

Candidate Survey Responses for August 23, 2022 Runoff Election

Each election year beginning in 1980 we have surveyed candidates for public office regarding various life issues so that Oklahoma's pro-life citizens may have accurate information about candidates' positions on these important questions. Oklahomans For Life is our statewide right-to-life organization, affiliated with the National Right to Life Committee. Oklahomans For Life asked the twelve questions below of candidates for statewide office and for the Oklahoma state Senate and the Oklahoma state House of Representatives. We asked candidates for Statewide office – since they would not be in a position literally to “vote for” legislation – to indicate by their answers whether they “support” such legislation. For state Senate and House races, the counties or partial counties (marked by an asterisk) in each district are indicated after the district number. On each question, a “yes” answer indicates agreement with the position of Oklahomans For Life. The abbreviation after a candidate's name indicates party affiliation (Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or Independent). The candidates' answers to each of the twelve questions are indicated.

Oklahomans For Life 2022 Candidate Survey

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Question 1: In its 1973 rulings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the U.S. Supreme Court created a “right to abortion,” and in the 1992 case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the Court reaffirmed the “core holdings” of *Roe v. Wade*. Do you advocate reversing the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* so the Oklahoma legislature may once again protect the lives of unborn children?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 2: Will you support increased funding for the Choosing Childbirth Program so that, as Oklahoma law protects the lives of unborn children and help is needed by increasing numbers of girls and women with unexpected problem pregnancies, Oklahoma's many Pregnancy Resource Centers will have the resources necessary to assist with counseling, ultrasounds, baby supplies, parenting programs, temporary shelter, etc.?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 3: Will you oppose attempts to repeal existing pro-life laws, even by entities purporting to oppose abortion, except as part of a comprehensive restructuring of pro-life laws designed both to withstand court scrutiny and to save the lives of unborn children as supported by Oklahomans For Life?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 4: Will you support legislation to require shared decision-making between a guardian and an adult with disabilities regarding the withholding or withdrawal of life-preserving medical care?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 5: Will you support state funding for a Public Guardianship program to advocate for vulnerable persons at risk for denial of life-preserving care, with safeguards to ensure that program guardians have no conflict of interest involving a medical provider, insurance company, or other entity or person not fully supportive of the right of vulnerable persons to receive life-preserving care?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 6: There is currently an aggressive drive underway to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide across the United States. Causing the starvation or dehydration deaths of persons with disabilities and of incompetent patients who are deemed to be a burden on others or to have a diminished “quality of life” is the euthanasia’s movement’s interim goal while they seek eventual public acceptance of killing by lethal injection or by lethal overdose of controlled substances/dangerous drugs. Oklahoma’s Hydration and Nutrition for Incompetent Patients Act protects incompetent persons who have not directed that they be deprived of food and water so they will not be victims of death by starvation or dehydration. Will you oppose any attempt to repeal or weaken this protective law?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 7: Oklahoma’s Nondiscrimination in Treatment Act requires that a health care provider shall not deny to a patient a life-preserving health care service the provider provides to other patients, and the provision of which is directed by the patient or a person authorized to make health care decisions for the patient: 1) On the basis of a view that treats extending the life of an elderly, disabled, or terminally ill individual as of lower value than extending the life of an individual who is younger, nondisabled, or not terminally ill; or 2) On the basis of disagreement with how the patient or person authorized to make health care decisions for the patient values the tradeoff between extending the length of the patient’s life and the risk of disability. Will you oppose any attempt to repeal or weaken this protective law?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 8: Oklahoma law protects against the involuntary denial of life-saving medical treatment by requiring that if a health-care provider’s refusal to comply with a decision made by or on behalf of a patient to receive life-saving medical treatment would, in reasonable medical judgment, be likely to result in the patient’s death, then the health-care provider must provide the life-saving treatment pending transfer of the patient to a willing provider. Will you oppose any attempt to repeal or weaken this protective law?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 9: Oklahoma’s advance directive (living will) law recognizes the particular importance of food and water. In order to ensure truly informed consent, our law requires a separately-initialed paragraph in an advance directive in order for artificial administration of food and water to be rejected. Some proposals have been made that would, instead, combine food and water with “medical treatment” such as ventilators or surgery, so that choosing to forego life-sustaining medical treatment would be assumed to mean the individual wanted to die by starvation and dehydration. In order to avoid confusion and protect individuals who expect to die from their underlying illness or injury, not from starvation or dehydration, will you vote against any bill that would repeal or weaken the existing requirement for a separately-initialed provision in an advance directive to indicate the rejection of food and water?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 10: Will you oppose attempts to weaken the safeguards and informed-consent protections whereby a person may express his or her wishes for life-preserving care under Oklahoma’s Advance Directive Law?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 11: Will you oppose the legalization of lethal prescriptions or lethal injections to intentionally kill an innocent person or to “assist” someone in committing suicide (“active euthanasia”)?

Yes ____ No ____

Question 12: Oklahoma, like all 49 other states, has adopted the Uniform Determination of Death Act,

under which “An individual who has sustained . . . irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem, is dead.” However, there is widespread undesirable variability in the standards being employed by different doctors and different health care facilities across the country for the determination of brain death. It is vitally important that physicians and health care facilities abide by the best available standards corresponding to consensus recommendations by relevant national medical specialty groups, such as the American Academy of Neurology. Will you support a law providing for promulgation of rules and continuing medical education for physicians authorized to make brain death determinations in order to ensure accuracy and consistency in such determinations?

Yes ____ No ____

Candidate responses are below.

STATEWIDE OFFICES

		Question Number												
		Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
STATE TREASURER														
TODD	RUSS	Rep	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
CLARK	JOLLEY	Rep	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

RYAN	WALTERS	Rep	Survey answers not returned to us											
APRIL	GRACE	Rep	Survey answers not returned to us											

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

LESLIE KATHRYN	OSBORN	Rep	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
SEAN	ROBERTS	Rep	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

KIM	DAVID	Rep	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
TODD	THOMSEN	Rep	Survey answers not returned to us											

STATE SENATE

(To learn your Senate District #, go to our website www.OkForLife.org and click on “Find Your Legislators,” then enter your address and scroll down to the photo of your current state senator under “State Senate.” The number just below your senator’s photo is your Senate district number. Or you could get your district number by phoning your County Election Board and telling them your address. Half of the Senate is up for election every two years. Even-numbered districts are up for election this year.)

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District 2 - *Rogers, *Tulsa														
ALLY	SEIFRIED	Rep	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
JARRIN	JACKSON	Rep	Survey answers not returned to us											

District 4 - Adair, *Cherokee, *Delaware, *Sequoyah

KEITH A. BARENBERG Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes
TOM WOODS Rep Survey answers not returned to us

District 26 - Blaine, Caddo, Custer, *Canadian, *Kingfisher

BRADY BUTLER Rep Survey answers not returned to us
DARCY ALLEN JECH Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes

District 28 - Lincoln, *Logan, *Oklahoma, *Pottawatomie, Seminole

JEFF McCOMMAS Rep Survey answers not returned to us
GRANT GREEN Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Party 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

District 13 - *Melntosh, *Muskogee, *Wagoner

NEIL HAYS Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes
CARLISA ROGERS Rep Survey answers not returned to us

District 21 - *Bryan, *Marshall

DUSTIN REID Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes
CODY MAYNARD Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes

District 31 - *Logan, *Oklahoma

COLLIN DUEL Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes
KARMIN GRIDER Rep Survey answers not returned to us

District 34 - *Payne

MICHAEL BAUGHMAN Rep Survey answers not returned to us
ANDREW MUCHMORE Rep Survey answers not returned to us

District 36 - *Oklahoma, *Cleveland

JOHN GEORGE Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes
ANITA RAGLIN Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes

District 66- *Caddo, *Comanche

CLAY STAIRES Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes
GABE RENFROW Rep yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes

District 87 - *Oklahoma

SCOTT ESK Rep Survey answers not returned to us
GLORIA A. BANISTER Rep Survey answers not returned to us

Congressional Candidate Survey

National Right to Life surveyed candidates for the two U.S. Senate seats and the five U.S. House of Representatives seats regarding various types of federal pro-life legislation. The initials after a candidate's name represent party affiliation. Only one U.S. Senate seat and one U.S. House seat are on the ballot for the August 23rd Runoff Election.

U.S. Senate - Republican (current Jim Inhofe seat)

Markwayne Mullin	Rep	Pro-life answers on survey and 100% pro-life voting record in Congress
T.W. Shannon	Rep	Pro-life answers on survey

U.S. Senate - Democrat

Jason Bollinger	Dem	Did not answer and return survey
Madison Horn	Dem	Did not answer and return survey

U.S. Representative, District 2

Josh Brecheen	Rep	Pro-life answers on survey
Avery Frix	Rep	Pro-life answers on survey