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VOTER GUIDE

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Early Voting Dates: **Early Voting is over. All voting must now be at your polling place on Nov. 3.**

NOTE: This voter guide provides our recommendations in Oklahoma elections where we are familiar. There are some races that we may miss or don't have the information needed to make a suggestion. We cover Tulsa County/Wagoner County areas more extensively, but do our best to cover the major elections in other counties and across the state.

This guide originated when friends asked who I was voting for since they knew I researched the candidates. It reflects our personal opinion and insights. It isn't all about the candidates educational background, but more about actions. Some candidates, whom I did not choose in the run-off, I choose now because each election is about who we have to choose from at that time.

We are voting for the person who has Oklahomans' best interests at heart. With that in mind, here are our thoughts:

STATE ELECTIONS:

OK GOVERNOR:

Here is a comparison of voting records and stands between Mike Mazzei and Cyndi Munson

EDUCATION

Mazzei voted YES on HB1384 (Parental Rights, 2014), which established that no gov't entity can infringe on the fundamental rights of parents regarding the decisions of education, healthcare and religious training of their minor children.

Munson voted to DENY the necessity of parental consent for schools to administer vaccines to children in HB2339 (2019).

Munson voted against FREE SPEECH for college students in HB3543 (2022).

ELECTION SECURITY

Mazzei supports the Save America Act and the need to show a photo ID to vote.

Munson voted AGAINST requiring photo ID to vote in Oklahoma (HB1005, 2025).

Munson voted AGAINST SB1086 last year, which allowed the State Election Board to compare the voter registration list to federal, state, or local databases containing citizen status. The bill required the Election Board to notify registered voters, not listed as citizens the opportunity to provide proof of citizenship or be removed from the rolls.

EDUCATION

Mazzei is for parents' ability to have the choice of either public or private education for their children and to retain the tax credit for those who choose private schooling.

Mazzei advocates for an education plan similar to the "Mississippi Miracle." The successful plan, which through a series of reforms, transformed the state's K-12 system from a national bottom-ranker to a top-performer.

Munson voted against HB 2950 anti-discrimination-against-homeschoolers bill this past year which would have stopped the additional hurdles that ONLY homeschoolers have to meet for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.

Munson has also called for the repeal of the state's parental choice tax credit, which allows parents to claim a tax credit of $5000-$7500 if they enroll them in a private school.

Munson advocates for influencing young children at drag queen shows, where she has been a popular guest speaker and has been seen dancing with young children at these events. Watch that video here.

SECOND AMENDMENT

Mazzei has been endorsed by the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association.

Munson has an “F” rating with the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association.

Munson also voted AGAINST HB 2818 last year, which gave Oklahomans the right to defensively display a weapon and point a firearm without penalty during acts of self-defense or defense of property.

PROTECTING WOMEN and CHILDREN

Mazzei supported the US Supreme Court decision to allow states to ban biological males from participating in female sports.

Munson voted against protecting females when she voted against the Save Women’s Sports Act (SB2), which prohibits men from participating in women’s sports.

Munson voted against SB 658, which prohibits the Dept of Human Services from establishing or enforcing any standard, rule, or policy that precludes the consideration of a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent based on their sincerely held religious or moral beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity.

PROPERTY TAXES

Mazzei advocates for removing property taxes for seniors and veterans.

Munson voted AGAINST SJR39 this year, which was a proposed constitutional amendment to slow the annual growth of property assessed values

Note: (Please see the State Question section below.) Voting **FOR SQ 847** will also assist in curbing the escalating property tax issue.

HEALTH CARE

Mazzei opposes gender transition procedures for minor children

Mazzei believes parents should give consent before their children can be vaccinated.

Munson believes that it isn't necessary for schools to obtain parental consent before children are vaccinated on school grounds per her vote on HB2339 in 2019.

Munson voted to allow gender transition surgeries and hormone therapies for minor children by voting against SB613 in 2023. Additionally, she has been promoted as the guest speaker at several drag queen events and dancing with young children at these events, which, imo, are hardly suitable for young children and can create mental health issues over gender confusion

Munson voted AGAINST SB889 last year, which required hospitals to make public the costs of regularly performed procedures before performing the procedure and prohibit certain collection actions.

- **ABORTION**

Munson voted AGAINST SB1503 (2022) prohibiting abortion once a heartbeat is detected.

Mazzei is pro-life per his Senate voting record and his campaign website.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Munson voted to allow the government to issue orders that churches be deemed "non-essential" and closed during COVID by voting AGAINST HB2648 (2021).

Mazzei has been opposed to shutting down businesses, closing down churches, and surrendering freedoms.

Elections ought to be about policies, not personalities, not campaign commercials, not whether you like or dislike the public persona of a candidate.

- **OUR CHOICE - Mike Mazzei – R**

Mazzei served in the Oklahoma Senate from 2004-2016. Later, he was appointed by Gov. Stitt as the Oklahoma Secretary of Budget, where he served until October 2020. He has been endorsed by President Trump. He is a creative problem solver and a financial expert which we NEED right now in Oklahoma.

- Cyndi Munson – D
  Served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 2015 to present. Munson is endorsed by Sally's List, which trains and supports progressive/socialist, pro-abortion candidates. The group is named after Sally Rae Merkle Mock, who was an attorney and board member of Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma—a group which supports abortion through all 9 months. Her voting record is why I could not vote for her, as she has shown she doesn't protect Oklahomans. (see above for the comparison record between Munson and Mazzei.)

- Robert Brooks – I
  He refers to himself as the "Farmer Servant" and has listed several plans for Oklahoma to protect farmers, land & water. I don't disagree that those are things that need to be protected. But there is so much more needed in the job. It appears he has held numerous jobs in his life, but apparently none for very long.

- Orlando Bush – I
  I've heard very little from Bush and can find very little on him. Enough said.

- Jerry Griffin – I
  Served for four years on the Tulsa Public School Board from 2020–2024. While a strong advocate for education and our children, his age and health dictate that he is probably not the best candidate for this intense position imo.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- Our Choice - T.W. Shannon – R
  Shannon previously served in the Oklahoma House (2006- 2014) and eventually became the youngest to serve as OK Speaker of the House. He was appointed as Sr. Advisor on Rural Prosperity for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Trump administration

- Kelly Forbes – D
  Forbes is a former educator and education consultant who now serves as an adjunct professor. He owns Kelly B's Consulting, which seems to have a strong emphasis on multicultural proficiency. His background seems more suited perhaps to someone interested in assisting the State Superintendent for Education rather than the role of Lieutenant Governor. I can't find the connection here.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Our Choice - Jon Echols – R

He served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for 12 years (2012-24) including House Majority Floor Leader for 7 years.

- Nick Coffey – D
  He is a former federal prosecutor who served for seven years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma. Currently works as a trial attorney in OKC area.

STATE TREASURER

- Our Choice - Cindy Byrd – R
  Byrd has made a name for herself with several audits she completed. as the Oklahoma State Auditor which exposed corruption and brought accountability where it was needed. A great skillset to use that same attention to detail as the treasurer.

- Kiefer Perry – L
  Very little available on this candidate.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

In reality, we have two Democrats running for this position. Robert Franklin, who registered as a Republican but is a far-left-wing, Christian-hating liberal, and Dr. Dr. Jennettie Marshall who ran as a Democrat, but is more moderate.

- **Jennettie Marshall** – a moderate Democrat who served on the Tulsa Public School Education Board for eight years. She helped establish the North Tulsa Community Education Task Force and has worked to advance education and help students for many years.

  She served as a Probation and Parole Officer and case manager for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for 17 years, and for 3 years as a Child Welfare Investigator with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

- **Robert Franklin** – a far left-wing Democrat who registered as a Republican in 2023 in hopes of getting Republicans to vote him in. He hasn't changed his political ideology at all from his Democrat days.

It's important to look at Franklin's tenure at Hissom Memorial Center from 1981-86 where he taught Special Education. ***"Hissom was legally condemned as a "human-development emergency."*** Evidence has surfaced (including a recorded admission) about an incident when Franklin grabbed a special needs student by the ears and left angry claw marks behind both ears. In the audio admission, he states it was ***"unfortunate."*** It was more than unfortunate! Putting his hands on a child and causing physical harm would be classified as assault. His

claim was that the child was becoming agitated and that he did it to protect others. Use logic here: If you were trying to subdue someone who was becoming a physical danger to others, no one would try to arrest aggression in a child by grabbing their ears. To pause an emergency to regain control you would instead grab their arms, gently but firmly to defuse the situation. A first impulse to grab a child's ears is a hostile, personal assault. Grabbing anyone by the ears speaks of someone who has completely lost his temper.

Hissom was closed down when it was found to have regularly subjected vulnerable children with disabilities to relentless physical abuse, gross medical neglect and widespread chemical sedation of vulnerable children with disabilities. **"*Yet, an intriguing professional paradox arose from the landmark litigation. Despite the facility's closure due to inhumane conditions, the teachers who worked there neither faced any judicial consequences nor experienced career repercussions. Instead, Hissom's teachers cleanly transitioned into local public-school systems. Among them was Dr. Robert Franklin…"*** (Quotes taken from an investigative article on Tulsa Today: **click here**)

Special Education teachers are typically very carefully instructed on what to do if a special needs student becomes agitated. Grabbing the ears certainly isn't on that list of acceptable behavior by a teacher. The incident makes us wonder about Franklin's temperament when in office. How can we expect him to react in pressurized situations? Why promote him to look after ALL Oklahoma Students? Why confer upon him the prize of a fat salary?

What does Franklin really believe? An article he promoted from his former Facebook Page (which he tried to remove) has come to light where his socialist, anti-America beliefs are clearly revealed. Click this link to watch: https://bit.ly/UnearthedArticle

Franklin is NOT a real Republican. He is a wolf in sheep's clothing having switched to the Republican Party only in 2023 in a mostly Republican State. He has remained true to the modern Democrat in promoting his leftist ideology: He calls DEI *"biblical"* when it is instead a radical racist ideology! He has endorsed the book, "Separation of Church and Hate" and has worked to remove Christianity and biblical values from America. He claims that radical Socialist (Democrat) candidate James Talarico in Texas has set a "high standard" but certainly not one of American values. Franklin appears to want to radicalize Oklahoma education as a Stealth Socialist Democrat. Instead: **Franklin needs to step down!**

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LABOR COMMISSIONER

- Our Choice - Kevin West – R
  West fought for Oklahomans when he and Rep Tom Gann filed a brief asking the Oklahoma Supreme Court to overturn $98 million in rate increases for Oklahoma Natural Gas (ONG) well as $1.77 billion of the utility's ratepayer-backed bonds. The rates were approved by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) and then commissioner Todd Hiett. Gann and West's brief claimed the OCC failed to perform lawful audits of ONG's bonds in every rate case since the bonds were issued. Additionally, in December 2025, with Rep. Rick West, R-Heavener, Gann and Kevin West asked the court to overturn a $127 million rate increase and $760 million in winter storm bonds for customers of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OG&E). Now THAT is the kind of action we want to see from our representatives who are standing up for us!
- Kevin Dawson – D
  One of the biggest accomplishments he boasts of is being a union member for 46 years.
- Mike Hall - Libertarian

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

- Our Choice - Bob Sullivan – R
- Craig MacIntyre – D

CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

- Our Choice - Brad Boles - R
- Rhonda Eastman – D

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES:

US SENATOR -

- Our Choice - Kevin Hern – R
  He was initially appointed by Gov Fallin to fulfill a vacancy and then elected as the U.S. Representative for Dist 1 where he has served for almost 8 years. He already has the relationships and skill set needed for this position to serve Oklahoma.
- Ron Meinhardt – I
  He is an independent journalist/filmmaker and invested in healthcare and helping people get healthy. He describes himself as a Trump-aligned Republican. He supports banning congressional stock trading—which has become rampant. He has struggled to raise money as have the others running against Hern. That makes it tough.

- N'Kiyla Thomas – D
  It's hard to take this candidate seriously when she has released a video of herself dancing around her room like a ten year old and then cutting out picture of Mark Wayne Mullin evidently after a scene in the movie "Mean Girls." Which apparently she is one of those "mean girls." I can't find any ethics reports submitted. I also can't find any political donations she has made. She seems just a wanna be for attention.
- Sevier White – Libertarian
  He is a retired teacher and wrestling coach from the Norman area. He has run unsuccessfully for US House in the past also as a Libertarian.
- Curtis Stinnet - I

US REPRESENTATIVE
District 1

- Our Choice - Mark Tedford – R
  Tedford is a business owner expanding his family run insurance agency to multiple locations. He has served in the Oklahoma legislature as a representative since 2022. He describes his platform as America First.
- John Croisant – D
  Croisant is a former teacher, coach, and small business owner—also an insurance agent. He served on the Board of Education for Tulsa Public Schools but has struggled to raise money and attention in this race.

District 2

- Our Choice - Josh Brecheen – R
  Brecheen served on the Oklahoma state senate for around 8 years and also formerly worked with Rep. Tom Coburn. He is a fourth-generation rancher and probably the most "down-to-earth" elected official of our U.S. Representatives/Senators.

- Brandon Wade – D
  Wade has deep-reaching roots in the union and is the Vice President of the International Union of Operating Engineers 351. Lots of funding by PAC's both In-state and out-of-state—which is always a concern.
  A concerning contributor is End Citizens United whose primary mission is to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United v. FEC decision which was a safeguard to prohibit corporations and unions from using general "electioneering communications."

- Ronnie Hopkins – I
  He is a former Army Major serving for over 20 years including in the Vietnam War. No results show up on ethics reports or donations.

OKLAHOMA JUDICIAL RETENTION:

Oklahoma Supreme Court

District 1

- **Matthew Kane IV – Our recommendation: retain**
  Appointed by Gov. Stitt in 2019 and has done a good job. I know some about this family personally, and based on that and his performance, he should continue.

District 4

- **Travis Jett – Our recommendation: retain**
  Appointed by Gov Stitt, he has served as a Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court since April 14, 2025

District 6

- **Dana Kuehn – Our recommendation: retain**
  Served on the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals from 2017 to 2021 and then appointed by Gov Kevin Stitt the Oklahoma Supreme Court where she is currently the Vice Chief.

District 9

- **Richard Darby – Our recommendation: remove.**
  A disappointment. Appointed by Gov Mary Fallin, he has made several rulings against the protection of Oklahomans. He ruled against election integrity and against the need for absentee ballots to be notarized. Also ruled for the corrupt OTA to overturn a ruling by the Court of Appeals to protect the OTA which put more debt on the back of Oklahomans! Also ruled to overturn a bill that would have protected women so that only board-certified physicians could perform an abortion and only to save the life of the mother in a medical emergency.

Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

District 2

- **Robert Hudson – Our recommendation: remove**
  He was appointed by Gov Keating to serve as District Attorney for Payne and Logan Counties, where he was then re-elected and eventually served there for 16 years. Later he was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to the Court of Criminal Appeals and also served as Special Judge for the 9th Judicial District and as First Assistant Attorney General of Oklahoma. He seems to have mixed reviews among his peers including allegations of bias. His review overall was one of “mild Republican confidence” per a Ballotpedia study. Perhaps time for a change.

Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

District 1, Office 1

- **Stacie Hixon – Our recommendation: retain**
  Appointed by Gov. Stitt, she has served as judge of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in this position for the past six years.

- **District 1, Office 2**
  Jane Wiseman – Our recommendation: remove
  First appointed by Gov. Brad Henry in March 2005 and served as a district judge in Tulsa County for over two decades, handling nearly 1,000 civil jury trials, but rulings have leaned extremely liberal.

District 2, Office 1

- **Deborah Barnes – Our recommendation: remove**
  Appointed by Gov Brad Henry she is probably best known for officiating the ceremony for the first legalized homosexual marriage in Oklahoma after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Oklahoma's Defense of Marriage Act.

District 2, Office 2

- **James Huber – Our recommendation: retain**
  He was appointed by Gov Stitt in 2023 and has served as the Chief Judge of the Family Court Division for the Tulsa County District Court.

STATE QUESTION 845

Our recommendation – Vote No

A simple summary of this SQ is that it restructures Oklahoma's judicial nominating commission and removes protections, safeguards and bipartisan guardrails which could lead to the entire 15-member commission being stacked with nothing but lawyers and all of one political affiliation and ideology. Proponents say it will "modernize" the way members are chosen. But in reality, it could become a nightmare of one-party bias in our judiciary (for either political party). It is authored in the Senate by Todd Gollihare, which is, in our opinion another huge red-flag.

STATE QUESTION 847

Our recommendation – Vote Yes

A simple summary of this SQ is that it lowers the annual caps on how much property values can increase for taxing purposes, beginning in 2027. It creates a tiered assessment cap for seniors earning above the current median income limit, allowing them to receive some measure of tax relief they previously did not qualify for.

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Oklahoma Legislators

I intentionally did not include this segment previously, as I felt most people will vote down party lines for who they want to represent them.

Dist 28 - Seminole County and parts of northern Pottawatomie County

However, I need to comment regarding the nefarious attempt to remove Rep. Danny Williams from his seat and Speaker Hilbert's childish actions to "punish him," remove him from any leadership, and move him to a tiny office. Hilbert again acts like he is five as he flexes the "muscle" of his seat position. The alleged bizarre accusations and rumors allegedly spread by his LA deserve comment. The same LA in which Rep Williams helped save her husband's life a few years before. When things don't make sense, then it is important to find out why.

More information on this investigation is coming, but note Hilbert & other establishment bad actors have an agenda and are doing everything they can to get rid of Williams, who won't bow to their games.

KAY & NOBLE COUNTY:
District Judge – Dist 8, Office 1

- Scott Loftis – Our recommendation
  He filed a federal lawsuit in May 2026 challenging Oklahoma's judicial election laws that prohibit candidates from disclosing political party affiliation. Most voters want to know the political affiliation of judges, which should be made available to voters. We agree with Loftis. The Oklahoma Council on Judicial Complaints conceded the party affiliation rule was likely unconstitutional.

- Rob Davis
  Has had bar complaints against him for ethics violations and hid these from the voters as he campaigned on transparency and integrity. That shows a lack of integrity

TULSA COUNTY
For additional information and rankings you can go to:
https://bit.ly/TulsaCountyCandidates

Tulsa Area Judges

District 14 – Office 1

- Caroline Wall – Our recommendation
  She has served as the district judge since 2018. Has been fair in her rulings. Research I have done hasn't shown her to be liberal.

- Tom Sawyer –
  For almost ten years Sawyer has served as an assistant district attorney, including Creek, Tulsa, Choctaw, & Mayes counties.

District 14 – Office 4

- Dustin Allen – Our recommendation
  He has served as Assistant District Attorney in TC and Assistant District Attorney in District 27 (Wagoner and neighboring northeastern Oklahoma counties) with experience on both sides of the judicial system.

- Loretta Radford - Absolutely NOT
  Judge Radford has repeatedly disparaged Republicans on her social media posts. Judges have to at least appear neutral for citizens to feel they have hope for justice within the courtroom. Radford's obvious disdain for Republicans raises the legitimate question among some citizens on whether she could be impartial.

District 14 – Office 12

- Kevin Gray – our recommendation
  Gray served as the chief judge of the Juvenile Division, which held statutory oversight over the integrity-plagued Tulsa Juvenile Center's facility operations and personnel. The Tulsa County Board of Commissioners subsequently voted to take direct control of the center and sought to replace Gray. That may or may not have really had anything to do with him, but the public needed to see change. Prior to that he served for 11 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Tulsa County. He has the experience needed and many say he judges fairly.
- Christopher Camp
  A local area attorney who graduated from Tulsa College of Law and has had his own firm, but no judicial experience yet.

HOTEL GUEST TAX – Our Recommendation – Vote NO

Tulsa continues to raise taxes—even on outside guests—and then spend the money on special projects they create targeting a small group of minority people. There doesn't seem to be any accountability in the present leadership. It is all about grabbing for more money and spending it unwisely.

UPDATED:
Tulsa City Council: Sadly, the Tulsa City Council is full of councilors that are not doing a good job for the people of Tulsa and need to be replaced! The best I can Vanessa Hall-Harper needs to be voted out for her utter disrespect & mocking of citizens.

Dist 1 –

- Corinice Wilson
- Vanessa Hall-Harper – **incumbent who needs to be removed**
  Hall-Harper has been put in the scales and found wanting. Her demeaning and disparaging texts during a city council meeting to other city council members against a Tulsa resident asking questions, along with how she did not recuse herself from a committee and subsequent vote to grant almost a quarter of a million dollars to a group in which she helped establish and would benefit from, are enough (although there is more) to say she should not be in any form of leadership.

  Click here to see her "unhinged meltdown against white people and the city flag, claiming racist and Oklahoma and America represent the KKK." where here racist rant shows her utter pride and disrespect for citizens.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Bartlesville: LOCAL ELECTIONS
(per Gary Kilpatrick's Voter Guide. We don't see eye-to-eye on all statewide choices, but most. These are good insights for the Bartlesville area.

His recommendations:

Associate District Judge - Todd Cone
City Council – click this link for his comments for general discussion
Ward 1 - Tim Sherrick
Ward 2 - Cameron Byers
Ward 3 - Josh Lock
Ward 4 – Amanda Veley
Ward 5 - Eddie Collins

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WE need ALL Republicans and like-minded Independents and Others to VOTE THIS NOVEMBER!