



EDMOND DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

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EDMOND DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ENDORSES TEGAN MALONE FOR OKLAHOMA HOUSE DISTRICT 95

Edmond Democratic Women announces endorsement for Tegan Malone a democratic candidate for Oklahoma House District 95. Tegan shares the values of the Edmond Democratic Women and we believe she is uniquely qualified to represent House District 95. For more information about Tegan or to volunteer to help with her campaign efforts, please visit her website <https://www.teganforok.com/>.

MEET TEGAN

Tegan Malone's roots run deep in Midwest City. Going back to the war efforts in the 1940s, Tegan's grandfather worked on aircraft to keep our pilots in the air. Growing up near Tinker AFB, the collectiveness of community and the importance of service above self was never lost on Tegan.

Tegan attended East Side Elementary, Ridgecrest Elementary, Monroney Junior High, and Carl Albert High School, where she graduated as senior class president and valedictorian. After graduation, Tegan attended Rose State College and the University of Oklahoma. In 1999, Tegan gave birth to her son Brayden, and her family became an Air Force family - being stationed first at Travis AFB in California. After adding their second son, Camden, to their family, Tegan went back to school and earned a post-baccalaureate teaching certificate and a Masters Degree in Teaching from Western Governors University. She began teaching elementary school shortly after receiving her Masters.

After returning to Oklahoma, Tegan continued teaching at Pleasant Hill Elementary, where she was a finalist for Mid-Del's district Teacher of the Year, Fairview Elementary, and Kerr Middle School. Tegan transitioned out of the classroom and into the nonprofit sector.

Tegan is an avid cyclist and led the Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship. She also brought the popular Bike Club program from Tulsa to the OKC metro, starting the first program at Kerr Middle School (now Del City Middle School). Tegan is currently the president-elect of BikeOklahoma, and a member of the Oklahoma Trails Advisory Board which assists the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation administer the Federal Recreational Trails Grant Program.

Alongside cycling, Tegan enjoys spending time with her partner, Ryan, their kids Brayden, Camden, Carlie, and Harison.

TEGAN'S ISSUES

Education

Put simply, our students shouldn't be our biggest exports. Our best and brightest are oftentimes the quickest to leave the state for better opportunities. As our Representative, Tegan will fight tooth and nail to ensure we are investing into the

future of our state and focusing on keeping our students in Oklahoma. This means not just investing into our K-12 schools, but ensuring our public universities are among the first universities our students are considering for college.

Changing our State's Current Course

This past legislative session was difficult to watch. Rather than moving our state in a direction that benefits all Oklahomans, we instead focused on hot-button issues and banning our teachers from teaching history as it happened. We need leaders who are working to serve the residents of Oklahoma and not waste our tax-payer dollars writing and passing legislation that puts us on the wrong path and is irrelevant to our daily lives.

Transportation

Tegan's background in active transportation has afforded her a unique perspective on the incredible things happening all over our state. She has witnessed and coached numerous communities to increase opportunities for safer routes for active transportation. She understands that Oklahoma has some of the most progressive cycling laws in the country, and building on this success will enable Oklahoma to be a Top Ten State with regards to its transportation infrastructure.

Veterans and Military Families

Service above self - this is the mantra of so many people who feel called to serve our country. Sacrifice comes in many different forms, from leaving the only town a person has ever known, to missing the birth of a child, struggling to find employment at a new duty station for a spouse or partner, and yes, even laying down one's own life in service to our country, our military families make sacrifices daily to ensure our American ideals. We must uphold the promises made in exchange for this service. Healthcare, job assistance, sound public education, and a strong public safety net are part of this package. Anything less is dishonorable to the sacrifices of so many.

Jobs

Ensuring we aren't leaving behind families and residents of the Mid-Del area should always be a top priority for our elected officials. Tegan will fight to invest more into our technology centers and vo-tech schools, making higher education accessible to our residents. Creating more job opportunities in House District 95 starts with investing in our education system and equipping our workforce with the knowledge and tools to find or create good-paying jobs in our ever-growing competitive job market.

This information was taken from Tegan's website: teganforok.com