

Ready On Day One: Karen Keith Files for Mayor

Cites principled, proven leadership prepared to make a difference

[Tulsa, OK - Aug. 13] - Karen Keith filed today the paperwork necessary to make her a candidate for Tulsa Mayor. A formal announcement is expected in the coming weeks.

“I love Tulsa, and we have made monumental strides to become a more dynamic city, but we must keep the momentum. The next mayor will craft the vision beyond 2025. We need to listen to our citizens so that we craft a community vision for all of Tulsa.

“I hear concerns about infrastructure, public safety, facilities, education and parks, but we need a vision for people; to inspire youth, to keep seniors safe and engaged, to keep our workers employed and we must absolutely address homelessness. I have demonstrated that I am an independent thinker and the most experienced and proven leader to do just that.”

Having served as a Tulsa County Commissioner since 2008, Keith has an extensive track record of accomplishments in public service. She is also widely recognized for her 26 years as a broadcast journalist.

Keith brings a wealth of experience and a profound love for Tulsa to the forefront of her campaign.

“I believe Tulsans want a safe city where they can send their children to good schools,” said Keith. “They want to drive on good roads to good jobs. And I think, as a community, we recognize the importance of addressing the rising problem of homelessness.”

“But the first thing I’ll do is listen to my fellow Tulsans, to understand their needs and hear their suggestions. Then we’ll come up with a plan and, should I be elected, we’ll execute it. We’ll work together and get results.”

Keith’s experience includes serving as Director of Community Relations and Vision Implementation for Tulsa Mayor Bill LaFortune, where she was instrumental in the successful passage and execution of Tulsa’s transformative Vision 2025 projects. This ambitious endeavor showcased her ability to work with individuals from all walks of life, transcending partisan boundaries to achieve common goals for the betterment of the community. She also worked for the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

Before her public service work, Keith was an anchor, reporter and executive producer, and host of “Oklahoma Living.” Throughout her career in television broadcasting, she was a voice for those unsung heroes striving to make a positive impact on their communities. Her passion for helping her neighbors and enhancing the lives of fellow Tulsans was always evident in the stories she told.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Keith is married to Patrick Malloy. The couple count among their family Gulnara Taragachova, a former exchange student, and her daughter Samaya, who live in the Netherlands.

Looking forward, Keith envisions a bright future for the city she loves.

“Tulsa has come a long way in recent years! The overwhelming success of Improve Our Tulsa 3 earlier this week is yet another exciting development in our city’s history. I’m ready to build upon that foundation and put my experience to work for the growth and prosperity of all our citizens. I’m open and willing to work with everyone, build unity and not get caught up in petty politics. I don’t care who gets the credit as long as it gets done.”

For more information and updates, please visit KarenKeith.org.

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