



Voter Guide

NOVEMBER 2ND GENERAL ELECTION

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General Election — Tuesday, November 2nd, 7AM to 7PM

The general election is open to all registered voters in the State of Oklahoma. All candidates who won primary races for their respective party's candidacy, who were the only candidate for their party for a particular office or who filed as independents will be on the ballot. Voters may select any candidate who appears on the ballot. Eleven state questions and two City of Tulsa charter amendment proposals will also be on the ballot.

Voting is as Easy as 1 – 2 – 3!

Sign up to Vote

- **To vote in the November 2nd Primary Election, you must register (sign up) to vote by October 8.** It's free!
- You can pick up a voter registration form at the Tulsa County Election Board, any tag agency, public libraries, post offices, and the State Election Board. You also may download a form from the State Election Board's website, www.elections.state.ok.us.

Get Ready to Vote

To learn more about the election, here are two local sources of nonpartisan (unbiased) information:

- In addition to the LWV of Metropolitan Tulsa Voters Guide, the League provides complete voting information on our website, www.lwvtulsa.org.
- *Tulsa World* includes an informative voter guide in their paper on the Sunday preceding general elections and online at www.tulsaworld.com/webextra/continuingcoverage/continuingcoverage.aspx?id=10.

VOTE!

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

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

You can also vote early or by absentee ballot.

- Early voting takes place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Friday and Monday before every election.
- An absentee ballot may be requested in person or by mail. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is the Wednesday before an election.
- For specific dates on early and absentee voting for 2010 General elections, check our website, lwvtulsa.org.

Election Calendar

- October 8** General registration deadline
- November 2** General Election

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Visit our Website

For complete information on the voting process, including how to choose a party and candidate and dates for early and absentee voting, visit our website: www.lwvtulsa.org.

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NOTES ON THIS VOTERS GUIDE

- **All candidates in this guide are listed in alphabetical order by last name.**
- **Candidates who drew no opponents and candidates who drew opponents only from their own party and were elected in the July 27 primary will not be on the general election ballot and are not listed in this guide.**
- **Every candidate was sent a questionnaire and given an opportunity to respond.** The League neither edits material submitted nor changes spelling, punctuation or grammar. If word limits are exceeded, the extra words are deleted and this is indicated by ellipsis (...).
- **Eleven state questions and two City of Tulsa charter amendments will be on the general election ballot.** Each proposal is printed with the exact wording that will appear on the ballot, followed by an explanation, and pro and con statements. Voters will be asked to vote for or against each state question and City of Tulsa charter amendment.
- **Offices and ballot questions are listed here in the order in which they appear on the ballot.**

STATE OFFICERS

Governor

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional, or community experiences, which prepare you to be a good governor.

What in your opinion is the most important thing you could do as governor to improve the economy of Oklahoma?

How do you propose taking care of Oklahomans' health needs?

What can be done to ease the problems in our prisons?

How can we assure a quality education for all Oklahoma children in light of budget cuts?

Jari Askins

Democrat

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I want to put my experience and ability to work for Oklahoma. These are tough times and I want to help the state I love with all my heart. I think my experience as a judge, legislator, head of the Pardon and Parole Board and Lt. Governor gives me the right background to lead. I also believe we need a governor who can work with both parties and bring them together in the best interest of all Oklahomans. That is what I did as a legislator and that's what I will do as governor.

First and foremost is building a better-educated workforce. We need to do our best to make sure every high school graduate is ready to work at a skilled job or to succeed in college. We also need to concentrate on growing the number of college graduates. That's not just my opinion. It's what I hear from business leaders here in Oklahoma and in other states as I meet with them in my role as Lt. Governor.

We must also continue efforts to relieve small businesses from a complicated maze of regulations. Small businesses are our greatest job creators.

It is obvious that far too many Oklahomans are without health care. It is equally obvious that unfunded federal mandates are not the answer.

I believe in improving and expanding the Insure Oklahoma program. This innovative plan was created in Oklahoma to help low-income, working adults and their children get health insurance. The state covers 60 percent of the cost, the employer 25 percent and the employee just 15 percent.

Insure Oklahoma is a model for the nation and I want to make it even better while working with the federal government to make sure Medicare and Medicaid remain solvent.

All law-abiding citizens believe we should be tough on crime. That's what I did as a judge, head of the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board and as a legislator. At the same time, I've always believed "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

We need to be smart about prisons. I wrote the law establishing Drug Courts, giving offenders a chance to stay out of prison if they behaved themselves. I also worked for legislation allowing community sentencing for non-violent offenders.

If there is a silver lining to budget cuts, it may be that school districts are taking a hard look at making the most of every dollar. One of the ways efficiency can be accomplished is by better use of technology. Not every school can afford an accomplished expert to teach math, science or foreign language. They can afford computers and video classrooms allowing access and interaction with great teachers.

Administrative costs can be reduced by sharing services between our smaller school districts.

We need to thoroughly review our goals, testing and the way we motivate students to learn.

Governor continued

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Mary Fallin

Republican

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I am the only candidate in the race for governor to have private sector experience as well as experience as an elected official on both the state and federal level. I served as a state representative for 4 years before being elected lieutenant governor, a position I held from 1995 to 2007. I then served in the United States Congress, a position which I still hold.

Prior to my time as a public servant, I worked as a district manager for a national hotel corporation, where I won "manager of the year." I'm also a graduate of OSU.

As governor, creating more and better jobs will be my number one priority. I'll lead the way by working towards lower taxes on businesses and individuals, reducing government bureaucracy and eliminating the kind of red tape that keeps a lid on small business growth.

We also need to renew our commitment to education. Without a highly skilled, well educated work force, businesses will choose to locate elsewhere and our citizens will find it harder than ever to compete in a global economy. That's why increasing school rigor and getting more money into our classrooms will be priorities during my administration.

The rising cost of health care is a burden on our families and our economy. As governor, I will work with both the private insurance market and our public agencies to reduce the costs of medical treatment and expand access to affordable, quality health care. I'll also encourage preventative care so we can reduce medical costs and tragedies created by illnesses like diabetes.

Finally, I'll continue to lead the fight against Obamacare – an expensive, government-run health care plan that will deteriorate the quality of our medical services. We cannot afford a plan that puts government and bureaucracy before our well-being.

Dangerous criminals should be locked up so they aren't on our streets and in our neighborhoods. Under my administration, providing our correctional officers with the resources they need to run safe, secure facilities will be a priority.

I will also look at ways to address prison overcrowding. For non-violent offenders with drug-related problems, many of whom are women, there are often better, cheaper alternatives to long prison sentences. Drug related courts and rehabilitation centers save tax dollars, reduce our prison population and encourage drug addicts to get healthy and contribute to our communities. These programs will have my support.

Quality schools create quality work forces, which are absolutely essential to job creation, business growth and long term prosperity. Improving our workforce and providing that prosperity will require getting more money into our classrooms and cutting down on administrative overhead. It will require more parental involvement and the empowerment of local communities to develop learning programs that fit their particular needs. And it will require a commitment to rigor from our state government, our teachers, our administrators and our parents. I'm ready to make that commitment and to end mediocrity in our schools.

GOVERNOR

Lieutenant Governor

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional, or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Lieutenant Governor.

What would you do as Lieutenant Governor to promote Oklahoma businesses and to attract new businesses to Oklahoma? (75 word limit)

What would you do to promote tourism in Oklahoma? (75 word limit)

How would you work to keep more young people, who have been educated in Oklahoma, from leaving Oklahoma? (50 word limit)

How do you differentiate yourself from the other candidates running and what difference would your election make to the people of Oklahoma?

Kenneth Corn

Democrat

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My entire life has prepared me to be Lieutenant Governor. I grew up in Southeastern Oklahoma, the son of blue-collar parents who dropped out of high school and were raising a large family on a meager income. Without the help of others, I never would have been able to attend and graduate from college. As a legislator, I developed a reputation for tackling tough issues, defying my own political party and the legislative leadership, working in a bipartisan fashion, and for getting things done to improve the state. I am a Boy Scout leader and a deacon in my church.

I would become the chief job recruiter for Oklahoma and make the Lt. Governor's office the center of the state's job creating efforts. I would focus on providing a larger, better-educated workforce to attract those industries with high-paying jobs and on helping grow small businesses that keep our small communities vibrant and alive. I also would work to improve the state's infrastructure, which is always helpful in drawing new jobs to a state.

The Lieutenant governor plays a pivotal role in the state's tourism efforts. I would work to develop first-class public tourist destinations and do all that I could to work closely with private tourism enterprises to make sure they are successful. As Lt. Governor, I would support bolstering our tourism marketing campaigns outside our borders and push for upgrades to our state parks and recreational waterways.

We stop the exodus by attracting new companies who provide great pay and benefits in exciting technologies and industries. We have great events like the NBA, WNBA, professional hockey, tier-one concerts and art events, not just in big cities, but all across the state.

I don't come from a wealthy family. I don't have a famous political name. I come from good, hardworking, every-day stock who understands what it means to achieve and accomplish something when you have so few opportunities to do so. I have worked my entire adult life to help and serve people. The people of Oklahoma want their government back. They want bold leaders who will not wilt under pressure. They want a Lt. Governor who will listen to them and get things done. I have been that type of public servant. I will be that type of Lieutenant Governor.

GOVERNOR

Lieutenant Governor *continued*

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Todd Lamb

Republican

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Oklahoma City University School of Law, JD
Oklahoma State Senator
General Counsel, CLS Group
Governor's Personal Assistant
Lifetime Member, NRA
Association of Former Agents of the United States Secret Service
Deacon; Sunday School Teacher, Quail Springs Baptist Church
Little League Sports Coach

I will tirelessly promote the quality of life we have in Oklahoma, as well work to make our business climate more competitive with Texas and the world. I want to lower our tax burden, streamline our government and have an education system preparing us to compete for 21st century jobs. We have to recruit companies to Oklahoma (something I did when serving on the Governor's staff) as well as encourage homegrown companies to expand here.

We have a wonderful state with incredible sites from the Black Mesa to the Ouachita Mountains, and everything in between. Backed by a western heritage appealing to travelers from around the world, state tourism accounts for thousands of jobs and billions of dollars for our state economy. It is important that during these tough economic times, our government does not institute taxation policies that deter tourism. I will be vigilant in keeping this from happening.

Jobs. To keep educated people in Oklahoma, we have to have the jobs they want. While our state has created a quality of life that appeals to younger workers, we must make our business climate more competitive for the businesses providing the skilled jobs sought by these young people.

As a family man, a businessman, a State Senator, and someone who has traveled on economic development missions while on the governor's staff, I bring unique experiences that are tailor made for Lt. Governor. As a Secret Service Agent traveling the globe, I witnessed the perception others have of Oklahoma, and I know we can improve on that image. Raised in Enid, I know that urban and rural Oklahoma must be partners, not competitors, as we improve our state. And, I share the conservative values of Oklahoma and, because of my children, have both eyes on the future of Oklahoma.

Richard Prawdzienski

Independent

Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University. Worked for Dept of Air Force as an Acquisition Logistics Manger, planned support of weapon systems and life cycle costs. Created and managed a Real Estate Investment Company. Travel to 47 states and observed how people lived. I was a President of a neighborhood association and officers in various organizations.. My wife is a Southern Gal, I a Yankee, we are together since 1978, prove I can work with people from different backgrounds.

First I will daily tell our legislators their statutes are keeping businesses away.. Example, Title 26-108-6 keeps new political parties out of the state. New political parties increase business for newspapers, tv/radio, hotel, restaurants, printers, post office and more. I will also put a spot light on strange rules like liquor retail stores can't sell a cork screw or glass wine, nor can the shop even put a bottle into a holiday bag.

I will constantly ask individual and businesses to take the lead and think outside the box. Example: Tell alumni's that instead of just building a bigger football stadium develop world class computer-aide sports training complexes, not just football, but also bowling, tennis, golf, skeet, etc. If they build it people will come.

Just as the Gunnery Sergeant told us while we were graduating USMC boot camp, "Your duty station is only good as you make it", I will consistently send that message to our citizens, young and old.

My mind is open, I will listen and respect people regardless of backgrounds. I will appreciate the beauty of a flower but I will also look at the roots. Understanding the roots will help Oklahoma grow into the most beautiful state in the nation. "We the people" electing an Independent it will send a message to the old guard and that old guard will realize that they must change.

State Auditor and Inspector

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions:

List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office. (100 word limit)

What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff? (200 word limit)

Steve Burrage

Democrat

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I graduated from OU with a degree in accounting I am a CPA with a permit to practice and take my yearly required continuing education classes. I have over 30 yrs of accounting and financial experience, I am running so that I can remain you State Auditor and continue using my over 30 yrs of business experience and practices to make the office as effective and efficient as possible. My top priority as State Auditor I protecting your hard-earned tax dollars and making sure they are being spent properly, free from all waste, fraud, and abuse.

One of the most important issues in my office is having a highly qualified and professional staff. Since my appointment as State Auditor in July 2008, I now only have qualified professionals working in the office. I by dissolving non-essential administrative staff positions was able to cut the administrative overhead, 1.2 million dollars. In turn I have been able to hire more auditors, who are essential to providing a quality product to the taxpayers. Another important issue is providing quality audits. As State Auditor, I have been providing quality audits that make sure your tax dollars are being spent properly and free from all waste, fraud and abuse. When waste, fraud, or abuse is found, the audits help provide the evidence needed to prosecute and ppunish those who wronged the taxpayers. These quality audits also provide the leadership of each agency with suggestions on how to improve their accounting and appending practices to better protect the taxpayer dollars. As State Auditor, I have also made it a priority to publish the audit reports on my office's website so the taxpayers can see the findings and better understand how their tax dollars are being spent and protected.

Gary Jones

Republican

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B.S. Business Administration/Accounting; Certified Public Accountant, certified fraud examiner, farmer, rancher, uncovered more corruption than last 3 auditors combined.

Public corruption, wasteful government spending, insufficient use of tax dollars, misuse of public funds.

Attorney General

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional, or community experiences that prepare you to be a good attorney general.

What will be your priorities if elected Attorney General?

Jim Priest

Democrat

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I have been enaged in the active practice of law in Oklahoma for over thirty years I have an "AV" rating in the national Martindale Hubbell legal directory (the highest rating possible)

Listed in the publication "Best Lawyers in America"

Chosen by other state lawyers as an Oklahoma "Super Lawyer"

I have tried nearly a hundred trials and argued numerous cases in federal and state appellate courts

Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court

I have handled thousands of lawsuits and know how to try a case in court, and how to keep clients out of court.

From 1980 to 2005, I served as an attorney and director at one of Oklahoma's leading law firms, McKinney & Stringer

The number one priority of the Attorney General is to protect our citizens, especially those who are most vulnerable: our children, our seniors, and the victims of domestic violence. I believe protection is best accomplished through (1) prevention and (2) prosecution.

One of the programs I will initiate is called Safe at Home. Home should be a safe place. But far too often home is a place of heartache, harm and sometimes even homicide. Child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, drug use, and cybercrimes should not be part of our Oklahoma homes.

Scott Pruitt

Republican

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I bring experience as an attorney, business owner and state senator to the Office of Attorney General. I have been involved in Constitutional issues in the courtroom, classroom and with local, state and national religious organizations with whom I've served as speaker and advisor on church-state issues. As a business owner I met a payroll, led employees and put capital at risk so I understand firsthand how our laws and regulations affect business and industry in Oklahoma. Serving as a State Senator, I lead on issues such as workers' compensation, lawsuit reform, transparency in government and getting tough on crime.

I will prioritize resources within the Office of Attorney General to create a "Unit of Federalism" to stop Washington from infringing on our state's rights, starting with rejecting the nationalization of healthcare. I will seek to hold the federal government accountable for its failure to secure our borders – a situation which burdens Oklahoma with increased drug trafficking, crime and other very real costs.

I will aggressively prosecute criminals who violate our laws, especially predators who prey on children and the elderly. I will ensure criminal appeals do not languish, and will fight against the public corruption that exists in government.

State Treasurer

STATE TREASURER

Stephen E Covert

No response received

Democrat

Ken Miller

No response received

Republican

Superintendent of Public Education

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional, or community experiences that prepare you to be a good superintendent of Public Instruction.

What policies will you promote to help better prepare high school students for college or for entering the workforce?

What changes would you like to see in Oklahoma's public education system?

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Janet Barresi

Republican

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I have a BA in Education from OU, a MS in Speech & Language Disorders from OUHSC, and a DDS from OU College of Dentistry. As a business woman, educator and education reformer of 15 years, I will bring a unique perspective to the Superintendent's office. I will apply to the state the lessons learned from my two public charter schools, one of which is ranked 68th on Newsweek's list of the nation's top high schools. Those lessons are local control of schools, accountability and transparency of finances and performance, increased teacher effectiveness, and a focus on teaching and learning.

To prepare students for college or the workforce, we need to teach critical thinking skills and accurately measure student performance. Among other things, that means we must reform testing. Our current tests are often simple memory tests instead of a measurement of critical thinking skills. In addition, reporting of current state testing results is designed to obscure actual student performance. Just a few years ago, students could miss over half the questions on one state math test and still be rated "proficient." That "proficient" label will not help a student get a job if they have not mastered content.

My vision for reforming Oklahoma's education system is one that abandons failed big government policies and replaces them with proven strategies that are targeted, research based and most importantly, student centered. As state superintendent, I will work to improve academic standards to prepare all children for good jobs, whether they go to college or straight into the workforce. I will work to reduce red tape and heavy handed mandates, improve testing, empower teachers, and increase transparency and accountability within our school system. My work at Harding Charter Preparatory School proves all Oklahoma children can thrive academically, regardless of socio-economic challenges.

Richard Cooper

Independent

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Being a product of public schools (Oklahoma and Georgia), being trained in public institutions of higher learning (Cameron University and Oklahoma State University), and being a part of a teaching and learning community of educators, not just in Oklahoma but nationally, I feel uniquely qualified to take on the most important task facing our next State Superintendent—make learning and teaching the focus of Oklahoma public education.

I will promote two essential tasks. First, teaching Oklahoma students to learn how to learn. Second, teaching Oklahoma students to learn how to live. Public schools must equip students to do both of these for life.

I would like to see a commitment to the real purpose of public education.

Susan Paddack

Democrat

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Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Colorado and a Master of Education Degree in Secondary Education from East Central University. Currently, State Senator, District 13. Prior to election as State Senator, the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence employed Susan for nine years as their Director of Local Education Foundation Outreach. Before joining the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Susan was employed as a secondary science teacher in middle and junior high schools in Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma. She also served as an adjunct faculty member for East Central University's Education Department.

I have supported (and served as senate author) for legislation that ensures a more rigorous curriculum designed to help students be prepared for college or work. This curriculum is designed so that students will master the subject content they need to be successful in whatever path they choose-- be it work, technical training, or college.

Also, we need to better utilize the tools available to us. Currently, students take Explore and Plan tests which serve as indicators for college readiness. With professional development for teachers and parental education, students can be guided to use these tests to determine their strengths....

We will need to make many changes in the coming years to meet the needs of students. First, we need a vision for education in our state. We must design a strategic plan that will accomplish that vision by bringing all the stakeholders into the discussion. Educators, business and community members, career tech, higher education, and parents must all work together to define what we want for our children and how each of us has a role in making that happen. The additional step would be advocating for good public policy that ensures that the plan can be accomplished.

Commissioner of Labor

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional, or community experiences that prepare you to be a good labor commissioner.

If elected, what would you do to improve working conditions and the quality of life for the average worker in Oklahoma?

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

Mark Costello

Republican

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I graduated with a BA from the University of Kansas. In 1991 AMCAT (American Computer & Telephone) was founded. I served as Chairman of USA Digital, a telecommunications company licensed in 40 states that was founded in 1997. Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity has been a long time favorite where I have spent numerous hours. Currently, I am running for Labor Commissioner because I believe in Oklahoma. I want to create a job friendly business environment for all our children as well as support workers' compensation reform. I have over twenty-five years of business experience in forming businesses and creating jobs.

If elected I will promote the well being of wage earners by advancing the need for more and better paying jobs. On my web site, www.markcostelloforlabor.com, I have listed my twelve point plan to promote job creation in Oklahoma. Believing that bureaucratic overhead is a major problem due to waste and duplication, I will propose to merge the Department of Labor, Department of Mines, Construction Industries Board and Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission into one agency. I propose to call it the Oklahoma Department of Employment and Safety which can provide greater service to citizens of Oklahoma.

Lloyd Fields

Democrat

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I am a graduate of Charles Page High School in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. I am a certified Plumbing, Heating and Air conditioning Contractor. As a small businessman, I have experience in providing jobs, making payroll, and ensuring that workers have workers' compensation coverage. I was the first Labor Commissioner in the nation to obtain certification as a NARSO Amusement Ride Inspector. Additional information can be found on my website at www.lloydfields2010.com

Quality of life is largely dependent on our health and financial stability. Under my leadership, ODOL programs have enhanced workplace safety resulting in a healthier work force, fewer lost-time accidents, and lower workers' compensation rates to employers. We verify Oklahoma employees are covered by workers' compensation insurance.

The ODOL also provides an impartial venue for resolving wage disputes between employers and employees. Under my leadership, the ODOL has earned a reputation for fairness in working with both parties to resolve these issues.

The ODOL protects children the workforce by enforcing both state and federal law regarding hours, workplace safety, etc.

Insurance Commissioner

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office.

What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff?



Bachelor of arts degree from the University of Oklahoma, Norman. With more than 20 years of experience in the insurance industry (as both an agent and an executive) and as the parent of a child who has survived three open-heart surgeries, I am uniquely qualified. My diverse experience will allow me to work with legislators and insurance providers to identify and implement health care solutions at the state level to lower Oklahomans' insurance premiums and to protect them from federal mandates and irresponsible increases. Former board member of the Tulsa Ronald McDonald house and the Dillon International Adoption Agency.

- 1) The Obama health care "Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act of 2010";
- 2) The need for meaningful workers' compensation reform to help reduce the cost of maintaining jobs in Oklahoma; and
- 3) Reducing costs at the department in the face of declining state tax revenue collection.

John Doak

Republican

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Insurance Commissioner *continued*

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER



Kim Holland

Democrat

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As the incumbent, I have a proven record of integrity, fiscal discipline, and consumer advocacy. I assumed an office shadowed by controversy and corruption and transformed it into one recognized across the state and the nation for efficiency and effectiveness. We have reduced expenses while expanding services, recovered millions of dollars for consumers, instigated tough anti-fraud initiatives, and expanded protections for seniors. Prior to taking office, I spent 25 years assisting Oklahomans with insurance decisions and problems. I have been an active civic volunteer in Tulsa and at the state level. I am running to raise the public service....

Whether your claim occurs today or thirty years from now, our state based system of complex regulatory checks and balances ensures that you are treated fairly and that the company you choose can deliver on its promise to pay a claim or benefit. Continued federal intrusion into this state domain threatens essential consumer protections and impedes our efforts to meet the unique needs of Oklahomans. While we are legally required to comply with federal law, we are compelled to arm Congress with the facts necessary to fight against unnecessary and harmful legislation. Federal over-reach is our greatest challenge.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICERS

United States Senator

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Tom Coburn

No response received

Republican

Ronald F. Dwyer

No response received

Independent

Jim Rogers

No response received

Democrat

Stephen P. Wallace

No response received

Independent

United States Representative (District 1)

US REP DIST 1

Angelia O'Dell

No response received

Independent

John Sullivan

No response received

Republican

United States Representative (District 2)

US REP DIST 2

Dan Boren

No response received

Democrat

Charles Thompson

No response received

Republican

Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court

These are nonpartisan judicial retention races. Voters may vote either to retain or not retain these judicial officers.

Voters vote separately on each justice or judge; they are not running against each other.

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List college(s), and law school(s) attended including any academic distinctions received in law school and your legal employment since becoming a member of the state bar. (60 word limit)

What do you believe would be your most important contribution to the court?

State any achievements or activities in which you have been involved which demonstrate your commitment to equal justice under the law.

Stephen Taylor District 2

B.A. Oklahoma State University.
J.D. University of Oklahoma.
Served active duty in the United States Marine Corps (1974-1978).
Youngest judge in the U.S. Armed Forces in 1977.
1978-1984: Private law practice.
1984-1995: Associate District Judge Pittsburg County.
1995-2004: Chief Judge Pittsburg/McIntosh Counties.
Presided over more than 500 jury trials, including the Terry Nichols Oklahoma City Bombing trial.
2004-present: Supreme Court

My contribution is based upon life experience and dedication to the law and public service. My first job was a Department of Defense bomb assembly line during Vietnam War. After college and law school, I joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was trained as an infantry platoon commander. Returning home, I was elected the youngest Mayor in McAlester history; then served as a trial judge for 21 years and on the Supreme Court for the past 6 years. All this experience and service prepares me for the everyday test of reaching a just decision in every case before the Court.

My proudest achievement is the 21 years as a trial judge. Over those years I heard thousands of cases involving thousands of issues that touched the lives of thousands of people. Every day I worked to make fair decisions based upon the law and the facts of each case. The culmination of that service was my presiding over the OKC Bombing trial from which there was no appeal. For my lifelong dedication to my state and to the law, I was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2009. Today my enthusiasm for my work is stronger than ever.

James R. Winchester District 5

University of Oklahoma – bachelor of art in political science, 1974
Oklahoma City University – juris doctorate, 1977
Private practice, 1977-1983
Associate District Judge – Caddo County, 1983
District Judge – Caddo and Grady Counties, 1983-1997
Named outstanding Trial Judge, 1986
Judicial Conference President, 1995
U.S. Administrative Law Judge, 1997-2000
Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, 2000 – current
Chief Justice 2007 – 2008

On a daily basis, I believe my most important contribution to the Court is in exercising independent judgment. The Oklahoma judiciary is the only branch of government unburdened by the influence of party politics. My decisions are based on the facts of each case and the rule of law. A majority of five decides the outcome of each case, even when in the minority, my differing opinion is valuable in the pursuit of justice.

As Chief Justice, I made a concerted effort to reach out to trial judges and court clerks to make a unified computer system a reality.

Trial by jury is the foundation of our justice system. During my 15 years as a trial judge, I had the honor of presiding over hundreds of jury trials and watching citizenship in action. As I often tell school and civic groups, my current role is to ensure that the rule of law has been followed, no matter where the case was tried. I never miss an opportunity to educate the public about our court system because justice depends on the participation of our citizens. I am proud to be a member of Oklahoma's judiciary.

Judges of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

These are nonpartisan judicial retention races. Voters may vote either to retain or not retain these judicial officers.

Voters vote separately on each justice or judge; they are not running against each other.

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List college(s), and law school(s) attended including any academic distinctions received in law school and your legal employment since becoming a member of the state bar. (60 word limit)

What do you believe would be your most important contribution to the court?

State any achievements or activities in which you have been involved which demonstrate your commitment to equal justice under the law.

Deborah B. Barnes

District 2, Office 1

Oklahoma City University School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, with Distinction (1983) (first in the class); University of Oklahoma, BA Degree, Journalism (1976); Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, Judge (appointed by Gov. Brad Henry); Crutchmer, Browsers & Barnes, Attorney; ONEOK, Inc., Vice President & Associate General Counsel; Transok, Inc., Attorney; Stack & Barnes, Attorney; Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Staff Attorney; ...

My most important contribution to the court is my diverse legal background — 27 years in public service, private practice and as corporate counsel. I bring a broad blend of skills, experiences and knowledge in areas of family, corporate, employment, energy, regulatory, property, commercial, contracts, intellectual property, and tort law. My broad background uniquely prepared me for a civil appellate judicial position and instilled in me a critical appreciation of high quality and responsive legal work. As a wife, mother, and lawyer, my independent judgment and understanding of a wide range of issues benefit my service as an appellate judge.

I was raised in a small Oklahoma community. My father was a public servant devoted to fairness, so early on, I gained critical understanding of how laws bring equity to situations burdened with injustice and prejudice. After graduating college, I worked for a state agency assisting disadvantaged children, and later as staff attorney for the Oklahoma Supreme Court. I am privileged to serve on the Court of Civil Appeals and committed to a high standard of public service and equal justice under the law. My public and private background brings broad insight to resolve disputes impacting individuals, families and corporations.

Doug Gabbard II

District 3, Office 1

Education

Lindsay High School, Lindsay, Oklahoma, 1970
B.S., Psychology, University of Oklahoma, 1974
J.D., University of Oklahoma, 1977
National Judicial College, 1987

University of Kansas Law & Organizational Economics Institute, 1996

Legal Experience

Private Practice, Atoka, 1978-1980
City Attorney, Wapanucka, 1979
Municipal Judge, Atoka, 1979
First Assistant D.A. and Asst. D.A., 25th District, 1980-1985
Presiding District Judge, 19th District, 1985-2005 ...

I am committed to the concept of equal justice for all. I also believe that the law can, and should be, applied strictly and in a commonsense manner. I work hard and have consistently been one of the top three judges on our appellate court in terms of case production. I work hard to complete cases in a timely manner because justice delayed is justice denied.

During my 20 years as a District Judge in two small rural counties, I had a reputation for being fair to everyone who came into my court, both the rich and the poor. In fact, I was elected without opposition my last four terms in office. Also, my fellow judges elected me as Presiding Judge of Southeastern Oklahoma for 13 consecutive terms.

During my 5 years as an appellate court, I have decided every case fairly and in accordance with the law—without regard to who the parties or their attorneys may be.

Accomplishments/Honors

National Merit Finalist, 1969
OU National ...

John F. Fischer

District 3, Office 2

Judge Fischer received bachelor's and master's degrees in English Literature and his Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma. During law school he received academic recognition as a Faculty Honor Student, member of the Deans Honor Role and was awarded the Liberty National Bank Research Scholarship. From 1976 to 1980 he was as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma, and in private law practice from 1980 until 2006.

The use of my training, experience, education, energy, judgment and intellect to carefully, fairly and thoroughly consider the arguments and positions of each party involved in the cases I am called on to decide, regardless of their means, circumstance or station in life, in order to render a judgment in every one of those cases, without prejudice or delay, that is consistent with the applicable law and while not always resulting in the outcome desired by a particular party will, nonetheless, convince that party that they were given a full and just consideration of their case.

I firmly believe that each case in which I have been involved has been decided with equal justice under the law as the Oath of Office I took required me to do. The opinions which reflect the decision in those cases are matters of public record and can be examined by anyone. Publication of those opinions provides transparency into the judicial decision making process in which I have participated. There is no better demonstration of my commitment to equal justice under the law than the written decisions in the cases I have decided.

Larry E. Joplin

District 4, Office 2

Bachelor of Arts, University of Oklahoma, 1968.
Juris Doctorate, OU College of Law, 1971. Special Prosecutor, Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office. Private practice, Wheatley & Joplin, Yukon, Oklahoma; Crowe & Dunlevy, Oklahoma City. General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department. Adjunct Professor, OU College of Law, 1996-2006. Judge, Court of Civil Appeals, 1994 to present.

Having been an appellate judge for 16 years, and having taught the subject at the OU College of Law, I fully understand the relationship between the legislature and the courts. It is the role of democratically elected representatives to make law and for courts to decide cases by interpreting that law rather than making new law. Serving on an intermediate court of appeals, our primary role is as an error-correcting court. I am dedicated to performing that role in a fair and impartial manner.

Before becoming a judge, I represented individuals on many sides of various legal issues. I have both prosecuted and defended those accused of crimes. On the civil side, I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants – individuals and corporations. My entire legal career, as a lawyer and a judge, has been devoted to fair and equal representation for all. On our court, all of the judges are constantly on the lookout for ways to streamline and simplify our procedures in order to provide opinions in the shortest time reasonable. We realize that justice delayed is, at times, justice denied.

Oklahoma State Senator District 10

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?



Dale Christenson

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Eddie Fields

Republican

Dale Christenson, Jr. of Pawhuska is proud to be a candidate for the Senate District 10 seat.

A lifelong Oklahoman, Christenson raises cattle and horses on his family ranch in Pawhuska. He is a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and has competed nationally in steer and calf roping. In the 1980s, Christenson toured Oklahoma with his country and western band, "Dale Christenson and Prairie Fire," appearing on the popular TV show "Hee Haw" in 1984.

In addition to his "cowboy credentials," Christenson has been a teacher for the past 30 years, spending the last 22 years of his ...

We need to invest in Oklahoma's children and must fund education appropriately. After more than 30 years in the classroom, I know firsthand the challenges facing teachers and administrators. Our school districts need the proper resources for our children to receive the best education possible. I will fight for our local school districts and work to protect education from devastating budget cuts that seem like easy answers during difficult economic times. I also believe that looking out for the interests of small, rural schools is fundamental to the strength of rural communities and will fight state mandated rural school consolidation.

People keep asking me why I'm running, because anyone who knows me knows I'm not a politician. I'm running because all the things I am – a teacher, a rancher, a roper, a coach, a father, a husband, a man of faith, a proud Oklahoman – make me a lot like my neighbors here in rural Oklahoma. I'm a hard-working Oklahoman and I look forward to being a strong voice for rural Oklahomans if elected. I want to be an independent voice for my fellow Oklahomans, and am ready to fight for my constituents and against the lobbyists and special interests.

I look forward to working on an economic development strategy that reflects the unique strengths of rural Oklahoma and brings good paying jobs to SD10. As a rancher, I understand the needs of rural Oklahoma, and as a schoolteacher, I know first-hand the impact education and workforce training have on economic development, especially in rural areas. We must focus on creating a trained, educated workforce, fostering an attractive business environment, and infrastructure investments that bring business to rural areas. I believe that successful programs like the Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) should be expanded, while less efficient programs are phased out.

No response received

Oklahoma State Senator District 18

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

Janice Aldridge

Democrat

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Kim David

Republican

Janice Aldridge, of Wagoner, is a life-long Oklahoman. She is also a life-long advocate for public education and is committed to continuing that advocacy should she be elected to the Senate.

A graduate of Northeastern State University with a degree in education, Aldridge has been an educator for 25 years — starting her career in the classroom as a teacher and spending the last 13 as a school principal, assistant superintendent, and, ultimately, superintendent of schools in the Wagoner Public School system.

Aldridge is a member of the Wagoner Rotary Club, the National Rifle Association, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, and is ...

As an educator, I hope to continue Sen. Easley's legacy as a tireless advocate for Oklahoma's public schools, its teachers and the students they educate. I understand the challenges teachers and administrators face each day, have faced the same obstacles, and have worked to create solutions that benefit teachers as well as the children they educate. I also believe that our small, rural schools are fundamental to the strength of the rural communities in my district. I will fight any move toward state-mandated rural school consolidation – these tough choices must be left up to local communities.

I believe that Oklahoma is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family and want to ensure it stays that way. I will work to see that the tough decisions that must be made in these difficult economic times are made with the wellbeing of Oklahoma's children, seniors, veterans, and families in mind and without the influence of lobbyists and special interests. I have strong collaboration skills developed over my many years as an educator, which will enable me to work with both sides of the aisle to produce results for my constituents in Senate District 18.

As an educator, I am conscious of the intersection of education and economic development. I believe that an educated workforce, job training and workforce development are the backbone of a high-wage, high-performance economy. I know that without a trained, educated workforce, companies are not going to see Oklahoma as a good place to do business. I support workforce preparation and vocational training programs, including the CareerTech system. I also support initiatives designed to promote job growth and help to ensure Oklahoma's long-term economic security, like the "Quality Jobs" program and the Rural Economic Action Plan.

No response received

Oklahoma State Representative District 9

STATE REP DIST 9

Eric Cullen

No response received

Democrat

Marty Quinn

No response received

Republican

Oklahoma State Representative District 23

STATE REP DIST 23

Mark W. Manley

No response received

Democrat

Sue Tibbs

No response received

Republican

Oklahoma State Representative District 29

STATE REP DIST 29

David W. Narcomey

No response received

Democrat

Skye McNiel

No response received

Republican

Oklahoma State Representative District 30

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

OKLAHOMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 30

Mark E. McCullough

No response received

Republican



No response

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Education – must be funded and we must listen to the educators. We need to teach kids to think not just take tests.

Healthcare – morally bound to vote for providing healthcare to our citizens. I would move we improve doctor's nutrition and prevention knowledge and make sure insurance even pays for alternative medicines.

Environment – must move toward sustainability in all areas. Encourage college and private research. More recycling.

Alternative Agriculture – We need to end hunger, open doors to more farmers, encourage our youth to learn more about feeding ourselves, end food deserts and eliminate taxes on food – too regressive.

I volunteer as farmer's market manager that has given 20+ vendors outlets; one market now donates to the Jenks schools. I accomplish tasks and believe in doing things ethically and for the most good. I have a business degree from Oklahoma Wesleyan, can multitask and volunteer in areas that help others. My experience in transportation, education, energy, healthcare administration and agriculture will serve Oklahomans well. I want government to be for, by and of the people and I will return Oklahoma to values that allow farmers to set out produce and change and not find the change and produce gone.

I would like to see Oklahoma move into manufacturing alternative energy systems, open incubator programs that help innovation in sustainability and self reliance. Would help small mom/pop businesses not only open but maintain any business that contributes to improvements in education, the environment, healthcare and agricultural issues. We need to rebuild our economy from the bottom up, not depend on trickle down economics.

Oklahoma State Representative District 36

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Oklahoma State Representative.

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?



Greg Brown

Democrat

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Since retiring from ATT in 2003, I have had a busy and enjoyable seven years. I started a small business which I operated for three years. Prior to retirement I volunteered my time to the Osage County Sheriffs Office. After retirement I was offered and accepted a position as field deputy. In 2005, I became a full time student at Rogers State University, graduating in May of 2010. I am a past Skiatook Little League President, fast-pitch softball and Quarter-Back Club football coach. I have been married for 37 years. My background indicates my commitment to family and my community.

While walking neighborhoods throughout this district conversations reflect two concerns, economy and our education system. Living in this area for thirty years I understand the importance of our ranchers and oil producers. However we have new housing being constructed in the Collinsville, Sperry and Skiatook areas. We must make certain that we do everything possible to attract new growth. In one of our school districts there are thirty third graders in a classroom, THIRTY. Early instruction in reading and math skills is critical to student success in upper grade levels. Class size adjustments are essential to the success of our children

I am a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who has lived in this area for most of my life. I have worked for big business, owned a small business and been a member of the law enforcement community for the past twelve years. I am a fiscal conservative who believes good ideas come from good discussions and are not owned by either party. We must stop the partisan non-sense at the state capitol. Parties don't solve problems, hard working men and women do. My background reflects that willingness to work hard for all Oklahomans. No excuses, just good hard work.

We have to work to restore confidence in Oklahoma's economy. I am excited about our new governor. My hope is that her message will be positive for this state, new governor, new voice and new ideas for our state. New business helps grow our middle class, a growing confident middle class is essential to our growth. Together we can make a difference but we have to set aside partisanship, stand behind our new governor and move our state forward. We have to sell Oklahoma as business friendly and make sure they know this is a great place to raise children.

Sean Roberts

Republican

No response received

Oklahoma State Representative District 66

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Oklahoma State Representative.

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

Jadine Nollan

Republican

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I received my education from Sand Springs Public Schools and OSU where I met my husband, Phil Nollan, of 29 years. We have three adult children, Kristin, Kasey, and Kurt. As a 48 year area resident, I am the Executive Director of a United Way partner agency that provides emergency relief to needy children and families. Serving as the current School Board President is also a passion of mine because I believe in investing in children and that education an indicator of future success. Serving on the Chamber Board is also a priority because businesses bring jobs to the area.

The state budget is a top priority because it impacts every citizen in the state. Bringing and keeping businesses in Oklahoma is very important to the state's economic future. Strong business in a community creates jobs and stimulates growth locally and statewide. Oklahoma must be business friendly in order to thrive. Developing a prepared and educated work force plus keeping Oklahoma's brightest and best in Oklahoma is also a top priority. That's why education at all levels must be effective and efficient. Oklahoma is known as an energy state. Exploring new energy producing possibilities must continue to be pursued too.

I believe that investing in the hearts and minds of the people around you is the highest and best way to live your life. As a business woman, a wife, and a mom I have had the opportunity to see life from many different perspectives. I have a proven record of public service and proactive leadership. I have a heart for people and am willing to work hard to make balanced decisions for District 66 and for Oklahoma. Years ago I decided to invest my life by serving others. State Representative would allow me to serve in a greater way.

Collaboration and partnerships are important in order for us to tackle some of the issues we face as a state. We need to embrace that pioneer spirit we once had in Oklahoma and proactively seek solutions and balance in our decisions to gain stability and strength. Oklahoma must be business friendly in order to grow. Oklahoma also needs to be a great place to raise and educate children and families. Any community is only as strong as the families that live in it. We must make and keep our state a healthy and safe place to live.

Eli Potts

Democrat

No response received

Oklahoma State Representative District 68

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Oklahoma State Representative.

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

STATE REP DIST 68

Glen Mulready

Republican

No response received

Seth Watkins

Democrat

No response received

Oklahoma State Representative District 71

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Oklahoma State Representative.

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

OKLAHOMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 71



Daniel S. Sullivan

Republican

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No response

Dealing with the budget shortfall next year and maintaining spending priorities for public safety, roads and bridges and education.

I am a life long Oklahoman and have demonstrated a desire and plan to make Oklahoma a better place to live and work.

I will continue to work to reduce the cost of doing business in Oklahoma so more jobs will be created. Jobs are the economic foundation of our economy and provide the wages and benefits that provide food, shelter and opportunities for our families.

Jeff Tracy

Democrat

No response received

Oklahoma State Representative District 72

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Oklahoma State Representative.

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

Randall L. Reese

No response received

Republican



Graduated in 2001 from University of Oklahoma with a dual degree in Native American Studies and History. A part of Oklahoma Sustainability Network; Board of Directors Kendall-Whittier Task Force; Board of Directors Turley Community Association; Board of Directors OU Specialty Clinic- Member North Tulsa Rotary Club; Member Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry's Committee against Racism; Member Choctaw Nation. My experience comes from my incumbent seat in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for district 72 from 2008-2010.

My top priorities are ensuring civil liberties, promoting more and better food options, supporting Farmer's markets, and providing food nutrition connected to health, which will bring down health care costs.

Voters should elect me for my ability to take concerns and channel them into concrete solutions and actions.

Oklahoma's economic growth can be improved by focusing on building upon our agricultural and energy heritage. Supporting Renewable energy technology, while continuing to work in the Natural gas sector will help. Improving transit fleets, providing a greater number of healthy corner stores, thus stimulating food distribution, will have a positive impact. Also, building up the interface between urban and rural will help economic growth.

Seneca D. Scott

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Oklahoma State Representative District 78

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Oklahoma State Representative.

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?



**Jeannie
McDaniel**

Democrat

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For over 25 years, I've been proud to call Midtown Tulsa home. My husband and I have raised five children and are blessed with eight grandchildren. Before being elected to office in 2004, I had the wonderful opportunity to work hand in hand with citizens in Tulsa for over 23 years, first coordinating the Alert Neighbors and Crime Stoppers Program for the Crime Commission and then as the director of the Mayor's Office for Neighborhoods. I had the pleasure of working with citizens every day to build a safe, strong and healthy community to raise our families, live, work and ...

I believe the top priorities for state legislators are Education, Healthcare, Public Safety and providing an environment for businesses to grow strong and flourish. With 50% of the state budget committed to Common and Higher education, we recognize that our investment human capital (good educations) will enable citizen's access to good jobs. Access to affordable healthcare and education in a safe environment provides for a healthy and strong workforce. We can help citizens achieve the quality of life they desire. Oklahoma values our families and we must continue to support these public services that provide the foundation for great communities.

It has been an honor to serve my district. Walking door-to-door, I listen when citizens share concerns about jobs, grandparents raising grandchildren, family challenges from incarceration, mental illness, job loss, no insurance and more. I work to help every constituent who contacts me. Together we work to find answers. We've worked to save OSU Medical Center. We've worked together to improve public safety through better methamphetamine laws and auto insurance coverage. Midtown is home to teachers, retirees and countless others who value our neighborhoods. There is more work to be done. We can be even better!

Diversify our economy and educate more citizenry. We can structure our Oklahoma for tomorrow. Energy has been the cornerstone of our economy. We celebrate this past and build from it to be at the forefront of energy's future. The energy industry has allowed us to grow and now develop in many other fields. We've created think tanks, search engines and countless business opportunities. Oklahoma has leveraged seed money for innovative initiatives, fostered entrepreneurs who recognize and celebrate our resources – universities and human capital. From energy, aerospace, agriculture and medical research, we are laying the foundation for a bright future.



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Work: Molly D. McKay, P.C (1994 to present) - Patent attorney and owner of intellectual property law firm; Public Service Company of Oklahoma (1980-94) Corporate Planning and Analysis Specialist, Environmental Specialist, and Analytical Chemist; OKC Refining, Inc. (1977-80) Water Laboratory Supervisor, and Analytical Chemist

Previous Organizations: Adjunct Settlement Judge for the Federal Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma; University of Tulsa College of Law Alumni Association; Tulsa Women Lawyers Association; W. Lee Johnson Chapter of the American Inns of Court; Entrepreneurs ...

The economy is first priority. We need to continue to invest in things that grow the state's economy. To improve our economy, Oklahoma needs to spend its existing money wisely and become more attractive to businesses which grow our economy. This is done by reforming the worker's compensation, tort, and tax systems. A strong economy provides jobs and funds government without burdening our grandchildren with debt.

Providing for public safety, maintaining roads and bridges and providing children with a quality education are all high priorities. Even these areas can be made to function more efficiently and for less money.

I have the right experience, approach and motivation.

My experience gives me the skills needed to address the state's problems. I grew up on a farm where I learned hard work, and my science training makes me analytical. My work made me a problem solver and an advisor to businesses. I will bring these same skills to the legislature to bring common sense solutions to government.

My approach is to reduce the size of government by making government more efficient, consolidating or eliminating functions, and by growing our economy.

My motivation is purely based on service to my state.

It is difficult to strengthen the economy in the short term, but steps that can be taken to strengthen it for the long run. First, we need to limit the growth of government, both at the state and federal levels. State spending should be capped based on growth of our economy. Federal laws requiring spending money beyond the federal government's authority should be challenged. Next, we need to streamline government to make it more efficient and less expensive. Finally, we need to restructure our state tax system to retain existing businesses and to attract new businesses and people to Oklahoma.

Oklahoma State Representative District 98

LWV of Metro Tulsa asked the following questions (100 word limit):

List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Oklahoma State Representative.

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

OKLAHOMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 98

John Trebilcock

No response received

Republican

Dennis W. Weese

Democrat

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Lived in Oklahoma most of my life, 35 years in Broken Arrow
 Married to Rae Weese, two sons, one daughter
 Navy veteran
 Journeyman Electrician
 Journeyman Carpenter and Millwright
 Double Bachelors degrees from Oklahoma City University in Business Administration and Technical Management
 Retired from Ford Motor Company's Tulsa Glass Plant
 President, Oklahoma Democratic Party Veterans Committee
 Currently organizing CampaignFest 2010

Improving Oklahoma's economy
 Backing issues and bills that would benefit U.S. veterans
 Backing legislation to benefit working families
 Improving schools and roads

Community minded
 Qualified
 Always available to meet with constituents
 Honesty and integrity to represent all of the people of my district without taking any money from special interest groups, including oil and insurance
 Will not be a puppet in the legislature of special interest groups and lobbyists

Work to attract companies to this state with better schools, roads, and work ethic
 Do what needs to be done to promote technical schools
 Give Oklahoman's an opportunity for a decent living wage

County Commissioner, District 1

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

John Smaligo

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 Chambers of Commerce
 Member, Oklahoma House of Representatives, 2000-2006
 Vice-Chairman Republican Caucus 2002-2004
 Chairman, Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Select Agencies
 Deputy Majority Floor Leader, 2005-2006
 Tulsa County Commissioner, 2006-Present

1. Continued effort for more transparency in county government.
2. Continue to improve fiscal accountability and limit the growth of county government.
3. Greater focus on core governmental responsibilities such as roads and public safety.

There is no question that county government has made enormous progress toward greater transparency, improved public safety and a return to focusing on improving our infrastructure over the past four years. I will continue to lead the push for an even greater focus on these issues. Tulsa county cannot afford to go back to the outdated processes of the past that accounted for inefficient service and less access to public records. Tulsa County deserves to continue moving forward instead of falling backward.

The best way for any government to improve economic development is to remove the barriers in the way of private sector growth. I will continue to support improvements to infrastructure, and the elimination of governmental red tape in the way of positive development.

County Commissioner, District 1 *continued*

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

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Wilbert Collins Sr. is a native Tulsa and a graduate of Booker T. Washington High in 1959. I graduated from Tulsa Junior College and attended Oral Roberts University my Junior and part of my Senior year.

The U.S. Army selected me to attend Sgt. Major Academy in El. Paso, TX. I graduated in 1989.

I have served as a Trustee of Mt. Zion Baptist Church for approximately 31 years, and a lifetime member. A Board member of Morton Health Center, President of Business Industrial Development Corporation, and a 33rd Degree Mason.

The Eight Years I served as County Commissioner of ...

Reviewing the business of the county, to include a personal assessment of all of the funded projects of Vision 2025, 4 to Fix the County and 4 to Fix County II. This will allow me to make proper input on all of the unfinished projects and new projects.

Voters look for one main ingredient in a candidate when deciding who to vote for. That main ingredient becomes experience in the field in which I will be working. Eight years as your County Commissioner has afforded me the right to claim the greatest level of experience.

Maintaining a upper level condition at Expo-Square, at all County Parks other Vision 2025 and 4 to fix projects.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

Tulsa County Assessor

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?



Ken Yazel

Republican

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Elected Tulsa County Assessor in 2002 and re-elected in 2006

A retired Marine Corps Major, Yazel served as a radio operator, parachutist, Vietnamese Interrogator-Translator, Nuclear Artillery Officer, Recruiting Officer, and Financial Management Officer. In 1982, he was recognized as the Marine Corps Fiscal Director's Top Budget Officer. While serving our country, Yazel rose through the ranks from Private to Staff Sergeant before being commissioned as a Marine Corps officer, and in his 13 years as an officer he served in command for six years.

In 1983, he passed the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam on his first try and worked ...

Improving the Assessor's Office by making it more accessible and professional is my highest priority. Raising the hiring standard of education and requiring certification by the Oklahoma Tax Commission will continue to be a necessity. Technological improvements are a must to increase our efficiencies and reduce staffing costs as parcel counts grow

This election is about electing a proven, knowledgeable leader with conservative values. I promise all taxpayers that I will:

- Assess property value fairly, and according to the Law. NOT according to special interests.
- Represent YOU with my vote on the County Budget Board, refusing to waste YOUR money.
- As a fellow citizen of Tulsa, I will continue to stand with you as an advocate for lower taxation.

Tulsa County economic growth would be vastly enhanced by lower County-wide property taxes. I plan to continue my stance against enemies of transparency and over taxation of Tulsa County property owners. Proper management and allocation of all property tax assets is a must to improve economic growth.

TULSA COUNTY ASSESSOR

Tulsa County Assessor *continued*

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?



Nancy Bolzle

Democrat

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Tulsa Edison High School, 1969; University of Tulsa; University of St. Thomas; University of the State of New York, BS 1998

LWVMT Bd. of Dir. 2007-09; LWV '08 gala chair; Oklahoma Academy '92; Leadership Tulsa; Rotary Club Tulsa, LIFE Sr. Services Bd. of Dir.; LIFE '08 gala chair; TPS Gifted & Talented Advisory; Mental Health Assoc. of Tulsa '07 Legislative Listening Conf. chair; Youth Services of Tulsa fundraiser chair 2003 & '04; Arts & Humanities Bd. of Dir.; Child Abuse Network Bd. of Dir.; Juvenile Judge's Advisory Com.; Aerospace Alliance of Tulsa Business Council; United Way Fund Distribution Panel; Jenks ...

My platform is simple. The Tulsa County Assessor's office must be run with basic good government principles. Ad velorem assessments must be kept in line with fair market value. The Tulsa County Assessor's office must be operated with integrity, efficiency and transparency to give the citizens of Tulsa County the service they expect and deserve.

For 30 years, I have been passionate about making Tulsa County a better place in which to live, work and play. I am committed to public interests and will manage the assessor's office consistent with those interests. I will cooperatively work with other county officials to provide services for which county government is responsible in a cost effective, fiscally responsible manner, recognizing that in tough economic times, government must act with frugality. I believe government should always act as responsible stewards with taxpayers' limited resources. A pastor's daughter, I understand public service. I want Tulsa County to excel and prosper.

In order to promote economic growth in Tulsa County, we must promote education in entrepreneurship. By increasing program opportunities like Tulsa Community College's "Launch: Your Entrepreneurial Journey," which gives local entrepreneurs information and resources needed to turn their passion for ideas into business, and the collaborative effort between OSU and the Rotary Club of Tulsa, which provides education and mentoring for military veterans, Tulsa County will create exciting jobs that will retain its best and brightest and attract others to this region. Together, we can create a vibrant community where people want to live, work, play, and raise their families.

OKLAHOMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 98

JUDICIAL OFFICERS

District Judge, District 14, Office 9

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

John Eagleton

No response received

STATE REP DIST 98

District Judge, District 14, Office 9 *continued*

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

DISTRICT JUDGE, DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 9



Linda Morrissey

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morrissey@gmail.com

Raised on farm near Coweta. Law degree from OU 1980; Master's degree from OSU 1977; Judge since 1995. Member Boston Avenue Methodist Church.

Married 28 years to John; Children - Denver, Columbia University, Fulbright Scholar, Eagle Scout; Travis, attends United States Naval Academy, Eagle Scout; Savannah, Girl Scout Silver Award, Honor student.

Judge Morrissey inducted into Women's Hall of Fame; First recipient of the Linda G. Morrissey Service to the Community Award from TU Women's Law; Golden Rule Award and President's Award from the Tulsa County Bar Association; Role Model Award for Girls and Women in Sports, University of Tulsa, ...

Ensuring access to the courts for all citizens and strictly construing the constitution of the state of Oklahoma and the United States of America. A judge should follow the law and see that all parties receive equal and fair treatment. Court decisions should respect the sanctity of every life and every person's property and liberty without discrimination of any kind.

I have 15 years experience as a judge and an additional 15 years of experience as an attorney. My record includes establishing the Child Support Enforcement Docket and implementing the Families in Transition Program to help make the judicial system work fairly and firmly for the families and citizens of Tulsa and Pawnee Counties. I have presided over criminal felony dockets; probate, adoption, mental health and guardianship dockets; and now preside over a civil docket. I have endeavored to improve each docket over which I have presided. My duties have included a full range of judicial decisions from imposing the ...

Businesses and individuals impacted by legal disputes need efficient resolution of the underlying disputes in a system that is fair, impartial, affordable and efficient. I have established a case management system to facilitate getting cases to trial or to mediation as quickly as possible so that the parties can get resolution and focus on their businesses and personal lives rather than a lawsuit.

District Judge, District 14, Office 13

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?

DISTRICT JUDGE, DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 13

Carl Funderburk

No response received



Bill Musseman

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I grew up in a household where our judicial system was of great importance. My father spent years as an Assistant District Attorney prior to becoming a judge. While working on my Juris Doctorate at OU, I interned in the District Attorney's office. After graduation I became an Assistant District Attorney, a position I held for 11 years. I was named Chief of Homicide and Major Crimes Prosecution, serving in that role until being chosen by District Court Judges to serve as a Special District Judge. My strengths resulting in both my leadership role for the District Attorney's office and ...

No response

No response

No response

District Judge, District 14, Office 14

LWV of Oklahoma asked the following questions (100 word limit):

Biography

What do you see as top priorities?

Why should voters elect you?

What would you do to improve Oklahoma's economic growth?



Kurt G. Glassco

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A native Oklahoman, Kurt Glassco attended Tulsa Public Schools, and graduated from O.S.U. and T.U. He lives in Tulsa with his wife, Kathy, and their two daughters. Kathy, is the Business Administrator at Broken Arrow First United Methodist Church.

Judge Glassco practiced law for 27 years before becoming a District Judge. He served as an Assistant District Attorney and Counsel to the Governor before entering private practice. His bar activities include serving on the Professional Rules Committee of the O.B.A. and the Grievance Committee, Board of Directors and Diversity Committee of the Tulsa County Bar.

He has served on the ...

No response

No response

No response



Jon R. Patton

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Jon Patton is a native Tulsan. He was baptized and confirmed in Holy Family Cathedral and remains a Catholic today. After attending Memorial High School, he graduated from NSU with a degree in Criminal Justice and received his Juris Doctorate from TU. Jon has run his own law office for many years having represented every kind of person with just about every kind of legal problem, including criminal matters and trials; family and domestic matters; probate; business; insurance; real property; and, civil trials of all types. Jon has conducted hundreds of trials and contested matters in numerous counties in state ...

No response

No response

No response

STATE QUESTIONS

- There are eleven (11) state questions on the November General Election Ballot.
- On issues where the League has no official position, it researches and presents the opinions of those who support the measure and those who oppose the measure. There are six (6) state questions with pros and cons in this document.
- There are five (5) state questions where the League has a position; these are noted and published elsewhere. For complete information on League positions, visit lwvok.org or lwvtulsa.org, or call (918) 747-7933.

State Question No. 744 Initiative Petition No. 391

The measure repeals a Section of the State Constitution. The repealed section required the Legislature annually to spend \$42.00 for each common school student. Common schools offer pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade.

The measure also adds a new Article to the Constitution. It sets a minimum average amount the State must annually spend on common schools. It requires the State to spend annually, no less than the average amount spent on each student by the surrounding states. Those surrounding states are Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado and New Mexico. When the average amount spent by surrounding states declines, Oklahoma must spend the amount it spent the year before.

The measure deals with money spent on day-to-day operations of the schools and school districts. This includes spending on instructions, support services and non-instruction services. The measure does not deal with money spent to pay debt, on buildings or on other capital needs.

The measure requires that increased spending begin in the first fiscal year after its passage. It requires that the surrounding state average be met in the third fiscal year after passage.

The measure does not raise taxes, nor does it provide new funding for the new spending requirements.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

The League of Women Voters has a position on this proposal that can be accessed at its website.

State Question No. 746 Legislative Referendum No. 347

This measure amends statutes relating to voting requirements. It requires that each person appearing to vote present a document proving their identity. The document must meet the following requirements. It must have the name and photograph of the voter. It must have been issued by the federal, state or tribal government. It must have an expiration date that is after the date of the election. No expiration date would be required on certain identity cards issued to persons 65 years of age or older.

In lieu of such a document, voters could present voter identification cards issued by the County Election Board.

A person who cannot or does not present the required identification may sign a sworn statement and cast a provisional ballot. Swearing to a false statement would be a felony. These proof of identity requirements also apply to in-person absentee voting. If adopted by the people, the measure would become effective July 1, 2011.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

The League of Women Voters has a position on this proposal that can be accessed at its website.

State Question No. 747

Legislative Referendum No. 348

This measure amends sections 4 and 23 of Articles 6 and section 15 of Article 9 of the State Constitution. It limits the ability of voters to re-elect statewide elected officers by limiting how many years those officers can serve. It limits the number of years a person may serve in each statewide elected office. Service as Governor is limited to eight years. Service as Lieutenant Governor is limited to eight years. Service as Attorney General is limited to eight years. Service as Treasurer is limited to eight years. Service as Commissioner of Labor is limited to eight years. Service as Auditor and Inspector is limited to eight years. Service as Superintendent of Public Instruction is limited to eight years. Service as Insurance Commissioner is limited to eight years. Service as a Corporation Commissioner is limited to twelve years.

Service for less than a full term would not count against the limit on service. Years of service need not be consecutive for the limits to apply.

Officers serving when this measure is passed can complete their terms. All such serving officers, except the Governor, can also serve an additional eight or twelve years.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

Proponents Say

- The terms of office holders should be limited because they have a name recognition advantage over challengers.
- Because the governor and legislators are term limited, the terms of other state officers should also be limited.

Opponents Say

- The right to limit terms should belong exclusively to voters in elections.
- Automatic term limits, without regard to competence and experience, give too much power to lobbyists and bureaucrats.

State Question No. 748

Legislative Referendum No. 349

This measure amends Sections 11A and 11B of Article 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution. These provisions deal with how the Legislature is divided into districts. This process is known as apportionment. The Legislature must make an apportionment after each ten-year federal census. If the Legislature fails to act, an Apportionment Commission must do so. The measure changes the name of this Commission. It removes all three existing Commission members. It removes the Attorney General. It removes the Superintendent of Public Instruction. It also removes the State Treasurer.

The measure increases the number of members from three to seven. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate appoints one Democrat and one Republican. The Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints one Democrat and one Republican. The Governor appoints one Democrat and one Republican. The measure provides that the Lieutenant Governor chairs the Commission and is a nonvoting member. It requires orders of apportionment to be signed by at least four members of the Commission.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

Proponents Say

- With six partisan appointees, the amendment achieves a balance between the two major parties.
- The apportionment power is balanced between the governor and both houses of the state legislature.
- It requires a majority of the commission to approve orders of apportionment, thus encouraging bi-partisanship.

Opponents Say

- It would add even more partisanship and bias to the redistricting process.
- The amendment removes three statewide office holders who have no stake in apportionment outcome.
- There could be a deadlock on this committee, since the chair has no vote, thus solving nothing.
- The amendment includes only existing political parties and excludes independents and future parties.

State Question No. 750 Legislative Referendum No. 350

This measure amends a section of the State Constitution. The section deals with initiative petitions. It also deals with referendum petitions. It deals with how many signatures are required on such petitions. It changes that requirement.

“Initiative” is the right to propose laws and constitutional amendments. “Referendum” is the right to reject a law passed by the Legislature.

The following voter signature requirements apply.

8% must sign to propose a law.

15% must sign to propose to change the State Constitution.

5% must sign to order a referendum.

These percentages are based upon the State office receiving the most total votes at the last General Election. The measure changes this basis. The measure’s basis uses every other General Election. General Elections are held every two years. The Governor is on the ballot every four years. The measure’s basis only uses General Elections with the Governor on the ballot.

The President is on the ballot in intervening General Elections. The measure’s basis does not use General Elections with the President on the ballot. More votes are usually cast at Presidential General Elections. Thus, the measure would generally have a lowering effect on the number of required signatures.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

Proponents Say

- It would be easier for citizens to petition the government by lowering the number of voter signatures required to propose a state law, change to the State Constitution or order a referendum.
- It would make it less confusing to petitioners because the number required would change every 4 years instead of every 2 years.

Opponents Say

- The amendment makes it easier for well-funded special interest groups to get issues on the ballot, thus weakening the voice of the people as a whole.
- By lowering the number of signatures needed to bring a petition to vote, the measure would weaken the legislature’s duty to debate and decide important issues impacting the state.

State Question No. 751 Legislative Referendum No. 351

This measure amends the State Constitution. It adds a new Article to the Constitution. That Article deals with the State’s official actions. It dictates the language to be used in taking official State action. It requires that official State actions be in English. Native American languages could also be used. When Federal law requires, other languages could also be used.

These language requirements apply to the State’s “official actions.” The term “official actions” is not defined. The Legislature could pass laws determining the application of the language requirements. The Legislature would also pass laws implementing and enforcing the language requirements.

No lawsuit based on State law could be brought on the basis of a State agency’s failure to use a language other than English. Nor could such a lawsuit be brought against political subdivisions of the State.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

The League of Women Voters has a position on this proposal that can be accessed at its website.

State Question No. 752

Legislative Referendum No. 352

This measure amends a section of the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 3 of Article 7-B. The measure deals with the Judicial Nominating Commission. This Commission selects nominees to be appointed judges or justices, when a vacancy occurs. The Commission selects three, sometimes four, qualified nominees. The Governor must appoint one of the nominees.

The amendment adds two at-large members to the Commission. At-large members can come from any Oklahoma congressional district. The Senate President Pro Tempore appoints one of the new at-large members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints the other. At-large members can not be lawyers. Nor can they have a lawyer in their immediate family. Nor can more than two at-large members be from the same political party.

Six non-at-large members are appointed by the Governor. They cannot be Oklahoma lawyers. The measure adds a new qualification for non-lawyer members. They can not have a lawyer from any state in their immediate family. Each congressional district must have at least one non-lawyer member.

Six lawyer members are elected by members of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Each congressional district must have at least one lawyer member.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

Proponents Say

- Better represents all three divisions of government.
- Involving the legislature could make judges more responsive to Oklahoma values.
- It limits the power of the Bar Association.

Opponents Say

- Judicial decisions should be independent of political influence.
- The current method of judicial selection was adopted to get politics out of the selection of judges and works well.
- Attorneys are trained to understand and value the need for well qualified, independent judges.
- An independent judiciary is the hallmark of a democratic society.
- It would upset the balance of power between the three branches of government.

State Question No. 754

Legislative Referendum No. 354

This measure adds a new section to the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds Section 55A to Article 5. The Legislature designates amounts of money to be used for certain functions. These designations are called appropriations. The measure deals with the appropriation process.

The measure limits how the Constitution could control that process. Under the measure the Constitution could not require the Legislature to fund state functions based on:

1. Predetermined constitutional formulas,
2. How much other states spend on a function,
3. How much any entity spends on a function.

Under the measure these limits on the Constitution's power to control appropriations would apply even if:

1. A later constitutional amendment changed the Constitution, or
2. A constitutional amendment to the contrary was passed at the same time as this measure.

Thus, under the measure, once adopted, the measure could not be effectively amended. Nor could it be repealed.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

Proponents Say

- It is important to keep the appropriations process in the Oklahoma Legislature.
- It promotes fiscal responsibility.
- It would nullify SQ744 that mandates an appropriation formula based on the decisions made in the six surrounding state legislatures.

Opponents Say

- It is short-sighted and dangerous to create an addition to the state constitution that can never be amended or repealed.
- If SQ744 and 754 both pass, costly litigation is inevitable.

State Question No. 755

Legislative Referendum No. 355

This measure amends the State Constitution. It changes a section that deals with the courts of this state. It would amend Article 7, Section 1. It makes courts rely on federal and state law when deciding cases. It forbids courts from considering or using international law. It forbids courts from considering or using Sharia Law.

International law is also known as the law of nations. It deals with the conduct of international organizations and independent nations, such as countries, states and tribes. It deals with their relationship with each other. It also deals with some of their relationships with persons.

The law of nations is formed by the general assent of civilized nations. Sources of international law also include international agreements, as well as treaties.

Sharia Law is Islamic law. It is based on two principal sources, the Koran and the teaching of Mohammed.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

The League of Women Voters has a position on this proposal that can be accessed at its website.

State Question No. 756

Legislative Referendum No. 356

This measure adds a new section of law to the State Constitution. It adds Section 37 to Article 2. It defines “health care system.” It prohibits making a person participate in a health care system. It prohibits making an employer participate in a health care system. It prohibits making a health care provider provide treatment in a health care system. It allows persons and employees to pay for treatment directly. It allows a health care provider to accept payment for treatment directly. It allows the purchase of health care insurance in private health care systems. It allows the sale of health insurance in private health care systems.

The measure’s effect is limited. It would not affect any law or rule in effect as of January 1, 2010.

Nor could the measure affect or negate all federal laws or rules. The United States Constitution has a Supremacy Clause. That clause makes federal law the supreme law of the land. Under that clause Congress has the power to preempt state law. When Congress intends to preempt state law, federal law controls. When Congress intends it, constitutionally enacted federal law would preempt some or all of the proposed measure.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

The League of Women Voters has a position on this proposal that can be accessed at its website.

State Question No. 757

Legislative Referendum No. 357

This measure amends the State Constitution. It amends Section 23 of Article 10. It increases the amount of surplus revenue which goes into a special fund. That fund is the Constitutional Reserve Fund. The amount would go from 10% to 15% of the funds certified as going to the General Revenue fund for the preceding fiscal year.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

Proponents Say

- The “rainy day” fund provides relief from severe budget cuts in state expenditures in years when state revenues are down.
- The fund has been seriously depleted in recent years, and increasing the amount of certified funds can rebuild it.

Opponents Say

- Legislatures are reluctant to tap rainy day funds.
- Mandating an increase in the state’s reserve fund reduces the legislature’s ability to set priorities and adequately fund pressing needs.

CITY OF TULSA PROPOSITIONS

There will be two (2) proposed amendments to the City of Tulsa Charter on the November 2 ballot. They are listed below with a brief explanation of each.

Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

“Shall the existing charter of the City of Tulsa, as heretofore amended, be further amended to provide for the creation and maintenance of an economic stabilization reserve fund for the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma?”

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

Explanation: This charter amendment would create a “rainy day fund” reserve fund for the City of Tulsa.

Proposition No. 2

PROPOSITION NO. 2

“Shall the existing charter of the City of Tulsa, as heretofore amended, be further amended to provide for primary elections in the City of Tulsa to be held in September in odd-numbered years and in August in even-numbered years, on the dates provided by Oklahoma law for county election boards to conduct elections, in each year in which an elected officer’s term expires?”

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

Explanation: This charter amendment would match City of Tulsa election dates to those set out by state law. After 2011, the council terms will be staggered and there will be council elections every year.



VOTER REGISTRATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The leaders you elect make decisions that affect you — your job, your health care, your energy costs, your security and more. Get Registered. Get Informed. Get Out and Vote on November 2nd.

What are the requirements to register to vote?

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years old by the date of the next election, and
- A resident of Oklahoma

How do I register to vote?

You can use the forms that are available from the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 North Denver in Tulsa; at tag agencies, public libraries, post offices or at the Tulsa League office, 3336 E. 32nd Street, Ste. 1B (hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday – Friday)

What do I need to register?

The application form will ask you for your driver's license number. If you do not have a driver's license you can supply the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have a Social Security number write "none" in that space.

Is the information on my form confidential?

Voter registration information is a matter of public record. Under the National Voter Registration Act, however, states may not use information on declinations or the site of individual registration for any purpose other than voter registration. Also, states that require Social Security numbers are required to protect the confidentiality of that information.

What is the deadline to register for the November 2 General Election?

The deadline to register to vote in Oklahoma for the 2010 General Election is October 8, 2010. Applications received after this date will be processed for the next election.

How do I know if I'm registered?

Within a few weeks after you send in or hand in your registration application, you should get a notice in the mail telling you that you are now officially a registered voter along with a voter identification card. Hold on to that notice and put the voter identification card in your wallet. It will tell you the location of your precinct polling place so you will know where to vote. If you don't receive this notice, check with the Tulsa County Board of Elections to see if there is a problem with your registration.



HOW WE WORK

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

We Study Issues

League members meet in small groups, called units, to research and study local, regional, state and national issues affecting the public interest including impediments to voting, policies or laws that may harm the environment, access to health care and education. The League works in coalition with other community groups.

We Take Stands

The League takes positions on public policy issues. Those positions provide a foundation for speaking out and for taking action.

We Speak Out and Take Action

The League trains leaders to lobby for passage of laws we support and for the defeat of those we oppose, and to speak out at legislative meetings and hearings. When necessary, the League will sue to help clarify and enforce policy in the public interest.

We Help Voters be Prepared to Vote

The League produces online and printed Voters Guides and the Directory of Government Officials before all major elections .

We Register Voters

The League sets up registration booths at events such as citizen naturalization ceremonies, community events and in local high schools, among other places.

We Keep Democracy Strong by Keeping Citizens Involved

The League does not support any political party or candidate.



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS:
Building Strong Communities by Sharing Citizen Information**

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa's mission is to provide the community with non-partisan information on the issues, on elections and on government. We believe that citizen education is vital and helps keep democracy strong and vibrant.

Call or e-mail the League for these free publications:



We the People

Article 1

Section 1

Section 2

Section 3

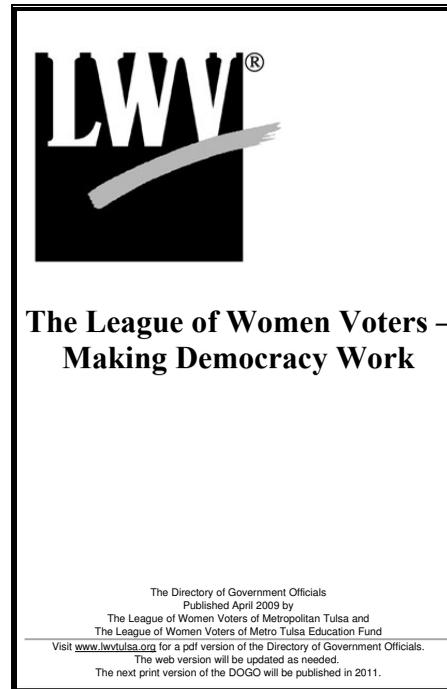
**The
CONSTITUTION
of the United States**

We the People

Article 1

**and
The Declaration of Independence**

Section 1



**DIRECTORY
OF
GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS**

**The League of Women Voters
of Metropolitan Tulsa**

**A guide to
Representation in
Metropolitan Tulsa**

2009-2010

**A pocket-size edition of the
Constitution of the United States and
the Declaration of Independence**

**Directory of Government Officials
(DOGO)**

Published by the Tulsa League after each major election, the DOGO is a guide to contacting elected officials at the city, county, state and national levels.

It will be completely updated in January of 2011 and will be available for download from the League's website or as a print booklet from the League office.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF METROPOLITAN TULSA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Year - July 1 to June 30

Please print all information below and mail with your membership dues (payable to the LWV of Metropolitan Tulsa) to the address below. If you have any questions, please contact our offices at (918) 747-7933. All information is required unless otherwise indicated.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone (optional): _____

Please do not list my information on the LWVMT roster.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

- \$50 for one "active" membership New Renewal
 - \$25 for second household member New Renewal
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