The winner of this primary will be the next Tulsa County Clerk, unless there is a runoff election. Because Oklahoma is a closed primary state, only Republican voters will cast ballots in this primary election.

### Republican Candidates

#### Pat Key– No Response



**Dean Martin**

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[www.facebook.com/deanmartinok](http://www.facebook.com/deanmartinok)

#### Biographic Information

*Occupation:* Industrial/oilfield distribution

*Age:* 58

*Professional Experience:* Thirty plus years business experience; mainly industrial/oilfield distribution, product distribution, management recruiting hiring, training, and personnel development. As a small business owner, I have had to deal with budgeting, taxes, strategic planning, and high level negotiations.

*Education:* Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Oklahoma State University, B.S. Stillwater, OK

*Volunteer Service:* Mainly church associated. Missions work, etc.

#### Questions

1. **What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I would have to say the single most important factor that influenced my decision to seek public office is my faith. In all major decisions in my life I go before God to seek His guidance.

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### **Dean Martin** (continued)

Our country is in trouble...The federal government is \$16 trillion in debt, our state government has to borrow \$40 million last year to "balance" the budget. Which is mandated by the state constitution.

Our vigilance to bring the country back starts with the grass roots of our government...the local governments. It's time for good people to get involved or the freedoms we now have will be something we read about in a history book. I want to also give back to the community that I have been a part of for over 50 years.

#### **2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

Working my way through college...sometimes working multiple jobs in the summer to pay for my schooling, taught me the value of hard work as well an appreciation for the college experience. Throughout my work experiences I have learned that there are no "failures" just folks that quit to soon. There will always be challenges in life, and each challenge can lead to a victory if you just "hang in there, pray hard and work hard."

#### **3. What would you do to make the office of Tulsa County Clerk more efficient and more useful for the public?**

1. Be totally technology current. Technology is changing daily. If we are at the forefront of technology the clerk's office will be more efficient.
2. Integrate all areas of the county departments records by establishing a common coding system to access all county records.
3. Make all records easily accessible at no charge through internet access for all Tulsa County residents. A paid subscription for access to the records from out of county should remain a revenue stream of the clerk's office.
4. Have the best trained staff of any County Clerk's office anywhere.
5. Have total transparency with the citizens of Tulsa county regarding the budgeting process, and have an open door policy for any citizen.



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### **Cassidy Tandy**

#### **Biographic Information**

*Occupation:* Sr.Appraiser Tulsa County Assessor's office

*Age:* 34

*Professional Experience:* Small Business Owner. County Employee

*Education:* Associates in Education. Accredited junior OSU

*Volunteer Service:* Boy Scouts of America

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**Cassidy Tandy** (continued)

**Questions**

- 1. What is the single most important factor that influenced your decision to seek public office? Explain why this factor is so influential in your decision.**

I have a desire to serve the public through a transparent and user friendly system of technology while operating the office in a fiscally conservative manner. This is important to me because I have needed to utilize the current system and even as a county employee in the same building as the current County Clerk the system does not adequately interphase with other county offices.

- 2. What educational endeavors have prepared you to hold the office you are seeking?**

My ambitious personality, backed by hard work and commitment has been evident throughout my career. As a small business owner in my twenties, I was anxious to take on another challenge. I accepted an appraising position at the Tulsa County Assessor's office where I would advance to Senior Appraiser within two years; a feat that typically takes about ten years. I have completed the basic and advanced accreditation courses for the Tulsa County Assessor's office through the OSU training program. I am a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers, and I am a candidate in the Professional Designation Program as Residential Evaluation Specialist for the International Association of Assessing Officers. I am a Certified Residential Appraiser in the State of Oklahoma. I have my associate's degree in Education and I am a credited junior in Aviation Management at Oklahoma State University, while attending Oklahoma State University I was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

- 3. What would you do to make the office of Tulsa County Clerk more efficient and more useful for the public?**

**I would make the land records available to all taxpayers without the hassle of coming to the courthouse or library by allowing citizens to access the system via the internet at no charge. This would afford equal opportunities for all of Tulsa County citizens.**

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City of Tulsa Charter Amendment

The following proposition will be on the June 26, 2012 ballot for all voters residing within Tulsa city limits.

**Proposition**

City Charter - Conformity to State Election Laws and Effectiveness of Amendment

Shall the Charter of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, be amended to conform the schedule for the City's primary elections and the filing of declarations of candidacy to the requirements of state law, and to make the amendment effective in the year adopted?

FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO

**Explanation:** In November, 2011, a charter change provision was adopted by the voters that would change the timing of our municipal elections to coincide with state and federal elections. However, the ballot proposal was wrongly worded and, if allowed to take effect as written, would require the city to hire an outside elections firm to run our municipal elections because the primary date specified in the ballot language contradicted state law. The new charter change proposal on the June 26 primary election ballot would correct that error. If approved, the change would take effect in the year adopted (2012).