

Tuesday August 25th, 2020 Tulsa Major Voting Information

On August 25th, Tulsans will make Major Decisions: Who will run the City of Tulsa as Mayor, they will Vote on 7 of 9 City Council Members, they will Vote on 5 Radical Propositions with Changes to the legal constitution of the city called the City Charter, plus they will Vote on run-off elections for State Legislative, District, and County Officers on Tuesday, August 25th, 2020.

This vote, we believe, is One of Most Important Votes in the City of Tulsa History.

There is a disturbing List of Propositions on the ballot dealing with:

- Giving alarming power/mass control to the Mayor to remove authorities, members of boards, commissions, etc.;
- Removal of "gender names of man or women/boy and girl" from the city,
- Removal of party affiliations of Republican, Democrat, etc. masking the true stance of a Candidate, calling it "nonpartisan elections."
- Change and expand the status/role of the city attorney. This begs the question, who comes up with this stuff? Who wrote this? It is time to Change the Mayor and the City Council in this Election, who put this on the ballot.

The Following Propositions Would Change the City Charter. What does that mean?

A city charter is the most important legal document defines the city's powers, functions and procedures of the city government. It is comparable to the Constitution of the United States or a state's constitution and affects everything in the city, schools, businesses, etc.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Removal of Party Affiliations in Filing & Remove Party run-off Election

VOTE NO

Proposition No. 1 would delete any references to partisan (Republican or Democrat, etc.) platforms in entire City Charter and in any election, meaning all candidates on ballot will not list political party, plus eliminates Rep. verse Democrat with run-offs for each party, etc. The city doesn't want you to know the Candidates affiliation of party voting, their stance, and belief system, This is a form to eliminate the competition bringing vote to two people, regardless of party, instead of four or more, 2 for each party if under 50%. This is directly against the freedom of choice to the public, eliminates the whole purpose of party platforms. It is almost impossible for general public to research, and know who to vote for, without the help of party platforms.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Erases man/woman "gender pronouns" in City Charter

VOTE NO

Proposition No. 2 would erase any "gender specific" pronouns in the City Charter. The Mayor and Council opened homosexual/transgender employment in 2019 to Tulsa and now wants to remove God's created beauty of being a man or women, boy or girl genders, opening further the sodomy agenda into the city. This would possibly affect sports, privacy for genders in schools, bathrooms, businesses, churches, public, etc. The question is, what will we be called? Do you want this to happen in Tulsa?

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Give Power to Mayor & City Council to Remove All Authorities

VOTE NO

Proposition No. 3 would allow the Mayor and the City Council to remove any authorities, member of boards and/or commissions by enacting an ordinance to do so. This is nothing other than total dictatorship and control given to one person and/or a small group of people.

PROPOSITION NO. 4

Allows Mayor to Appoint City Attorney and Change At Will Status

VOTE NO

Proposition No. 4 would amend the City Charter so that the City Attorney would be appointed by Mayor and be changed from At Will Employment to under Civil Service (Merit) Protection, subject to confirmation by the City Council. At Will Employment means, (able to be dismissed at any time - usually New Mayor is Elected). Civil Service (Merits) protection (unable to dismiss without major cause or high misconduct, thus the next Mayor will be stuck with prior attorney and unable to replace him, and allows the former Mayor's agenda to stay in place after the elections, should he lose.) **Civil Service - A Person can only remove a public employee for cause, and it must include: (1) an opportunity before removal – for the individual to know the charges and present a defense; and (2) the ability to appeal a removal decision before an "impartial adjudicator." (In other words, a hearing/trial which is not the intent of the position.)**

PROPOSITION NO. 5

Expands Power to the City Attorney

VOTE NO

Proposition No. 5 would expand the Power & duties of the city attorney to not only advise the mayor but also the city auditor and city councilors. It would also allow the councilors to pass an ordinance that is disapproved by the city attorney. Here is giving huge authority to the City Attorney who cannot be fired or resign so the next Mayor is unable to replace him if Proposition No 4 passes. Here if the Mayor loses, can still control the city through the City Attorney.

MAYOR CANDIDATES for City of TULSA

Information on Candidates have been taken from their websites, social media, newspapers and articles

KEN REDDICK

REPUBLICAN

VOTE YES

Reddick is a general contractor, businessman, who owns Clean Slate Contracting LLC, and Tulsa Fence & Roofing Company, attends Garnett Road Church of Christ, strong believer and family man. Reddick wants to cut taxes, improve education, create fight crime task force to make neighborhoods safer, repeal sales taxes on food and groceries for hard working families, improve permitting process, and find new more diversified ways to fund the city. He supports the Tulsa Police Department and Fire Department and end any discussion of creating an OIM, (meaning the Mayor's New Office of Independent Oversight over the police beginning implementation of "bias training" for all TPD officers.) He wants to improve city relations with churches, businesses and the public. Already, multiple lies/slander has been taken against REDDICK running for Mayor.

G T BYNUM (Incumbent)

A Republican with Democrat Agenda

VOTE NO

Bynum has a degree from Villanova and opened a lobbying firm in Tulsa called Capitol Ventures Government Relations. Bynum was first elected to the City Council in 2008 and Mayor in 2016. He has raised taxes, named a street in Downtown Tulsa as "PRIDESTREET" for support of Homosexual community, issued an executive order to expand and change the law to include homosexuals as part of city hiring and discrimination in 2019, refused to attend President Trump rally in Tulsa, and currently paid \$100,000 to out of town firm to study police to defund police force. Bynam promoted the search for a mass grave associated with the 1921 Race Riot, no bodies have been uncovered, and has inducted into 77 counties new "bias training" to TPD and now putting forth a City Proposition to give himself as Mayor huge power to dismiss all authorities, members of boards, committees, etc. He proposes to change and give more "protected" power to the City Attorney, he would appoint, who cannot be replaced by next Mayor. Bynum initiated the large scale shut down of the city for Covid and current wearing of Mask ending Nov. 30th through the Presidential Election and has provided no medical evidence to support the decision to do so.

TY WALKER

REPUBLICAN

VOTE NO

Ty Walker, a life-long Tulsan, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a small business owner. Walker, with his daughters, owns and operates Wanda J's Next Generation restaurant in the Historic Greenwood District and another location in American Airlines facility. He wants to support small businesses by creating tax incentives, credits and exemptions and cut unnecessary city licenses, business requirements, create grants for small businesses and expand Job opportunities, reform how municipal government is funded, expand Tulsa's bus services with 125 new buses, a bus service and passenger rail service between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Walker wants Tulsa's roads to be improved and to have better lighting, better relations between the police and smaller role for the police union. "From partisan politics to police and community relations to economic development, there are several issues that are causing divides in this city," Walker wrote on his website. "It is time to get a fresh pair of eyes and a diverse group of thoughts at the table to tackle these divisive issues and create common ground that will unify all of Tulsa."

GREGORY ROBINSON II

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Robinson, who is black, has been a community organizer for METCares Foundation, and was chairman of the Greater Tulsa African American Affairs Commission which Mayor Bynam started. He formerly worked on the mayoral campaign of former Mayor Kathy Taylor and on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and is on the 1921 Mass Graves Committee Mayor Bynum created. A Black Lives matter advocate and in the Black Wall Street times stated, "I am deeply committed to making this city one that I can be proud of, that my family can be proud of, that our little brothers and sisters of all races and ages and backgrounds can be proud of, that our ancestors can be proud of and that those who come after us can be proud of."

ZACKRI WHITLOW

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Whitlow thinks junk food is poor nutrition, have better Internet connections, to speed up municipal paperwork, to revamp how Tulsans vote with “blockchain-based voting” that he claims is “incorruptible and transparent,” mayors to be limited to one term and was opposed to President Trump holding a rally in Tulsa. He believes Tulsa lacks rail/subway/canal/river transportation.

CRAIG IMMEL

INDEPENDENT

VOTE NO

Immel has a degree in geography, a master’s degree in real estate with 15 years’ experience in nonprofit advocacy with the US Green Building Council (Global warming) and others. He wants a ban on fracking within the city limits, to increase the minimum wage in Tulsa, to attract the best teachers possible for the public schools, wants more local control and less control from the State Legislature. He believes in “community policing” and wants Tulsa to move away from “an overly militarized police force,” (defund police). Immel said Tulsa is ranked one of the “unhealthiest cities” in America for a variety of reasons and wants more local food production to combat “food deserts.”. He wants more support for Tulsa “cultural and arts scene.” And he doesn’t approve of Bynum’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic and want to address 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre more.

PAUL TAY

INDEPENDENT

VOTE NO

He has a degree in physics and was in the U.S. Marine Corps. Tay advocates legalizing recreational use of marijuana. He wants to start a new political party, the Free Weed Party. “Can we call just get along and smoke some really good weed, already?” he wrote on his Facebook page. Calls Tulsa conservatives Sooner Politics. He will appoint a white Christian, a Black “liberal/progressive” of any religion, gender identify to be appointed as Deputy mayors in his administration to engage competing voices in marketplace of ideas.

RICCO WRIGHT

DEMOCRAT

Withdrawn (but name still on ballot)

TULSA CITY COUNCIL

Information on Candidates have been taken from their websites, social media, newspapers and articles.

COUNCIL MEMBER – COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

(Current Incumbent Have * by Their Name)

JERRY GOODWIN

DEMOCRAT

VOTE YES

Goodwin is assistant professor in the Digital Media and Mass Communication at Tulsa Community College. and president of Goodwin & Grant, a public relations company, founded in 2000. Goodwin served as associate publisher of The Oklahoma Eagle newspaper and is a member of its board of directors. Goodwin was CEO of the Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League, Inc., a member of the board of directors and board secretary of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission and the Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center.

VANESSA HALL-HARPER* **DEMOCRAT**

VOTE NO

She is a Tulsa Native with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Pre-Law, has a Masters of Science in Management and she’s a graduate of Leadership Tulsa’s North Tulsa Development Council. Hall-Harper is the Program Manager for the Tulsa Health Department’s Healthy Living Program, an Adjunct Professor in Political Science Dept. for TCC. She volunteers on such as Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce, Tulsa Juneteenth, Institute for Developing Communities (TIDC), North Tulsa Clean-up Campaign, the Phoenix District Development Council, and attends Paradise Baptist Church. She has voted for tax increase and closing/masks of covid.

COUNCIL MEMBER – COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

PAUL EICHER

DEMOCRAT

VOTE YES

Eicher has worked in public education for 10 years. His family lives in the McClure Neighborhood.

CRISTA PATRICK*

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Crista Patrick has Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Fine Arts. For the past 25 years, she has owned and operated a massage therapy practice. She has worked for Theatre Tulsa, Tulsa Ballet, and the American Theater Company, where she won the Tulsa Award for Theater Excellence (T.A.T.E) for Best Costume Design. She has managed the University of Tulsa Department of Theatre’s Costume Department for 13 years, where she also teaches.

COUNCIL MEMBER – COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

CASEY ROBINSON

REPUBLICAN

VOTE YES

Casey Robinson is a self-made businessman driven by hard work and the duty of embracing personal responsibility. He and his wife, Maggie, own multiple commercial, residential, and industrial properties. Robinson said he wants to transfer that sense of energy to the City of Tulsa and fight for Tulsa values, recruit good jobs to Tulsa, and help heal our city, uniting a common good of bettering Tulsans way of life. He supports Tulsa police and firefighters. He wants Tulsa's leaders to be responsible and more transparent, especially when it comes to spending money.

KATHRYN LYONS

REPUBLICAN

VOTE NO

Lyons was formerly a property manager at Cohen Esrey Real Estate Services and a property manager at The Mansion on Turtle Creek, and a former personal development mentor at Street School Tulsa. Lyons volunteers in the Burglary Department of the Tulsa Police Department, Working in Neighborhoods and an Alert Neighbor at National Crime Prevention Network Association, at Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma and does literacy tutoring at Marshall Elementary School. Lyons is a former personal development mentor at Street School Tulsa and has volunteered at Ruth G. Hardiman Literacy Service.

KARA JOY MCKEE*

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Councilor Kara Joy (KJ) McKee botany and anthropology at The University of Oklahoma. She was first elected in 2018. She has assisted low-income families in balancing their household budget; serving as general manager of a first-of-its-kind online farmers market; leading Kendall Whittier Inc., a non-profit that operates a food pantry and community gardens in the Kendall Whittier neighborhood. She is an advocate with the liberal groups, the Oklahoma Policy Institute and Together Oklahoma. She lives in the Fair Heights neighborhood with her husband, Gene.

LANDRY MILLER

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Miller advocates a citizen "oversight board" and he wants to cut the law enforcement budget. He wants to rebuild Tulsa's water system and invest in more "green spaces." A Native American, Miller worked with activist groups in college "to protect all minority groups from the heinous acts they've endured throughout history."

COUNCILMEMBER – COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

CASS FAHLER*

REPUBLICAN

VOTE YES

Councilor Cass Fahler is a graduate of Victory Christian School and completed professional training through Dale Carnegie, studied at Rhema Bible College and Southwestern Christian University. He's been a residential lender for the past 20 years, helping home purchasers obtain financing. He is also a national instructor for the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System. Formerly, Fahler was appointed to serve as a commissioner to the Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit, overseeing all Oklahoma mortgage licensees. He is a board member of the Oklahoma Association of Mortgage Professionals, serves on the Citizen Action Group for Mingo Valley Division of the Tulsa Police Department. The group works with police officers to take a proactive approach to reducing crime and improving quality of life in the community.

MCKEY ARTHRELL

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Arthrell is an "education specialist" for Urban Strategies, Inc., and works with Tulsa Public Schools and Tulsa Housing Authority. He wants the city to spend more money on public schools, a reduction in Tulsa's jail population, especially involving the mentally ill, and increased efficiency in Tulsa's bus system. According to his website, "The LGBTQIA and BIPOC communities in Tulsa deserve to be heard,....changes to be made..to protect and included in the growth of Tulsa. We stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA and BIPOC members of our community."

RACHEL SHEPHERD

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Shepherd is a nurse and on her Facebook page states, "As part of the LGBTQ+ community, my campaign stands with you." She supports "International non-binary people's day" which seeks to ban titles that signify gender such as man and woman, girls and boys. (See Proposition 2) *(LGBTQ+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, plus more)*

NATT WACHOWSKI-ESTES DEMOCRAT**VOTE NO**

Natt is from SW Missouri, has a CPA with Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance. and has worked in public and industry accounting, and now owns his own firm. According to his website, he is a non-binary transgender, a dad, a spouse, and hard-worker. He worked alongside community change-makers to demand the establishment of Tulsa's African American Affairs Commission and was started in 2017. He started his own business to focus on what he loves best: supporting small businesses and families who need help navigating financial systems to become successful and sustainable. Since then, he has participated in countless City Council meetings, getting to know the councilors and their processes. He has volunteered at a camp for LGBTQ+ youth, co-founded a support group for non-binary people, and co-founded Aware Tulsa.

JUSTIN SCHUFFERT DEMOCRAT**VOTE NO**

No information found.

COUNCILMEMBER – COUNCIL DISTRICT 6**CHRISTIAN BENDEL REPUBLICAN****VOTE YES**

From 1999-2016, Bengel was a Tulsa County Reserve Sheriff's Deputy, was a special project manager overseeing hiring contractors, vendors, officers and police equipment to meet delivery expectations, performance, and quality assurance, program updating and improving the police vehicles. Bengel's acquired management experience with oversight over more than 150 vehicles and balancing a budget in excess of \$1,000,000. He was in the U.S. Army from 1985-1994 and served in South Korea. He was deployed to combat in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He believes it is worth fighting to defend our freedoms, liberty, and conservative values, especially at the local government level. Bengel is a conservative Christian who wants the city to spend money more wisely and to protect constitutional values.

CONNIE DODSON* DEMOCRAT**VOTE NO**

Councilor Connie Dodson grew up in Tulsa. A small business owner, she was previously employed by the City of Tulsa at Tulsa Transit and is a current member of the bond committee for Tulsa Public Schools. In addition to being a member of various veterans groups, she has been a member of Tulsa Zoo Friends, Tulsa Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries, Oklahoma Education Association, and Parent and Teacher Association. She supported the \$639,000,000.00 tax increase in 2019. She did vote against the wearing of masks.

CHEYENNE MORGAN DEMOCRAT**VOTE NO**

According to her website, she is running to give a new perspective on the City Council. She is a citizen of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and of Oglala Lakota blood. She wants more funding for mental health and she wants to "defund and demilitarize the Tulsa Police Department." She wants more public transportation and a new "LGBTQ+ youth mentorship program" with more "equality centers." She wants more homeless shelters outside of Downtown and more rehab centers for drug addicts.

COUNCILMEMBER – COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**JUSTIN VAN KIRK REPUBLICAN****VOTE YES**

Van Kirk is from Branson, Missouri and studied at Rhema Bible College. A conservative Christian and attends Life Church. "I'm ready to transfer my business ownership skills from the private sector into government and I want to help make a difference in a way that is not being done right now," said on Muskogeepolitics.com. "The conservative values that we believe in are being fought against – it just doesn't make much sense to me. Tulsa has so much opportunity and I'm ready to help it grow, recruit new jobs by encouraging new startups, increasing public safety, and prioritize the city's budget with a free-market mindset."

CHAD FERGUSON REPUBLICAN**VOTE NO**

Ferguson is director of sales and development for a local insurance company. He wants full support of Tulsa policemen and firefighters. He wants street projects to be completed on schedule, within the budget and up to high standards. And he supports public schools.

LORI DECTER-WRIGHT*

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Councilor Lori Decter Wright is the executive director of Kendall Whittier Incorporated (KWI), a community-based nonprofit organization focused on food insecurity in Tulsa's Kendall Whittier, The Pearl, and Crutchfield neighborhoods. KWI operates the only emergency food pantry in Tulsa that delivers groceries to doors five days a week, 52 weeks a year. KWI also sponsors three organic community gardens. Wright previously was Director of Education and Membership for Sweet Adelines International, a nonprofit association for women founded in Tulsa in 1948. She volunteers with the PTA and Board President of Spotlight on Opera. Wright and her husband previously were professional opera singers and members of College Hill Presbyterian Church.

COUNCILMEMBER – COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

JAYME FOWLER

REPUBLICAN

VOTE YES

Fowler is the managing partner of Oak Creek Private Wealth LLC of Tulsa. He attended the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government in 2001. Fowler has been a board member for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tulsa and is president of the Memorial High School Endowment. "We need a leader with a proven record of getting things done," Fowler wrote on his website. "I have spent my life in the private sector, building my financial services and wealth management business from the ground up. I'm constantly analyzing trends, studying markets, and measuring performance to see how well my clients are doing. I believe those experiences over 35 years have given me a deep understanding of how to manage large budgets, relationships, and build coalitions."

LEANN CROSBY

DEMOCRAT

VOTE NO

Crosby has a bachelor's degree in Human development and family science from OSU and a master's degree in clinical mental health and human relations from OU. She founded the Just A Push Foundation. Her website refers her policy questions to okpolicy.org, a liberal website.

LEGISLATIVE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY OFFICERS

US House 5th District

TERRY NEESE

VOTE YES

STEPHANIE BRICE

VOTE NO

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 35 - REBULICAN

CHERYL BABER

VOTE YES

KYDEN CREEPAUM

VOTE NO

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 71 - REBULICAN

MIKE MASTERS

VOTE YES

BEVERLY A. ATTEBERRY

VOTE NO

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 79 - REBULICAN

MARGIE ALFONSO

VOTE YES

CLAY IIAMS

VOTE NO

CITY OF GLENPOOL

VOTE NO

PROPOSITION - Keep Glenpool Moving Sales Tax Initiative increase \$.01

At this time with businesses affected with Covid, it is not the time to increase taxes.