



Pro-Life Dewey Bartlett in Tight Race with Pro-Abortion Tom Adelson for Tulsa Mayor

Pro-life Republican Dewey Bartlett is in a tight race with pro-abortion Democrat Tom Adelson heading into the November 10 city of Tulsa election. The winner of the election will serve as Tulsa mayor for the next four years.

Dewey Bartlett is a strong supporter of the right to life. He answered the Oklahomans For Life candidate survey with 100% pro-life answers (please see survey below).

Dewey Bartlett is the son of the late Dewey F. Bartlett, Sr., Governor of Oklahoma in the 1960's and United States Senator from Oklahoma in the 1970's. The late Senator Bartlett was one of the leading pro-life champions in Congress during his years in the U.S. Senate.

The other principal candidate for Tulsa mayor is Tom Adelson, a pro-abortion leader in the Oklahoma legislature. On key abortion-related votes over the past 4 years, Tom Adelson has voted pro-abortion 12 times out of 12.

During the 2006 session of the Oklahoma legislature, the key pro-life bill was SB 1742, which provided for: a referral to a facility that would perform a free ultrasound so that a mother might get more information and be able to see her baby by sonogram before proceeding with an abortion; information about the pain felt by a baby 20 weeks or older during an abortion; funding for alternatives to abortion; consent of a parent before an abortion on a minor; and recognition of the unborn child as a separate victim if a pregnant woman is assaulted and her child dies. The bill was ultimately adopted by a vote of 38-8. Tom Adelson voted twice in opposition to this pro-life bill.

During the 2007 session of the legislature, SB 714 was the key pro-life bill, the chief objective of which was to get the state of Oklahoma out of the abortion business by restricting the performance of abortions in state-owned facilities or by personnel employed by the state. Tom Adelson was one of the most outspoken opponents of this pro-life bill, voting against it on five different occasions. Although passed by a wide margin, the bill was vetoed by Governor Brad Henry and a veto override attempt twice came up one vote short. A substitute pro-life measure, SB 139, was then enacted instead, and Tom Adelson voted against that bill, as well.

During the 2008 session, SB 1878 was the key bill which: protected health care professionals' freedom of conscience; provided for an ultrasound prior to an abortion; regulated use of the abortion pill RU-486; ensured abortions be truly voluntary; and disallowed wrongful-life lawsuits that claim a baby would have been better off being aborted. Tom Adelson voted twice against this pro-life bill.

During the 2009 session, the key pro-life bill was HB 1595, which prohibited sex-selection abortions and required reporting of abortions and abortion complications. Tom Adelson voted against this pro-life bill twice. On 12 key votes over the past four years, Tom Adelson voted pro-abortion all 12 times.

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Tulsa City Election

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Candidate Survey

Question/Answer: #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7

Mayor

Dewey Bartlett Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Tom Adelson Survey not returned to us
Pro-abortion voting record in Senate
Pro-abortion leader in state Senate

Mark Perkins Survey not returned to us

Lawrence Kirkpatrick Survey not returned to us

City Auditor

Preston L. Doerflinger Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Phil Wood Survey not returned to us

City Council District 3

Karl William Hulcher Survey not returned to us

Roscoe H. Turner Survey not returned to us

David E. Patrick Survey not returned to us

City Council District 4

Jason Eric Gomez Survey not returned to us

Maria V. Barnes Survey not returned to us

City Council District 6

James S. Mautino Survey not returned to us

Dennis Kurt Troyer Survey not returned to us

City Council District 9

G. T. Bynum Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes - -

Roger D. Lowry Yes Yes Yes No No Yes Yes

Please Note: On each question, a "Yes" response indicates agreement with the position of Oklahomans For Life. It is understood that, as a city official, many of these issues would not directly confront you. We would appreciate, however, knowing your position on these important public policy questions. Thank you.

- 1) Do you support the right to life for unborn children and would you support prohibiting abortions -- except where necessary to prevent the death of the mother?
- 2) If it were not possible to pass such a law, would you support protecting unborn children except when an abortion were necessary to prevent the death of the mother, or when the pregnancy is the result of forcible rape (reported to a law enforcement agency within seven days), or when the pregnancy of a minor is the result of incest (reported to law enforcement)?
- 3) Do you support requiring parental consent for abortions on minors?
- 4) Do you oppose block-grant funds or other tax funds going to groups such as Planned Parenthood that support, perform, or refer for abortions?
- 5) Do you oppose the establishing or funding of school-based "health" clinics, unless they are explicitly prohibited from engaging in abortion counseling or referrals or referring to any entity which counsels for, refers for, or performs abortions?
- 6) Do you oppose the cloning of human embryos?
- 7) Do you oppose physician-assisted suicide?