

BARBARA YOUNG, CANDIDATE FOR WARD 3

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

My priorities as a council member include ensuring that the council keeps OKC open for business both for existing companies as well as for new businesses coming into our city by ensuring that no new job crushing regulations or taxes are approved and by looking for ways to draw back any negative things that may exist today; Also a priority is ensuring that tax dollars come back into ward 3 for our citizens in the way of infrastructure improvements and additional amenities through development opportunities; and lastly by ensuring that our first responders are supported and funded properly to ensure Oklahoma City is a safe place to work, live and play.

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

Good schools are critical for economic growth. Council should continue its partnership with OKCPS (and all the districts in city limits) to provide the best possible public education to our youth. The last several years the district has taken great strides and I expect continued improvement in years to come. My experience with Dr. McDaniel during his tenure with Mustang Public Schools tells me that he's the man for the job and with time, support and continued advocacy for the district, success will be achieved. The district recently released their strategic plan which is commendable. Council should provide encouragement and guidance to ensure that our kids are being given the opportunities to learn about many different points of thought as well as encouraging kids to understand and develop practiced personal finance knowledge and skills.

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)?

Don't know

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?

Don't know

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