

# TULSA CITY COUNCILORS ELECTIONS

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

## District 5



**GRANT MILLER**

<https://votegrantmiller.com/>

**Libertarian**

**Conservative**

He is a Tulsa native and a combat veteran who deployed to Baghdad in 2007 in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Grant served his community as a law enforcement officer before entering a career in insurance. Grant has built & sold multiple insurance agencies, plus created and sold a software platform for insurance industry. Grant has an undergraduate degree in business management and will soon complete his law degree from Tulsa University School of Law in December 2022. Grant Miller is pro-life, married 12 years and has two children. Grant with his background in both combat service and law enforcement can help target and provide steps to help stopping the crime in Tulsa. Tulsa crime rate is so bad, the city is only safer than 2% of U.S. cities. Grant stated when talking with Tulsa residents, they feel the City Council does not listen or care about them. Grant states he wants to be a Voice for the People, to listen, help identify the need & try to help solve it.



**MYKEY ARTHRELL**

Incumbent

**Independent**

**Very Liberal**

**Signed LGBTQ...Z Proclamation of Pride Month June 22, 2022 for Tulsa!**

**Voted for \$954,000,000.00 Million Tulsa Budget, a 21% increase.**

**Voted for Masks, Business Shut-downs, Covid-19 Mandates**

According to his website, MyKey is a big proponent of "The LGBTQ+....Z (Sex with animals) and BIPOC (binary individual person of color) communities in Tulsa, and states "they deserve to be heard and for reasonable changes to be made so that they are protected and included in the growth of Tulsa. We stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA and BIPOC members of our community."

**Arthrell Voted and supported Covid Masks, and business shut down mandates, which resulted in 95 large companies in Tulsa to go bankrupt, as surrounding cities without mandates, businesses flourished.** Masking children has now be shown a child is in danger within 3 minutes after putting on a mask and affect children mentally, physically, socially, affects their sleep, and creates fears detrimental to their life and growth.

Arthrell is an "education specialist" for Urban Strategies, Inc., who was awarded by 30 million dollar Grant from Housing Authority and City of Tulsa. Arthrell wants the city to spend more money on public schools but gives no details how more money will improve the terrible low reading and math scores of single digits in Tulsa Public Schools graduates, lead by Deborah Gist and State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister. Interestingly he wants a reduction in Tulsa's jail population, especially involving the mentally ill, but gives no insight who will take care of them, and who will keep them from committing crimes. He wants increased efficiency in Tulsa's bus system, again, gives no details on how he will do this.



## TULSA CITY COUNCIL District 6



**CHRISTIAN BENDEL**

**Republican**

**Conservative**

<https://www.bengel4tulsa.com/>

Bengel is currently working as manager for data company. From 1999-2016, Bengel was a Tulsa County Reserve Sheriff's Deputy. As an employee for the City of Tulsa, he was selected as a special project manager overseeing hiring contractors, meeting vendors, and the police equipment officer(s) to meet delivery expectations, performance, and quality assurance for the program of updating and improving the police vehicles. Among other responsibilities, Bengel's acquired management experience with oversight grew into 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.

"I believe our freedoms are under attack by a radically charged leftist world," Bengel wrote on his website. "Look, there's a big difference and I believe 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.

[https://tulsaeworld.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/questioning-the-candidates-district-6-city-council-contenders-share-their-policies-and-plans-for-improving/article\\_0586f338-199a-11ed-8301-efdfab418d35.html](https://tulsaeworld.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/questioning-the-candidates-district-6-city-council-contenders-share-their-policies-and-plans-for-improving/article_0586f338-199a-11ed-8301-efdfab418d35.html)



**CONNIE DODSON**

**Democrat**

**VERY LIBERAL**

**Incumbent**

**Dodson Signed Proclamation for LGBTQ...Z Pride Month June 22, 2022, for Tulsa!**

**Voted for \$954,000,000.00 Million Tulsa Budget- a 21% increase**

**Voted for \$639,000,000.00 tax increase in 2019.**

Councilor Connie Dodson is a democrat and endorsed by Tulsa World. Dodson believes sales tax revenues must increase to meet rising demands for Tulsa. Was a strong advocate of Covid

Restrictions of Wearing Masks and social distancing, she voted for shutting down Tulsa businesses, voted for wearing masks mandates even on children. Mandates resulted in 95 Companies going bankrupt in Tulsa due to mandates.

Dodson signed the Proclamation of Celebrating LGBTQ+....Z (sex with animals) as well as the Proclamation for the Director of the LGBTQ Equality Center on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Connie helps people with their webpages. 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. Dodson grew up in west Tulsa but settled in east Tulsa in 1991 and has lived here 30 years.



## Tulsa City Councilor District 7



### **KEN REDDICK**     **Republican**     **Conservative**

On Ken's Facebook, he is Endorsed by US House Kevin Hern, Gov. Stitt and L.Gov Matt Pinnell, Atty Gen John O'Connor.

Ken, a conservative Christian, believes life begins at conception, and is against CRT being taught in the classrooms, supports biological gender for bathrooms, and for voter ID to vote. He was endorsed by the Tulsa County GOP. He wants to streamline the city's permit process to promote business.

Born and raised as one of 8 children in East Tulsa, family values were instilled in him from birth. Ken states, "Professionally, I am a Certified Project Manager and own my business Clean Slate Contracting LLC, and Fence & Roofing company. Before becoming a general contractor, I was a department supervisor for a PSO/AEP Contractor. Today, I manage projects for contractors and specialize in streamlining their processes by removing waste and creating efficiencies. I have twelve years seeking out specific special training and will graduate soon from OSU, to gain knowledge in many related fields. This training has made me very proficient in the management of utilities, energy, and electrical renovations." Reddick is married and has two children. To listen the candidate's views, go to the Channel 8 town hall below:

<https://ktul.com/news/local/your-voice-your-vote-city-council-runoff-election-town-hall>

### **LORI DECTER WRIGHT**     **Democrat**     **CERTIFIED VERY LIBERAL**



**Wright Signed LGBTQ..Z Proclamation for Pride Month June 22, 2022 for Tulsa**

**Voted Yes to \$954,000,000.00 Million Outrageous Budget for 2022**

**Voted Yes to \$639,000,000.00 Million Increase in 2019.**

Wright's Facebook posts include *numerous quotes from Bernie Sanders, avowed communist, gave financial support to him and to (AOC) Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez* and endorsed by Liberal paper Tulsa World.

In a taped council meeting discussing the 954 million budget, Mayor Bynum confirmed his voice on the meeting's recording, and he was muttering to himself, "She is so self-righteous" about Councilor Wright. "Councilor Decter Wright had just failed to pass an amendment that could have endangered the livelihoods of 225 police officers and firefighters, springing it on everyone at the last minute," Bynum said. "She repeatedly interrupted other councilors while they were attempting to express their views during the debate."

Interestingly, this is the same behavior witnessed in many council meetings at city hall, but this time she is interrupting city residents, especially conservatives trying to cut off their time to speak. In a meeting about Masks, she illegally tried to shut down against masks group speaking, and the council voted against her to continue.

Prior, Lori ran as Democrat for House District 67 and was defeated by Scott McEachin in 2016, a conservative Republican, filling Pam Peterson's seat who was term limited.

Wright originally from San Francisco, California, Wright graduated with degrees from San Hose State University. Wright and her husband previously were professional opera singers based in Silicon Valley. Wright is executive director of Kendall Whittier Incorporated (KWI), a community-based nonprofit organization supplies groceries in North Tulsa. She also is as Board President of Spotlight on Opera.



## TULSA COUNTY ASSESSOR



**JOHN A. WRIGHT, 67**

**Republican**

**Leans Conservative**

John Wright was designated Assessment Administrative Specialist by the International Association of Assessing Officials "to earn the respect of personnel in the office as well as the trust of the public." Nine times he attended the annual International Conference on Assessment staying current on the issues, challenges, management philosophy, market trends and latest technology of the assessment profession. He has attended and earned over 500 hours of professional development while in the profession. Wright has been a part of the interview, selection and part of the training of approximately 60% of the current staff of the Tulsa County Assessor's Office.



**TODD HAGOPIAN, 42**

**Libertarian**

**Very Liberal**

Todd Hagopian earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and an M.B.A. with a dual-major in marketing and finance from Michigan State University in May 2009. His career experience includes working as a financial advisor and as a bank manager. He held various manager and senior positions at the company Whirlpool Corporation, where he worked for six years. Hagopian worked for three years at the Illinois Tool Works. As of 2020, Hagopian was the **President of Unarco, a company owned by**

**Berkshire Hathaway ran by Warren Buffet.** He was the northeast regional chair of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party.

## JUDGES LOCAL - DISTRICT JUDGE - DISTRICT 14 OFFICE 12



**KEVIN GRAY 44**

**REPUBLICAN**

**YES**

Kevin Gray is an Assistant Tulsa County District Attorney in the Criminal Division under Tulsa DA Steven Kunzweiler. Gray for last 11 has been Director of the Homicide Unit, lead prosecutor on some of the most severe and high-profile murder cases. He is winner of the "Top Gun Award" in 2020 as outstanding prosecutor. Gray has a double major in history & political science from TU with a Master's from Texas A&M and J.D. from TU Law School. Few elected offices are as important as a District County Judge. Judges must be completely honest, know the law and must administer it fairly. Gray is smart, honest, believes in law and order and wants to help people. Kevin was attacked and hit by a man

with water thermos right after Judge read his conviction for Murder in 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Gray said he forgave the man as in this business, there is loss on both sides and emotions run high. Both DA Kunzweiler and Tulsa Beacon endorsed Gray.

<https://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/tulsa-county-prosecutor-attacked-in-courtroom>

<https://www.tulsatoday.com/2022/06/22/kevin-gray-district-judge-office-12/>



**TANYA N. WILSON, 49**

**DEMOCRAT**

**NO**

Tanya Wilson works at Stinnett Law. She was formerly with the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Bureau. Wilson received her bachelor's degree from Langston University, and her J.D. from the University of Tulsa College of Law. Tanya Wilson stated her most rewarding aspect is when a child who has been neglected or forgotten finds a loving home. In 2020 Tanya Wilson was appointed as a Special Judge in the Criminal Division.

[https://issuu.com/tulsacountybarassociation/docs/04-21\\_tl\\_web/s/12010136](https://issuu.com/tulsacountybarassociation/docs/04-21_tl_web/s/12010136)