

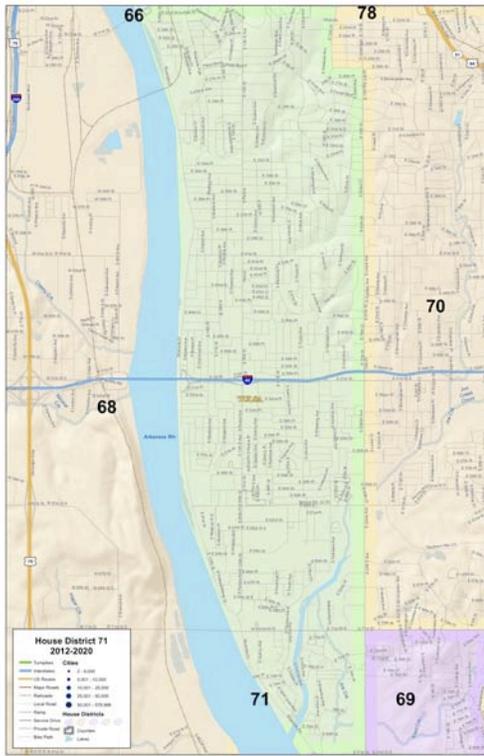


Voter Guide for the Special General Election for Oklahoma House District 71 Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 7am to 7pm

Representative Dan Sullivan resigned from House District 7 in December of 2011. A special election was called to fill this seat.

The primary election for this race was held on Tuesday, February 14. Democrat Dan Arthrell and Republican Katie Henke were selected by voters in their respective parties and their names will be on the general election ballot.

All registered voters living in Oklahoma House District 71 are eligible to vote in this election and may vote for either candidate.



Oklahoma House District 71

Oklahoma House District 71 extends from 21st Street southward along the east bank of the Arkansas River to 81st Street. The eastern boundary is Lewis Avenue, with the exception of the area around Utica Square.

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Voter ID

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

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

The following ID will be accepted:

- A valid driver's license with an expiration date later than the day of the election.
- A state identification card, which is not a driver's license, with an expiration date that is later than the day of the election; persons 65 or older are not required to have an expiration date on their state identification card.
- A tribal government ID, with a photo and expiration date later than the date of the election.
- A military/uniformed services ID, with a photo and expiration date later than the date of the election.
- A United States passport with an expiration date later than the date of the election.
- A voter registration card or a temporary voter registration document – the only forms of ID without a photo that will be accepted. A voter registration card does not have an expiration date. However, the temporary voter ID does have an expiration date and that date must be after the election.

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

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

VOTE!

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

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

Notes on this Voter Guide

Candidates who will be on the April 3 House District 71 general election ballot were sent questionnaires and given an opportunity to respond. The League does not edit or change responses. If word limits are exceeded, the extra words are deleted and this is indicated by ellipsis. Candidates are listed in this guide in alphabetical order by last name.

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Dan Arthrell (Democrat)



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

Dan and Claudia Arthrell have lived in House District 71 for 37 years. Dan has worked at the highly successful Community Service Council (CSC) for the last 33 years. His job is to evaluate community needs and then work to provide effective solutions. His achievements include developing the LIFT program at Tulsa Transit, home health care services for the elderly and making sure all children were ready for school through the Smart Start Oklahoma program. He has worked with police, and courts on juvenile delinquency prevention programs. Throughout his career Dan formed collaborations with city, county and state officials as well as a wide variety of agencies. It is this ability to form working coalitions that will make Dan able to fight successfully for the residents of House District 71.

2. *What is your opinion of the current move to eliminate the personal income tax in Oklahoma? Limit:150 words*

The basis for eliminating personal income tax by state lawmakers is based on an assumption that Oklahoma will attract more businesses and industries, thus grow the economy. In 2001, an Oklahoma state study was completed on what would be needed to eliminate personal income tax and sales tax on groceries and keep the revenue neutral.

The report concluded that there are only three tax sources potentially capable of generating enough revenue from existing sources to achieve revenue neutrality: a tripling of property tax; and sales tax expansion to practically all sectors of the state's economy.

Without a specific plan to make-up for lost revenue, I could not support eliminating the personal income tax, much less support a significant increase in the property tax because it would have serious negatives effects on the real estate market or sales tax that would be regressive for low and moderate households.

3. *How will you balance the needs and concerns of your constituents with those of the state as a whole? Limit:150 words*

I will review each proposed bill and measure the impact on the people that live in House District 71 and the needs of Oklahoma as a whole. The best simple measurement should be "Does the bills provide for the common good? If Oklahoma prospers District 71 will prosper.

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Dan Arthrell (*continued*)

4. *What could be done to better insulate Oklahoma's economy against national economic downturns?*
Limit:150 words

Over the past five years it has become clear that we are not only tied to the national economy, but we are also affected by the international economy. There are no simple answers to this question, but there are many.

First, Oklahoma's educational system must be improved from early childhood programs that prepared children to learn to higher education. There must be a continuous learning and skill building process which progresses through the grades and into the workplace.

Second, Oklahoma's infrastructure must be maintained and expanded. Oklahoma has great needs for highways and bridges, including in rural Oklahoma.

Third, we must develop a plan to reduce our loss of young people to other states, Oklahoma brain drain.

Finally, Oklahoma needs to broadcast its' assets, including its low cost of living.

5. *What do you think is the proper role of government? Limit:150 words*

Government's role is to:

- keep neighborhoods safe;
- provide a court system for administering justice, protecting property rights, enforcing contracts, and resolving disputes;
- provide an infrastructure for commerce to thrive and provide for public policy that promotes business;
- protect the public health and safety, and maintain a healthy environment, including air, water, and land;
- provide education and skills development for all citizen of the state; and
- provide for those that cannot help themselves, and help move them to independence if possible.

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Katie Henke (Republican)



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

I am a fifth generation Oklahoman and a life-long Tulsan. I am a graduate of Cascia Hall Preparatory School and the University of Alabama, where I received a BS in early childhood development. I have taught for 7 years in various schools, including Tulsa's Little Light House, Undercroft Montessori and Riverfield schools. I enjoy volunteering with local charities and have also been involved with the Tulsa County Republican Party, serving on their executive and platform committees. I am a member of the Tulsa Republican Club, the Republican Women's Club of Tulsa, the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women, the National Federation of Republican Women, and the Oklahoma First Ladies (OFRW).

2. *What is your opinion of the current move to eliminate the personal income tax in Oklahoma? Limit:150 words*

I strongly support the reduction of the personal income tax, and any other tax when feasible.

3. *How will you balance the needs and concerns of your constituents with those of the state as a whole? Limit:150 words*

The needs and concerns of my constituents will always come first. I think an elected State Representative should be accessible to all Oklahomans, and I strive to be available and responsive if elected.

4. *What could be done to better insulate Oklahoma's economy against national economic downturns? Limit:150 words*

I feel we should work to make Oklahoma a more business friendly state. By doing this, we will grow existing business and attract new business to Oklahoma. Broad-based growth diversifies industry which better insulates our state from economic downturn.

5. *What do you think is the proper role of government? Limit:150 words*

Government should provide basic services and infrastructure. I am a proponent of reducing the size of government, wherever possible. I believe people should be empowered, not our government.