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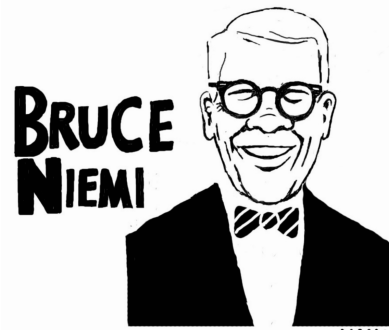
TULSA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

November Newsletter

Letter from The Chair:

Gaza

Your Tulsa County Democratic Party received calls for the party to oppose funding for Israel and for a Free Palestine. For a politician specializing in state and local government wading into international relations and comparative politics is a heavy load. It is incumbent upon the party to take a stand on a global situation that, if our government doesn't take a leading role, the world will end up in a conflagration like history has never seen.



The TCDP supports President Biden, our party's titular leader, and his Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, in calling for a humanitarian pause to the fighting and a two-state solution for this region.

Today's conflict in the Middle East is pulling our politics apart. The Wall Street Journal reported Democrats are divided over it. Israel is our closest in the Levant. At the same time, we see injustices on Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank perpetrated by the ultraconservative Israeli government creating apartheid with settlements and checkpoints for the people of these territories. We cannot let charges of genocide or antisemitism influence this debate and erode our party's chances in Campaign 2024.

Israel has every right to defend itself from Hamas that is terrorizing its people as a surrogate for Iran. Iran's goal is ultimately to get rid of U.S. influence and forces in the Middle East and destroy Israeli sovereignty. In this effort, Iran's theocratic government is in cahoots with Vladimir Putin in prosecuting the Russo-Ukrainian War! In suppressing Hamas Israel needs to protect innocent Palestinian citizens and their children in Gaza and elsewhere this conflict evolves.

Bibi Netanyahu doesn't need to make the Israel-Hamas War an excuse to clear Palestinians out for further expansion. A cease fire should be called to get nonbelligerent civilians out of the way before there is any more killing and destruction. Then Israeli leadership needs to negotiate with world organizations to map out an equitable future for Israelis and Palestinians on this 8,500 square mile (about the area of New Jersey) sliver of land on the shores of the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

A great divide in American politics is the debate over our nation's role in the world. Since Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democrats have sided with internationalism - that the U.S. is involved in the community of nations. Our party supported the war on fascism, founded the United Nations, created the Marshall Plan, led the free world in the Cold War, and stood up to global terrorism. Democrats must continue their historical stance of supporting to mediate this situation and move forward in implementing the two-state solution.

Candidate Recruitment

Campaign 2024 is upon us. I am deluged with appeals by candidates already in the race and it isn't even the New Year, much less the filing dates in early April 2024. Your party's county central committee is working to fill every elected office opening from school board to U.S. Congress. We want to turn Tulsa County Blue this election year by electing Democrats from the White House to the Courthouse and that's why we need candidates to do it. Our Vice Chairwoman Cing Nuam has compiled a comprehensive list of open seats across Tulsa County. If you have an interest in joining the Democratic Ticket, give us a call and let's get started.

Party for the Party

Continuing your party's fundraising efforts started with August's Midsummer Party for the Party, Melani Hamilton and Keith McArtor are graciously opening their lovely Owen Park home for another Party commemorating Oklahoma Statehood Day (plus one) at 6:00 P.M., on Friday, November 17th at 515 North Union Avenue.

Ryan Walter is at it again

You have got to admire the political antics of our State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Oklahoma Watch is watching his rise to fame from an award-winning McAlester history teacher emulated by his students who interestingly thought of him as a "closeted Democrat"; to a conservative mouthpiece for school choice, religious education, and basically the destruction of public education.

Meanwhile, our State Superintendent is signaling he isn't just after destroying Oklahoma schools but has bigger targets on the national stage. The Watch now reports the Oklahoma Department of Education is recruiting a communications staff person to boost Mr. Walter's image on the national stage by issuing "a minimum of three op-eds, two speeches and 10 media bookings per month." In addition, last Wednesday Superintendent Walters announced he is joining the Donald Trump presidential campaign. His new press agent and his Trump sightings will make up for the snub Walters must have felt at last summer's CPAC gala and we will undoubtedly see more Walter's SUV appearances on Fox News and other conservative magic shows.

In politics you must admire the Blind Ambition of an elected official that wants to take a secondary state office to a whole new level. Another example of why elections to these “down ballot” offices matter. He’s grabbing the levers of power and before it is all over, we expect Ryan Walters to be seeking greater glory as a U.S. senator or U.S. secretary of education.

Tulsa Athletic Fundraiser

The Tulsa Athletic event was well attended with 27 of those tickets coming from Democrats that came out to support Tulsa Athletic! It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Hiks Park and made better after Tulsa pulled off a win with the final score being 4-2 over Sporting KC.

We are deeply thankful to Tulsa Athletic for partnering with us in this and we look forward to more community partnerships like this in the future!

Sustaining Contributions

A friend recently got after me when I approached them about a donation to our party’s treasury. They said, “I like to hear from you and candidates about the issues until y’all start asking for money.” I mentioned Jesse “Big Daddy” Unruh, the famous California Democratic lawmaker’s quote “money is the mother’s milk of politics.” We need it for media, postage, headquarters rent...just every expense to win elections. And, when our people are elected, money is needed to boost budget appropriations for education, fund legislation to better the plight of the poor, and to pay for infrastructure and public works projects.

Here’s a novel way to avoid having to listen to my pleas for contributions by saying “I gave at the office” and signing up for sustaining contributions. Use the button below and indicate you’re contributing \$5, \$10, \$25 or whatever you can to keep our party viable in Election 2024.

Thank you for your continued support of TCDP!

Democratically Yours,

Bruce Niemi, Chair

[Volunteer!](#)

[Donate Here!](#)

Join one of our Committees!

The TCDP executive team voted to enhance our impact by forming three new committees! We are seeking enthusiastic Democrats from all backgrounds and walks of life to help shape the

direction of our party. Join us today and contribute your skills to any of the following committees:

Candidate Recruitment: The Candidate Recruitment Committee is responsible for identifying and recruiting Democratic candidates to run for office in Tulsa County. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Community Action: The Community Action Committee is responsible for identifying volunteer activities and county initiatives that TCDP volunteers can take part in. This Committee plays a vital role in building and sustaining relationships in communities across the county. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Education: The Education Committee is a place for public education advocates to come together and promote our party's values. This committee will work closely with the Legislative Advocacy Committee and will help engage the membership in events and initiatives that support public education in Tulsa County. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Events: The Events Committee is responsible for planning, organizing, and executing successful events that align with the organization's mission and goals, providing memorable experiences for participants. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Fundraising: The Fundraising Committee is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to secure financial resources and support for the Tulsa Democratic Party's (TCDP) activities, programs, and projects. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Legislative Advocacy: The Legislative Advocacy Committee is responsible for tracking and updating our membership on happenings at the state legislature and training members on how to find their representatives, track active legislation, and effectively communicate with their legislators. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Marketing & Outreach: The Marketing & Outreach Committee will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies to promote the Tulsa County Democratic Party's (TCDP) values (a reflection of our resolutions passed in the convention), events, candidates, and to grow the party through traditional and digital media. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Volunteer Recruitment: The Volunteer Recruitment Committee is responsible for identifying, recruiting, training, and retaining volunteers to staff the office, staff events, and help candidates during the election cycle. [Sign Up Here!](#)

Joining a committee gives you a unique chance to collaborate with like-minded individuals, make a tangible difference, and contribute to our success in Tulsa County!

[Join a Committee!](#)



Future Events



MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

6:00PM SOCIAL

6:30PM MEETING

Guest Speaker:

To be Announced!

Schusterman-Benson Library
3333 E 32nd Pl
Tulsa, OK 74135

*Stay
tuned*

November Monthly Meeting

All Democrats are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Tulsa County Democratic Party!

Tuesday, November 28th
6:00pm Social Gathering
6:30pm Program / Speaker Begins

Schusterman-Benson Library
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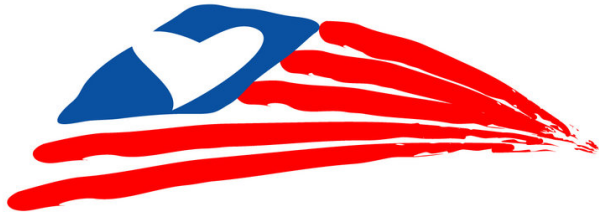
Our November monthly meeting will be at the Schusterman-Benson Library on Tuesday, October 24th, 6-8 P.M. Monthly meetings are a way for Democrats to meet up and hear presentations on important issues of the day.

The featured speaker for our November meeting is to be announced so stay tuned!

We hope you will put this on your calendar.

See you there!

HEART OF THE PARTY



Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women

**Join HOP
TONIGHT!**

Join the Heart of the Party for their
November monthly meeting at
Baxters Interurban Grill on Monday,
November 6th, 6-8 P.M.

We hope to see you there!

Monday, November 6th
6:00pm - Order Dinner / Social
6:30pm - Meeting Begins

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