

# SHAY VARNELL, CANDIDATE FOR WARD 1

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**1. If elected to City Council, what will be your top priorities?**

To keep the promise that our City government made to the citizens of OKC in regards to MAPS4. There are a lot of great projects that we are all looking forward to seeing completed. My guess is with the rise in building cost that we have seen in the past year, several of these project will be over budget and I would hate to see projects get cut or under-built.

FIRST RESPONDERS: Support the OKCPD and OKCFD department in a way that lets them do their job in a safe and efficient manner.

Streets and bridges, this is all the people that I've knocked on their doors want to talk about. Try to provide the safest streets and bridges we can.

**2. What do you think the city's role should be in education, specifically as it relates to the Oklahoma City Public School district?**

Ward 1 is the only Ward in OKC that does not have an OKCPS school in it. I feel speaking "specifically" about OKCPS and not speaking about the other intercity districts would be neglectful. I think the City should do what they do (provide city services) and let ALL school district do what they do (educate the community).

**3. Do you support allowing voters to decide whether to tax themselves to build a regional transit/commuter rail system in central Oklahoma (to connect, for example, Norman, Edmond, OKC and Tinker AFB)?**

Yes

**4. Do you support the continued use of the City's Economic Development Trust to recruit companies to locate in OKC?**

Yes

**5. Do you support the MAPS programs in OKC, a public infrastructure initiative used since 1993 to fund quality-of-life projects and other programs with temporary one-cent sales taxes?**

Yes

**6. Do you support the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts to support economic development in OKC?**

Yes

**7. Do you support the use of eminent domain to acquire private property to facilitate the implementation of future MAPS projects?**

Yes

**8. Do you support the state's Historical Building Tax credit which has been used by the City to renovate buildings such as the Skirvin Hotel?**

Yes

**9. Do you favor a 1 cent increase in the City's Hotel/Motel tax to promote tourism in OKC?**

Yes

**10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The OKC Police Department receives too much of our local tax dollars and police practices need to be significantly reformed and/or defunded."**

Disagree