

## **Broken Arrow Republican Businesswoman, Shelley Gwartney, Announces 60-Day Exploratory Committee for Oklahoma State Senate District 33**

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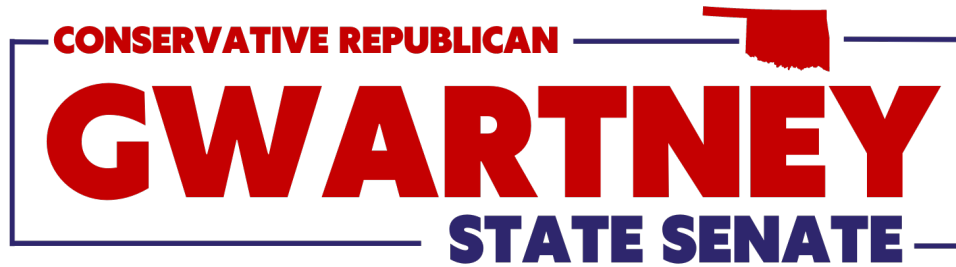
Broken Arrow, OK – Shelley Gwartney is a Conservative Republican businesswoman exploring a run for the open seat in District 33 of the Oklahoma State Senate. The district mostly includes Broken Arrow and surrounding areas within south Tulsa County. The incumbent State Senator, Nathan Dahm, is term limited and cannot seek re-election.

After privately discussing the potential run, Shelley has received early support from constituents, small businesses, public officials, Republican donors, party activists, and conservative organizations. More than a dozen trusted conservative Oklahoma leaders such as Don Spencer [the President of the Oklahoma 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Association], Craig Hagin [the Senior Pastor of Rhema Church in Broken Arrow], Businessman and Fmr. Tulsa Councilor Cass Fahler, State Rep. Sherrie Conley, County Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley, Jenks Mayor Cory Box, and others expressed their excitement for Shelley considering the run. Notably, State Rep. Chris Banning, states:

*“I’ve known Shelley Gwartney for a while now and consider her a friend. I believe we need more like-minded conservatives and common-sense parents like Shelley in politics. I wish her all the best should she decide to put her name on the ballot.”*

*-Chris Banning, Businessman & Oklahoma State Representative*

Gwartney has an accomplished background as a businesswoman in organizational management, infrastructure, and communications. She’s built problem-solving management systems for organizations which helped to optimize inventory, improve workflow, and strengthen client relations. Shelley got involved with politics after being fed up with mismanagement of tax dollars, left-leaning ideologies pushed onto her children, and the assault on conservative values. She has a proven track record of bringing order out of chaos. She took a broken PTA which had lost the trust of the community, had little involvement and financial records in such disarray that the state had to get involved, and turned it around. Under her leadership, membership grew 240% the



first year and since then, participation and morale have skyrocketed. Shelley is deeply involved in her church -- she co-founded a Mom's Ministry at BattleCreek Church and served as a community group leader for nine years. Shelley and her husband, Lynden (a former Marine and small business owner), have huge hearts to serve others. They have fostered thirteen children through OKDHS and have hosted five foreign exchange students from around the world. They have four children and live and work in B.A. Shelley also stepped up to substitute teach during the pandemic to help keep kids in school with in-person learning. She believes in limited government and she also believes the best elected officials are good listeners who proactively defend Conservative values.

Gwartney serves in a variety of community or local volunteer organizations. She is a Member in the Republican Women's Club, Citizens for Liberty, and Women for Tulsa, Senate District Captain for Oklahomans for Health and Parental Rights (OKHPR), PTA Board Member, Board Member of Moms for Liberty-Tulsa County, Volunteer Coordinator for Tulsa Classical Academy, served on the BA ReZoning Committee-2022 and is the Current Tulsa GOP State Committee Member.

*Shelley states, "...I have experience with non-profits, schools, small businesses, foster care, political groups, churches, and the military. I believe my range of background equips me with experiences useful for engaging with a variety of people from all walks of life but running for public office should not be taken lightly. In this exploratory phase, I welcome input especially among Republican voters, constituents, activists, and donors, or conservative leaning organizations. I believe I would be a great bridge builder and ultimately, a great Senator always championing conservative values in the Senate."*

To learn more, or show your endorsement for Gwartney, please visit [www.Gwartney2024.com](http://www.Gwartney2024.com). A decision on announcing the official candidacy will be made on or before June 18, 2023. If you would like to support Shelley and help her run, please mail a contribution to **Shelley Gwartney Exploratory 2024** and mail to **5103 S. Sheridan Rd #133, Tulsa, OK 74145**.

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