



EDMOND DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

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EDMOND DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ENDORSES CHAUNTÉ GILMORE FOR OKLAHOMA HOUSE DISTRICT 30

Edmond Democratic Women announces endorsement for Chaunté Gilmore a democratic candidate for Oklahoma House District 30. Chaunté shares the values of the Edmond Democratic Women and we believe she is uniquely qualified to represent House District 30. For more information about Chaunté or to volunteer to help with her campaign efforts, please visit her website <https://www.gilmoreforok.com/>.

MEET CHAUNTÉ

Chaunté moved to Oklahoma City in 1996 and graduated from Putnam City High school... The Original! She is a proud alumna of Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) where she received her associate's degree in physical therapy. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University in Athletic Training. Lastly, she received her Master's in Business Administration and Healthcare Administration from Mid-America Christian University.

Chaunté is involved in her community and continues to serve in many capacities. She has served as an officer in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, Director of Alumni and Recruitment for New Leaders Council, and Oklahoma Chapter Director for New Leaders Council. She was also a member of Oklahoma City Young Professionals for three years, the Junior League of Oklahoma City, the Greater OKC Urban League Guild, and Leadership Oklahoma City. Serving in these leadership capacities has allowed her the opportunity to help others grow and develop their own skills in an effort to make progressive change across the state of Oklahoma. Chaunté believes she can inspire others and continue to make an impact at the State Capitol as well!

Chaunté has always cared about her community and leaving a positive legacy for future generations. As a child, she watched her grandmother be a servant-leader in Lawton, Oklahoma, serving her church and other community organizations, and eventually running for Lawton city council.

The lasting impact of service has had a major effect on Chaunté to be an advocate for herself and others.

CHAUNTÉ'S ISSUES

Healthcare

As a physical therapist assistant, I believe that Healthcare is a human right. I will fight to expand access to behavioral & mental health care, substance abuse care, and suicide prevention resources for communities across the state, especially for young people and our veterans. Food security and creating more affordable housing are key to a healthier community as well. I will also fight to protect the right to access reproductive healthcare for every person.

Education

Oklahoma's kids and teachers deserve better. For far too long, our state has failed to adequately fund education. In order for us to be a well-educated community, we must ensure that our teachers are making a living wage with competitive benefits to keep them here instead of going out of state.

Criminal Justice Reform

Oklahoma is #1 in the nation for the incarceration of Women and #3 in the nation for the incarceration of men per capita. In an effort to curb over-incarceration, we must be proactive in solving the root causes of crime and rehabilitate non-violent offenders. That means expanding pretrial diversion programs, ending cash bail to avoid turning county jails into make-shift debtors prisons and putting an end to state-sanctioned violence like the death penalty.

Environment and Infrastructure

Every person needs access to clean water, air, and a healthy environment to live in. Our state needs an investment in roads, bridges, and public transportation across communities both urban and rural. The pandemic has taught us that access to the internet is more vital than ever. It's time to propel Oklahoma into the 21st century by investing in our infrastructure. With the help of clean energy, public works projects, and green jobs, we can ensure a higher quality of life for generations to come.

Protecting Worker's Rights and Expanding Labor Laws

I believe in raising the minimum wage to a living wage because \$7.25 is too low to live on. Oklahoma workers have the right to organize which means having support for strong unions. I believe in laws regarding parental leave for mothers, fathers, and caretakers. I also believe in investing in education funding for a diverse workforce. We must also protect the rights of expression in the workplace for religious minorities, our LGBTQ2S+ community, and other marginalized communities.

Fighting Discrimination and Corruption

Kevin Stitt's administration has made it hard to pass meaningful legislation in our state chambers. Instead, he has made back-door deals with restaurants, used the government to benefit his own businesses, mismanaged funding during the COVID-19 crisis, and targeted multiple communities by directly restricting their rights. The Stitt administration has fought against the sovereignty of the Tribes, created barriers to entry for the Medical Marijuana community, and punished our schools for supporting students of LGBTQ2S+ backgrounds. This is not an inclusive administration. I pledge to be a candidate who fights to protect ALL Oklahomans regardless of race, party, class, or orientation.

This information was taken from Chaunté's website: gilmoreforok.org