




# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OKLAHOMA

## Questions for Candidates for U.S. Congress 2008

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, has been working for the past 88 years to encourage citizen participation in government. Believing that informed voters are essential to our democracy, the League provides information on candidates and issues to the public. A questionnaire was sent to all candidates for US Congress from Oklahoma, and the responses are presented below. The League does not edit or alter in any way the candidates' information or responses except if the 75-word limit was exceeded.

<b>Question 1. List the educational, professional and/or community experiences that prepare you to be a good Congressman. Please include your campaign website to give voters access to additional information. (75-word limit)</b>	
<i>District 1</i>	
Georgiana Oliver Democrat Tulsa, OK	No response.
Mark Manley Democrat Tulsa, OK 	Mark Manley graduated from Memorial High School in Tulsa and attended NEO in Miami, OK, completing an Associate Degree in Science, before attending the University of Oklahoma in Norman. After working in manufacturing at the Port of Catoosa for 24 years, Mark was forced to find another career when the plant he worked for had massive layoffs. After some consideration, Mark chose the healthcare profession and has worked for several years as a patient care technician at St. Francis Hospital, hoping to complete his education in the nursing field. Mark is a member of Tulsa County Democrats, Democracy for America, United for Peace and Justice and Tulsa Peace Fellowship. <a href="http://www.ManleyforCongress.com">www.ManleyforCongress.com</a>
John Sullivan Republican Tulsa, OK	No response.
Fran Moghaddam Republican, Tulsa, OK	The University of Tulsa-Bs in Management Science Will Roger State College, AA business Administration Licensed and certified in Life and Health Insurance, Banking and Secretarial Science Will Pursue Master degree in Political since I served on the Mayor's Task Force regarding issues pertaining to parenting, public safety and environmental concerns I will utilize my VAST INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, and EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES IN A MORE APPROPRIATE FOURM for Political office at the federal level. <a href="http://www.franmoghaddam.blogspot.com">www.franmoghaddam.blogspot.com</a>
<i>District 2</i>	
Dan Boren Democrat Muskogee, OK	No response.
Kevin Coleman Democrat Grove, OK	A. I graduated 1993 from NEO A @ M College in Miami Oklahoma Associates of Applies Science, 3.97 GPA, graduated 1993 top of my class. I tested for the American Society of Clinical Technology MLT(ASCP) in 1993. Passed on my first try. i was honored with the CSC for chemistry and Physics Award at my college in

	1992, for academic Excellencies. B. i have managed my small business for twenty years. I have been married to one woman Lisa my wife for 20 years this September. i have raised two sons Matthew 19, and Thomas 17. i am committed, compassionate and creative three thing any productive congressman must have to get things done in Washington D.C.
Raymond J. Wickson Republican Okmulgee, OK	No response.
<i>District 3</i>	
Frankie Robbins Democrat Medford, OK	No response.
Frank D. Lucas Republican Cheyenne, OK	No response.
Forrest Michael Independent Cherokee, OK	No response.
<i>District 4</i>	
Blake Cummings Democrat Pauls Valley, OK	<a href="http://www.blakecummingsforcongress.com">www.blakecummingsforcongress.com</a> . I have a BBA in Petroleum Land Management from OU and have worked in the oil and telecommunications industries most of my adult life. I have supported Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross. My work in government relations over the years has allowed me to organize and participate in community events, negotiate contracts with city governments, and discuss local issues with elected officials.
Tom Cole Republican Norman, OK	No response.
David E. Joyce Independent Wynnewood, OK	No response.
<i>District 5</i>	
Bert Smith Democrat Oklahoma City, OK	I have a BS in Agricultural Economics and an MBA in Finance. I am a retired military officer with active duty experience as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. I currently teach math in Oklahoma City Public Schools, which is extremely diverse both socially and economically. I have a history with the Jaycees, as a coach for youth sports, and as a recruiter for West Point. I am not a career politician. I understand a nd have seen personally the toll war, poverty, and a lack of opportunity can have on people. I have a strong desire to change the current direction of American policy, both foreign and domestic. My website is <a href="http://www.bertsmithforcongressok5.com">www.bertsmithforcongressok5.com</a> .
Steven L. Perry Democrat Oklahoma City, OK	No response.
Mary Fallin Republican Oklahoma City, OK	No response.

<b>Question 2. What should be done, if anything, at the federal level to reduce our use and dependence on fossil fuels? (75-word limit)</b>	
<i>District 1</i>	
Georgiana Oliver	No response.
Mark Manley	Mark would support public investment in alternative energy resources and promote a “Works Green” Administration to implement forms of renewable energy throughout the nation and particularly in Oklahoma where the wind blows and clean, natural gas is abundant, leading the way to convert our nation from oil dependence and into a sustainable future
John Sullivan	No response.
Fran Moghaddam	Since we receive 60% of our oil from other countries. We must continue development of more new technology and continue our search for new alternative energy within the United States to provide clean air and use alternative methods like, hydrogen, electric fuel cell, cellulosic, bio fuels, wind power, and geothermal. Thank God we are the country full of resources like oil and natural gas; we do not need to be concerned about foreign oil. DRILL IT Now!!! Start working not just talking.
<i>District 2</i>	
Dan Boren	No response.
Kevin Coleman	The leadership in Congress, house Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the majority leader in the Senate Harry Reid must lift the restriction on drilling in federal lands, off shore etc. Right now today! America will revolt because of the oil monopoly and deception and inaction of Washington to respond to the peoples needs?
Raymond J. Wickson	No response.
<i>District 3</i>	
Frankie Robbins	No response.
Frank D. Lucas	No response.
Forrest Michael	No response.
<i>District 4</i>	
Blake Cummings	Because of our fuel crisis, we must place all options on the table, but any opening up of restricted drilling areas should be associated with a concurrent reduction of foreign oil imports. We must also pursue, as a country, advances in renewable energy technology with the same level of dedication and commitment that we had when putting a man on the moon in the 1960s.
Tom Cole	No response.
David E. Joyce	No response.
<i>District 5</i>	
Bert Smith	We must develop alternative sources of energy other than fossil fuels. I am open to all new ideas and enterprises, and believe there should be adequate funding at the Federal level. This is America! With the right leadership, I have NO DOUBT that we can cut our need for foreign oil by 50% in 10 years
Steven L. Perry	No response.
Mary Fallin	No response.
<b>Question 3. What should be our short term and long-term goals in Iraq and the rest of the Middle East? (75-word limit)</b>	
<i>District 1</i>	
Georgiana Oliver	No response.
Mark Manley	Mark supports a responsible, but immediate withdrawal from Iraq that includes diplomacy, talking with leaders throughout the area to create stability, and opening up

	contracts for reconstruction through a legal bidding process. Mark also believes in terminating contracts that provide employees without any accountability under both Iraqi and US law.
John Sullivan	No response.
Fran Moghaddam	TO BECOME UNITED AND HAVE A ONE VIOCE AS AMERICANS “Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. “ TO SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS, TO COMPLETE OUR MISSION, to prevent and stop the killing of our soldiers, and innocent people FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FREEDON, Middle Eastern and the world countries. This will save money and lives. We are number one country in the world. We have to remain number one to help others. I am talking from the experience.
<i>District 2</i>	
Dan Boren	No response.
Kevin Coleman	911 Smokescreen, Bush lied about his motive to go to war? The real reason was oil, kill Saddam to calm Israel and test new hard wear and fighting tactics. Now that we are there? i support using Iraq's oil to pay for war. I support a permanent presents in the region.
Raymond J. Wickson	No response.
<i>District 3</i>	
Frankie Robbins	No response.
Frank D. Lucas	No response.
Forrest Michael	No response.
<i>District 4</i>	
Blake Cummings	In the next few months, we should work toward giving Iraq back to the Iraqis to govern and provide security for themselves, and to bring our troops home. Long-term, we should reduce our dependence on their oil reserves and let the region find ways to peace. We can’t force them to do it; they have to do it for themselves. Our continued presence in Iraq will hinder, not help, the process.
Tom Cole	No response.
David E. Joyce	No response.
<i>District 5</i>	
Bert Smith	We must get our troops out of Iraq. We cannot afford this ill-conceived debacle either financially or physically. Our brave soldiers are being abused, fighting courageously for a mission that has changed from one thing to another in the last seven years. We must not be afraid to use diplomacy and speak to all the players. We must help more in Afghanistan. But most importantly, we must become less dependent on their oil.
Steven L. Perry	No response.
Mary Fallin	No response.
<b>Question 4. What should the federal government do, if anything to ensure that every American has health coverage? (75-word limit)</b>	
<i>District 1</i>	
Georgiana Oliver	No response.
Mark Manley	Mark supports universal, single payer, not for profit healthcare system for all Americans, but is willing to work with both democrats and republicans to ensure a comprehensive plan to insure all Americans. Mark will never vote for a bill without first reading and giving careful consideration to all aspects of the bill. Mark also promises to discuss these important issues with his constituents before voting.
John Sullivan	No response.

Fran Mohaddam	Three magic words; Compassion, Compromise and Care, could resolve our health care system. It is imperative to educate people on health life styles BEFORE they become ill, policy Insurance Companies to provide the services for the specialists like the Nutrition Doctor who could prevent citizens' illness. Accessibility to clinics for the minor health issue could help citizens' illness, time and money. KEEPING attorneys busy with lawsuits is NOT a feasible way of insuring good health care.
<i>District 2</i>	
Dan Boren	No response.
Kevin Coleman	County government issue. I think the county should own the Hospitals like, roads EMS fire and police, this way all the hard wear for the hospital will be locally owned and managed by county employees. All health care workers doctors nurses, lab techs, radiology and pharmacy will be tied to a pay scale tied to a state approved rate schedule. The federal government will destroy the health care system if given the chance?
Raymond J. Wickson	No response.
<i>District 3</i>	
Frankie Robbins	No response.
Frank D. Lucas	No response.
Forrest Michael	No response.
<i>District 4</i>	
Blake Cummings	I think we should have a program that will provide health care for all children under the age of 18. Healthy children become healthy adults; healthy people do not burden the system. At all ages, life and death, or quality of life issues, should be addressed by the doctor and patient only, not a profit-oriented business manager for an HMO. Insurance Company dollars and HMO profit margins have influenced health decisions far too much.
Tom Cole	No response.
David E. Joyce	No response.
<i>District 5</i>	
Bert Smith	I support health coverage for every American. The size of your wallet should not be the deciding factor on whether you can take yourself or your sick children to the doctor. America's health care system is a disgrace. It is immoral to deny health benefits to over forty million of our fellow citizens. There are a number of things the Federal government can do, including funding (which would be easier if we were out of Iraq) and leadership.
Steven L. Perry	No response.
Mary Fallin	No response.
<b>Question 5. What should the federal government do about immigration? (75 word limit)</b>	
<i>District 1</i>	
Georgiana Oliver	No response.
Mark Manley	Mark supports a tough but fair immigration policy. He does not believe in splitting up families and wants to promote fairness and equal rights to people of all races.
John Sullivan	No response.
Fran Moghaddam	For over 30 years they are still talking thanks to our Congress! The damage has done already; leave us with 20,000.000 illegal immigrants. We need to secure the boarder, Identify illegal immigrants who already here. To reform our Immigration law.

	Cohesiveness working relations with our neighbor countries could help us to protect our country from Terrorist and Drug dealers for our Citizens' safety. After all we do not need more enemies " in our next door neighbors."
<i>District 2</i>	
Dan Boren	No response.
Kevin Coleman	I support the use of deadly force by our border patrol in time of war to seal the country from terrorist.. Any illegal alien will be fined 2500.00 dollars and will be deported at their cost. i support temporary work permits. i support local and state enforcement of federal immigration laws. i support banning the anchor baby law as a legal reason for citizenship.
Raymond J. Wickson	No response.
<i>District 3</i>	
Frankie Robbins	No response.
Frank D. Lucas	No response.
Forrest Michael	No response.
<i>District 4</i>	
Blake Cummings	First, secure our borders. Second, give hard-working illegals a chance to be legal and pursue citizenship by their paying taxes and social security like the rest of us. If they are not working, have committed crimes, or are otherwise a burden, and do not want to follow the rules going forward, deport them. With a more secure border, only those that want to follow the rules will be allowed in.
Tom Cole	No response.
David E. Joyce	No response.
<i>District 5</i>	
Bert Smith	I support a path to citizenship for people who are working and paying taxes. I also support strong border control, because we must be ever diligent due to the threat of terrorism. However, I do not support the break-up of families in these sweeps that haul people off without notice. I believe in an America that provides better lives and opportunities to everyone and I think we can do this in a smart, careful manner.
Steven L. Perry	No response.
Mary Fallin	No response.
<b>Question 6. Do you favor any changes in federal laws protecting water quality, air quality, the natural landscape, endangered species or laws to reduce global warming? (75-word limit)</b>	
<i>District 1</i>	
Georgiana Oliver	No response.
Mark Manley	Mark favors changes to current policy that will protect the quality of life for all Americans, including reinstating laws to protect national parks, clean air and water, and endangered species as part of an aggressive policy on global warming.
John Sullivan	No response.
Fran Moghaddam	Since I am strong supporters for water and air quality, for the healthier population. I am in favor of studying the existing Laws to see if improvements are needed to improve the water and air qualities and the natural landscaping. I support clean environmental standards; I am not in favor restrictions on the U.S. that is not applied to the other nations. I am in favor to study and see if the change of law could help !
<i>District 2</i>	
Dan Boren	No response.
Kevin Coleman	I oppose the united nation's global warming add campaign, the debate is not over! I support clean air, water and soil. i support land owners rights over " Endangered

	Species" rights. This law has been used wrongfully by the mentally ill people in the environmental Mafia to steal Americana's land rights. I support the elimination of the EPA, and giving that right to the states.
Raymond J. Wickson	No response.
<i>District 3</i>	
Frankie Robbins	No response.
Frank D. Lucas	No response.
Forrest Michael	No response.
<i>District 4</i>	
Blake Cummings	For the most part, current standards for air and water are fine; stricter enforcement of the laws would help greatly. We cannot ignore global warming. Too many changes for it not to be real. Reduction of pollutants over a number of years is fine, if they are structured to provide actual reductions, are set in stone, and won't be repealed by future administrations. Advancements in renewable energy will help cut down on carbon emissions.
Tom Cole	No response.
David E. Joyce	No response.
<i>District 5</i>	
Bert Smith	The current administration has broken many of these federal laws. They should be strengthened and enforced. In addition, I would encourage and support a rule abolishing the appointment of non-scientists in positions that require scientific study. There should be no more censorship on environmental matters.
Steven L. Perry	No response.
Mary Fallin	No response.



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