

**BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY ELECTION BOARD  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

In the matter of )  
Contest of the Candidacy of )  
Chris Cowden )

Filed by James Cooper )  
with the Oklahoma )



Cause No. 2022-01

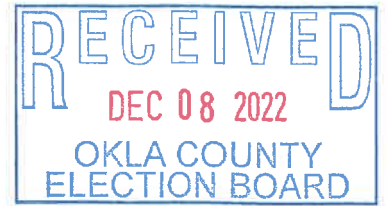
County Election Board on )  
December 13, 2022 )

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

To: **Chris Cowden**  
**4505 N. Utah Ave**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73112**

You are hereby notified that a Petition in the above-styled cause has been duly filed with the Oklahoma County Election Board as prescribed by law, and a hearing has been set to be held on December 13, 2022, at 10:00 am in 4201 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City. A copy of the petition is attached.

  
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**Secretary**  
  
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**County Election Board**



OKLAHOMA COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

CONTEST OF CANDIDACY )
of CHRISTOPHER MARK COWDEN )
for OKLAHOMA CITY )
COUNCIL WARD 2 )

Cause No. 2022-01

PETITION FOR CONTEST OF CANDIDACY

I, James Cooper, the undersigned, am a candidate for the Office of City Council, City of Oklahoma City, Ward 2, by virtue of having lawfully filed a Declaration of Candidacy during the filing period on December 5, 2022.

I hereby contest the candidacy of Christopher Mark Cowden (herein referred to as "Cowden") for the same office pursuant to 26 O.S. § 5-118 for failure to meet the requirements of Oklahoma City Charter Article II, Section 6. I accompany this petition with a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$250.00.

As the basis for the contest, I allege that Cowden was not qualified by law to become a candidate for the office of Councilman for Ward 2 for the following reason:

Cowden fails to meet the requirement of being a registered voter of Ward 2 for at least one year prior to filing a declaration of candidacy as required by Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter.

1. Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter requires in pertinent part that:

For a Councilmember position representing a ward, the person must have been a registered voter at an address within the ward for at least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy. (Emphasis added.)

2. At a meeting held on October 25, 2022, the City Council for the City of Oklahoma City, affirmed this requirement as memorialized at page 4 of the Resolution adopted on that date and which authorized the calling and holding of the 2023 Primary and General Elections in the City of Oklahoma City for the purposes of electing Councilmembers from Ward 2, 5, 6, and 8. (Resolution on Elections, adopted by the Oklahoma City Council at the City Council Meeting on October 25, 2022, EXHIBIT 1).

3. The Proclamation of the Mayor of Oklahoma City related to the calling and holding of the 2023 regular Primary and General Elections in the City of Oklahoma City, as published in the Journal Record on November 23 and 30, 2022, further reiterated the requirement that candidates for Councilmembers must be registered voters in the ward for at least one year

immediately preceding his or her filing of a declarations of candidacy. (Proclamation of the Mayor, signed October 25, 2022, EXHIBIT 2). Specifically, the Proclamation states at page 2:

3. The qualifications for the office of Councilmember of The City of Oklahoma City are set forth in Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, as follows:

A. The Person must be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma; and

B. The person must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and

C. The person must have been a resident of The City of Oklahoma City or an area which has been annexed to and has become a part of the City for one (1) year immediately preceding his or her election; and

**D. The person must have been a registered voter at an address within the ward for which the person wishes to become a candidate for at least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy.**

(Emphasis added.)

4. In this case, Cowden filed his Declaration of Candidacy with the Oklahoma County Election Board on December 5, 2022. (Declaration of Candidacy, EXHIBIT 3) Therein, Cowden swore and affirmed the following: “*I have read the qualifications for the office that I seek*, that I am fully qualified to become a candidate for said office, and that I will be fully qualified to hold said office, if elected.” *Id.* But Cowden did not and cannot meet this requirement as shown below:

- a. Cowden filed his declaration of candidacy for City Council, Ward 2, on December 5, 2022. (See EXHIBIT 3).
- b. Pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter, Cowden must have been a registered voter at an address within Ward 2 as of **December 5, 2021**—one year prior to filing his declaration of candidacy.<sup>1</sup>
- c. But up and until **June 30, 2022**, Cowden was registered at an address of **1714 Guilford Lane, Nichols Hills, OK 73120**. This address is not within the geographic bounds of Oklahoma City—it is within the geographic bounds of the City of Nichols Hills, Ward 3. (Cowden Voter Registration Summary Activity Log,

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<sup>1</sup> Notably, even if the City of Oklahoma City followed the general state law requirement of requiring registration within the ward for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing period, Cowden would still fail this requirement as he would have had to be registered voter within Ward 2 no later than **June 5, 2022**. See 11 O.S. §§ 16-102(A), 16-110.

EXHIBIT 4); (City of Oklahoma City Ward Map, EXHIBIT 5); (City of Nichols Hills Ward Map, EXHIBIT 6).

- d. Then, on **June 30, 2022**, Cowden filed a voter registration form showing an address of 4505 N Utah Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. This address falls within the geographic bounds of Ward 2. (Cowden Voter Registration submitted online on June 30, 2022, EXHIBIT 4, p. 5); (City of Oklahoma City Ward Map, EXHIBIT 7).
- e. As is evident from the foregoing, Cowden was not a registered voter at an address within the bounds of Oklahoma City (much less Ward 2) until he filed an amended voter registration form on **June 30, 2022**—far later than **December 5, 2021**, the date which Cowden had to be a registered voter at an address within Ward 2 in order to be a qualified candidate for Oklahoma City Council, Ward 2.
- f. In total, Cowden filed his declaration of candidacy a mere 5 months and 5 days (158 days) after registering to vote at an address within the bounds of Ward 2—far less than the required year.<sup>2</sup>
- g. Thus, Cowden was not a registered voter at an address within the geographic bounds of Ward 2 for the required one-year period prior to filing his declaration of candidacy.

In conclusion, pursuant to the Oklahoma City Charter, a candidate for municipal office must meet the durational voter registration requirements within the boundaries of the ward for the required time period prior to filing for office. Because Cowden was not a registered voter at an address within the bounds of Ward 2 for the required one-year period prior to filing his declaration of candidacy for municipal office, he is not a qualified candidate for City Council, Ward 2. As such, Cowden should not be permitted to continue as a candidate for Oklahoma City Council, Ward 2, and Petitioner respectfully requests his name be stricken from the ballot.

Respectfully submitted:



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JAMES COOPER, Petitioner

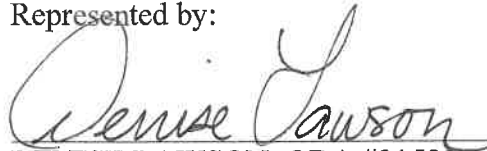
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James Cooper  
Petitioner's Printed Name

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<sup>2</sup> Again, it is worth reinforcing that even if Oklahoma City followed general state municipal statute for durational voter registration requirements, Cowden would not meet those requirements either (*see* 11 O.S. §§ 16-102(A), 16-110) because he was not registered at an address within the bounds of the ward for 6 months prior to filing.

Represented by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Lawson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

DENISE LAWSON, OBA #31532

V. GLENN COFFEE, OBA #14563

LEXIE P. NORWOOD, OBA #31414

A. CHASE SNODGRASS, OBA #33205

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***ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER,  
JAMES COOPER***

(Published In The Journal Record November 23 and 30, 2022)

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CALLING AND HOLDING OF A GENERAL AND A RUNOFF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCILMEMBERS FROM WARDS 2, 5, 6, AND 8 OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY; SETTING THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AS FEBRUARY 14, 2023; SETTING THE DATE OF THE RUNOFF ELECTION, IF NEEDED, AS APRIL 4, 2023; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DELIVER A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY ELECTION BOARD ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 18, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING SUCH OFFICER OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SAID ELECTIONS; SETTING THE DATES OF THE FILING PERIOD FOR SUCH ELECTION AS DECEMBER 5, 6, AND 7, 2022; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.**



**WHEREAS**, under and by virtue of Section 1, Article X of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended (“Charter”), it is provided that a General Election shall be held in February of odd-numbered years for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the office of Councilmember whose then-current term of office expires in that year; and

**WHEREAS**, under and by virtue of Section 6, Article X of the Charter, it is provided that a Runoff Election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April in such odd-numbered years for the purpose of electing said Councilmembers if no candidate therefor receives a majority of all the votes cast in the General Election for such office; and

**WHEREAS**, as amended effective November 1, 2015, 11 O.S. § 16-102(D), a State law constituting a matter of statewide concern, further provides that “[i]n no case shall a resolution calling a regular or special election be submitted to the county election board less than sixty (60) days preceding the election date”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1, Article X of the Charter indicates an intent that Oklahoma City elections shall be conducted by the county election boards in those counties located within the corporate limits of Oklahoma City, and 26 O.S. § 3-101(B) provides that “[n]o regular or special

election to fill an elective office shall be held by any county, school district, technology center school district, municipality, fire protection district or other political subdivision authorized to call elections” except on certain specific dates; and further, Section 1, Article X of the Charter provides that Certificates of Election for the Mayor and City Councilmembers shall be issued by the appropriate county election boards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the aforesaid State election laws are a matter of Statewide concern, and further, that compliance with such laws is consistent with both the intent and letter of the Charter as amended pursuant to voter approval on November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the current term of the Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 will end in April of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2023 is a designated year for the purpose of electing said officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council wishes to call a General Election in Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 for the second Tuesday in February in 2023, and a Runoff Election in such Wards, if necessary, for the first Tuesday in April in 2023, and to set the filing period for such office in compliance with State law, all as authorized by both State law and the City Charter, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of Article II of said Charter, as amended, sets forth the qualifications for Office of Mayor or Councilmember, which qualifications are listed below in detail in the resolving portion of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Article X of said Charter provides that, to file for such office: (1) the candidate shall submit a written declaration of candidacy setting forth the candidate’s name as he or she desires it to appear upon the ballot, his or her address by street number, his or her ward, and the name of the office for which he or she desires to become a candidate; and that (2) the declaration of candidacy must be accompanied by a cashier’s check or certified check in the amount of \$200.00, or in the alternative, by a petition supporting the candidate’s filing signed by

2,500 registered voters eligible to vote for the candidate if the filing is for the office of Mayor or by 500 registered voters eligible to vote for the candidate if the filing is for the office of Councilmember; and that if a cashier's or certified check is submitted to the Oklahoma County Election Board pursuant to this subsection, said check shall be forfeited to the said Election Board and the proceeds therefrom used to defray the costs of the election for the office for which the declaration of candidacy was filed; provided, said check shall be returned to the candidate immediately if the candidate is unopposed in the General Election, receives more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast in the General Election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, or becomes a candidate in the Runoff Election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13-102(A) of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes requires the governing board of a municipality to submit a resolution to the secretary of the county election board conducting the election not fewer than fifteen (15) days before the filing period for any municipal election for the purpose of giving notice of such election; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13-102(A) of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes further requires said resolution to contain the following facts:

1. The dates of the election or elections;
2. The offices to be filled or the questions to be voted upon at said election or elections;
3. Qualifications for said offices;
4. Designation of which offices shall be filled by voting by ward and which offices shall be filled by voting at-large; and
5. Indication of whether the election will be partisan or nonpartisan;
6. For charter cities where the Charter is silent, indication of any portion of state law which will apply; and
7. Any other information necessary for conducting said election or elections; and



**WHEREAS**, Section 13-109 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes requires a municipality operating under a Charter to furnish a copy of said Charter to the county election board of the county wherein said municipality's central offices are located; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13-107 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes requires the governing board of a municipality to provide the county election board with a current map defining the municipal limits and ward boundaries of said municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of The City of Oklahoma City desires to authorize Mayor David Holt to call the said General and Runoff Elections for Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 by Proclamation and to further require the City Clerk submit this Resolution, the Mayor's Proclamation, and other items required by State law to the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City that the Mayor be authorized, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3, Article X of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, and in accordance with applicable State laws constituting a matter of statewide concern, to issue a Proclamation calling a General Election for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, and a Runoff Election for Tuesday, April 4, 2023, if necessary, for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City for a full term of four (4) years.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in compliance with Section 2, Article X of said Charter and with 11 O.S. § 16-102(D), a State law constituting a matter of statewide concern, the filing period for Council candidates for said elections shall be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 5, 6, and 7, 2022.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the said elections shall be held by the County Election Board of Oklahoma County and assisted by the election boards of affected counties in the

portions of said City situated within each of the precincts in each of said wards, pursuant to the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the said elections shall be had and held in the manner and form provided by law and the results of said elections herein provided for shall be certified to the Mayor and Council through the City Clerk in the manner and form provided by law.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City do hereby adopt this resolution as required by Section 13-102(A) of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes and do hereby set forth the following facts as required by said statutory provision:

1. The General Election for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City shall be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. If no candidate running for election in a particular ward receives a majority of all the votes cast at the General Election for such office, then a Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in that ward between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes at said General Election for said office of Councilmember.
2. The offices to be filled at said election(s) are the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City.
3. The qualifications for the office of Councilmember of The City of Oklahoma City are set forth in Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, as follows:
  - A. The person must be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma; and
  - B. The person must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
  - C. The person must have been a resident of The City of Oklahoma City, or an area which has been annexed to and has become a part of the City for one (1) year immediately preceding his or her election; and
  - D. The person must have been a registered voter at an address within the ward for which the person wishes to become a candidate for at least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy.

4. The offices of Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City shall be filled by voting by the qualified, registered voters who reside within the limits and boundaries of the respective wards within The City of Oklahoma City.
5. The election shall be nonpartisan in nature.
6. The election laws of the State of Oklahoma shall apply to the said election; provided however, that if said election laws are in conflict with any of the provisions of Article II or Article X of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, the conflicting Charter provisions shall control as to matters of purely local concern, but the State election laws shall control as to matters of general Statewide concern.
7. And, furthermore, in compliance with Article X, Section 2 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, and 11 O.S. § 16-102(D), the filing period for candidates for Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6 and 8 for said elections shall be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 5, 6, and 7, 2022, respectively; and the procedure for the filing of a declaration of candidacy and other necessary documents as set forth in the City Charter, Article X, Section 2.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City do hereby direct the City Clerk to submit this resolution to the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board on or before November 18, 2022, which date complies with 11 O.S. § 16-102(D).

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City do hereby direct the City Clerk to publish this Resolution in The Journal Record on November 23 and 30, 2022, for the purpose of providing public notice of the Council elections as required by 11 O.S. § 16-101.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City do hereby direct the City Clerk to forthwith submit a current certified copy of the Oklahoma City Charter to the Oklahoma County Election Board as required by Section 13-109 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City do hereby direct the City Manager to forthwith order the appropriate City officer or

employee to provide the Oklahoma County Election Board with a current map defining the municipal limits and ward boundaries of The City of Oklahoma City as required by Section 13-107 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and further, to provide any other documents or information requested by the Oklahoma County Election Board.

**ADOPTED** by the Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

Amy K. Simpson  
CITY CLERK



D. Holt  
MAYOR

**REVIEWED** for form and legality.

Walter Collier  
Deputy Municipal Counselor

**RECEIVED** by the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election board this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Doug Anderson  
Doug Anderson, Secretary  
Oklahoma County Election Board

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the current terms of the Councilmembers from Wards Two (2), Five (5), Six (6), and Eight (8) will end in April of 2023 and the year 2023 is the designated year for the purpose of the election of said officers; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 1, Article X of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, as amended, a General Election shall be held in The City of Oklahoma City on the second Tuesday of February 2023 for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the offices of Councilmembers from said Wards; and

**WHEREAS**, under and by virtue of Section 6, Article X of the Charter of said City, a Runoff Election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of 2023 for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from said Wards of The City of Oklahoma City if no candidate in a particular ward receives a majority of all the votes cast in the General Election for such office; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3, Article X of the Charter of The City of Oklahoma City, as amended ("Charter"), provides that: (1) the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City shall call the General and Runoff Elections for the offices of Mayor and Councilors of said City; and (2) the City Clerk shall give notices of such elections as provided by State law; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2022, the Council of The City of Oklahoma City passed a Resolution further authorizing Mayor David Holt to call the 2023 elections for the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3, Article X of the Charter City and 11 O.S. § 16-102 require notice to the Oklahoma County Election Board of no less than sixty (60) days preceding a municipal election date; and



**WHEREAS**, 11 O.S. § 16-101 and Charter Art. X, § 3(a) further require that the call for a general or special municipal election be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least ten (10) days before the beginning of the filing period for such election; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate dates to satisfy the ten (10) days' publication requirement for the Oklahoma City General Election and Runoff Election being called by this Proclamation are November 23 and 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Charter and controlling State laws, plus the authority vested in me as Mayor by virtue of the Charter, the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the October 25, 2022 Resolution of the Council, I am hereby setting a General Election for the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 in The City of Oklahoma City for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, and a Runoff Election for such offices, if necessary, for Tuesday, April 4, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Charter and controlling State laws, plus the authority vested in me as Mayor by virtue of the Charter, the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the October 25, 2022 Resolution of the Council, I am setting the filing period for such elections as Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 5, 6, and 7, 2022, respectively.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David Holt, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by virtue of the Charter of said City, by the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and by the October 25, 2022 Resolution of the Council, do hereby proclaim and decree that a General Election shall be had and held within the limits of The City of Oklahoma City on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, and a Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, if necessary, for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City for full terms of four (4) years each.

**AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM** as follows:

1. The General Election for the purpose of electing Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City shall be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. If no candidate running for election in a particular ward receives a majority of all the votes cast at the General Election for such office, then a Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in that ward between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes at said General Election for said office of Councilmember.
2. The offices to be filled at said election(s) are the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City.
3. The qualifications for the office of Councilmember of The City of Oklahoma City are set forth in Article II, Section 6 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, as follows:
  - A. The person must be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma; and
  - B. The person must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
  - C. The person must have been a resident of The City of Oklahoma City, or an area which has been annexed to and has become a part of the City for one (1) year immediately preceding his or her election; and
  - D. The person must have been a registered voter at an address within the ward for which the person wishes to become a candidate for at least one year immediately preceding the filing of a declaration of candidacy.
4. The offices of Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 of The City of Oklahoma City shall be filled by voting by the qualified, registered voters who reside within the limits and boundaries of the respective wards within The City of Oklahoma City.
5. The elections shall be nonpartisan in nature.
6. The election laws of the State of Oklahoma shall apply to the said elections; provided however, that if said election laws are in conflict with any of the provisions of Article II or Article X of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, the conflicting Charter provisions shall control as to matters of purely local concern, but the State election laws shall control as to matters of general Statewide concern.
7. And, furthermore, in compliance with Article X, Section 2 of the Oklahoma City Charter, as amended, and 11 O.S. § 16-102(D), the filing period for Councilmember candidates for said elections shall be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 5, 6, and 7, 2022, respectively; and the procedure for the filing of a declaration of candidacy and other necessary documents is set forth in the City Charter, Article X, Section 2.

**AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM** that the filing period for candidates for the offices of Councilmembers from Wards 2, 5, 6, and 8 shall be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 5, 6 and 7, 2022, respectively.

**AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM** and direct the City Clerk to forthwith submit a current certified copy of the Oklahoma City Charter to the Oklahoma County Election Board as required by Section 13-109 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

**AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM** and direct the City Manager to forthwith order the appropriate City officer or employee to provide the Oklahoma County Election Board with a current map defining the municipal limits and ward boundaries of The City of Oklahoma City as required by Section 13-107 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and further, to provide any other documents or information requested by the Oklahoma County Election Board.

**AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM** that said elections shall be held by the County Election Board of Oklahoma County and assisted by the election boards of affected counties in the portions of said City situated within each of the precincts in each of said wards, pursuant to the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

**AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM** that said elections shall be held in the manner and form provided by law, pursuant to the Charter of said City, as amended, and the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and that the results of said elections herein provided for shall be by the said county election boards certified to the Mayor and Council through the City Clerk in the manner and form provided by law.

**AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM** and direct the City Clerk to submit this Proclamation to the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board on or before November 18, 2022, which date complies with 11 O.S. § 16-102(D).



AND, I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM and direct the City Clerk to publish this Proclamation in The Journal Record on November 23 and 30, 2022, for the purpose of providing public notice of the Mayoral elections as required by Oklahoma City Charter, Art. X, § 3(a) and 11 O.S. § 16-101.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, David Holt, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, have hereunto affixed my signature as such Mayor this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

ATTEST:

Amy K. Simpson  
CITY CLERK



David Holt  
MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.

Walter Bell  
Deputy Municipal Counselor



## OKLAHOMA COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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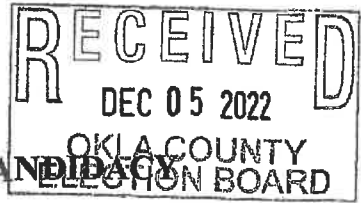
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The Oklahoma County Election Board hereby certifies the attached to be a true and correct copy of a record on file at the Oklahoma County Election Board office as of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

  
DOUG SANDERSON  
Secretary



CHARTER MUNICIPALITY
MUNICIPAL OFFICER DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY



Candidate Information and Oath

NOTICE: All information provided on this form will be made publicly available. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate's name as it will appear on the ballot: Chris Cowden
Candidate's full legal name: Christopher Mark Cowden Date of birth: 05/24/1978
Title of Office Sought: Councilman - Ward 2
Name of Municipality: Oklahoma City
Candidate's Residence Address: 4505 N. Utah Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Candidate's Mailing Address: 4505 N. Utah Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Voter Registration Address: 4505 N. Utah Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
I am a registered voter in precinct # 550506 in the County of Oklahoma Voter ID # 550580864
Optional Information: Phone number: 4054569933 Email Address: Website: chriscowden.com

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Do you reside in the geographical boundaries of the municipality? YES NO
Do you meet the residency and/or voter registration requirements as may be set forth in the municipal charter? YES NO

CRIMINAL HISTORY DISCLOSURE AND OATH

CRIMINAL DISCLOSURE:

- Have you been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or otherwise been determined by a court of proper authority in Oklahoma or in another state to be guilty of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States? YES NO
If yes, has it been 15 years or longer since the completion of your sentence? YES NO
Have you been named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony in this or any other state or of the United States? YES NO

If you answer YES to either of these questions, you are required to fill out and sign the Criminal History Disclosure form and include it in your Declaration of Candidacy.

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that the information provided in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and correct, that I have read and signed the Candidate Qualifications for the office that I seek, that I am fully qualified to become a candidate for said office, and that I will be fully qualified to hold said office, if elected.

Signature of Candidate

Christopher M. Cowden

NOTARY

State of Oklahoma County of Oklahoma

Subscribed and sworn before me December 1, 2022

My Commission expires 9/27/23 Commission Number 11008928

Signature of Notary Public or Officer Authorized to Administer Oath

Notary Public

Title of Officer (Notary Public or Other Officer)





## OKLAHOMA COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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The Oklahoma County Election Board hereby certifies the attached to be a true and correct copy of a record on file at the Oklahoma County Election Board office as of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.



DOUG SANDERSON  
Secretary

Voter ID: 550580864  
 Name: COWDEN, CHRIS MARK  
 Political Affiliation: REP  
 Birth Date: 05/24/1978  
 Registration Date: 8/6/1996  
 Status: Active  
 County: OKLAHOMA

Residence Address	Mailing Address
4505 N UTAH AVE OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73112	

Precinct Number: 550506  
 Polling Place: SPRINGDALE BAPTIST CHURCH  
 3900 NW 50TH ST  
 OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73112

Districts		
Congressional:	05	Stephanie Bice, R, 202-225-2132
State Senate:	030	Julia Kirt, D, 405-521-5636, RM 514.2
State House:	087	Collin Walke, D, 405-557-7335, RM 501
County Commissioner:	01	Carrie Blumert (D), 713-1501
School:	PUTNAM CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT LARGE	
Board:	05	
Municipal:	CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY AT LARGE	
Ward:	02	
Technology Center:	FRANCIS TUTTLE TECHNOLOGY CENT	

Election Date	Description	Voting Method
11/8/2022	General Election	IP
8/23/2022	Runoff Primary Election	IP
6/28/2022	Primary Election	IP
11/3/2020	General Election	IP
8/25/2020	Runoff Primary Election	IP
6/30/2020	Primary Election	IP
2/12/2019	Elections - February	**
11/6/2018	General Election	IP
8/28/2018	Runoff Primary Election	IP
6/26/2018	Primary Election	IP
11/8/2016	General Election	IP

<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Voting Method</b>
6/28/2016	Primary Election	IP
3/1/2016	Presidential Preferential	IP
11/4/2014	General Election	IP
8/26/2014	Runoff Primary Election	IP
6/24/2014	Primary Election	IP
11/6/2012	General Election	AB
3/6/2012	Presidential Preferential	IP
11/2/2010	GENERAL ELECTION	IP
8/24/2010	RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
7/27/2010	PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
4/7/2009	ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION	**
11/4/2008	GENERAL ELECTION	IP
7/29/2008	PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
2/5/2008	PRESIDENTIAL PREF PRIMARY	IP
11/7/2006	GENERAL ELECTION	IP
8/22/2006	RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
7/25/2006	PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
9/13/2005	SPECIAL ELECTION	IP
11/2/2004	GENERAL ELECTION	IP
7/27/2004	PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
5/13/2003	SPECIAL ELECTION	**
11/5/2002	GENERAL ELECTION	IP
8/27/2002	PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
9/25/2001	SPECIAL STATEWIDE ELECTION	IP
11/7/2000	GENERAL ELECTION	IP
8/22/2000	PRIMARY ELECTION	IP
3/14/2000	PRESIDENTIAL PREF PRIMARY	IP

<b>Audit Date</b>	<b>Transaction Date</b>	<b>Type of Change</b>	<b>Former Information</b>
8/3/2022	8/3/2022	Correction - Municipality	OKC 01
7/15/2022	6/30/2022	Zip Code	73120
7/15/2022	6/30/2022	Municipality	NCH
7/15/2022	6/30/2022	Precinct	550415
7/15/2022	6/30/2022	School District	108955 02
7/15/2022	6/30/2022	Address Of Residence	1714 GUILFORD LN
4/9/2022	4/9/2022	Precinct	550101

<b>Audit Date</b>	<b>Transaction Date</b>	<b>Type of Change</b>	<b>Former Information</b>
11/18/2011	11/18/2011	Precinct	550398

<b>Voter Registration Change</b>		<b>Voter ID</b> 550580864	<b>Precinct</b> 550506	<b>Activation Date</b> 7-15-2022
1. Last Name <b>COWDEN</b>		First Name <b>CHRIS</b>	Middle Name <b>MARK</b>	Suffix
2. Birth Date <b>05/24/1978</b>	3. Identification Number <b>443867016</b>		4. Political Party <b>Republican</b>	
5. Residence Address <b>4505 N UTAH AVE</b>			City <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>	State ZIP Code <b>OK 73112</b>
6. Mailing Address			City State ZIP Code	7. County of Residence <b>OKLAHOMA</b>

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<b>Change Date</b> <b>06/30/2022</b>	<b>CEB Approved Date</b> <b>07/05/2022</b>	<b>CEB Printed Date</b> <b>12/05/2022</b>
<b>Confirmation Number</b> <b>794660</b>	<b>CEB Approved By</b> <b>suaseckel_55</b>	<b>CEB Printed By</b> <b>tuesday_55</b>

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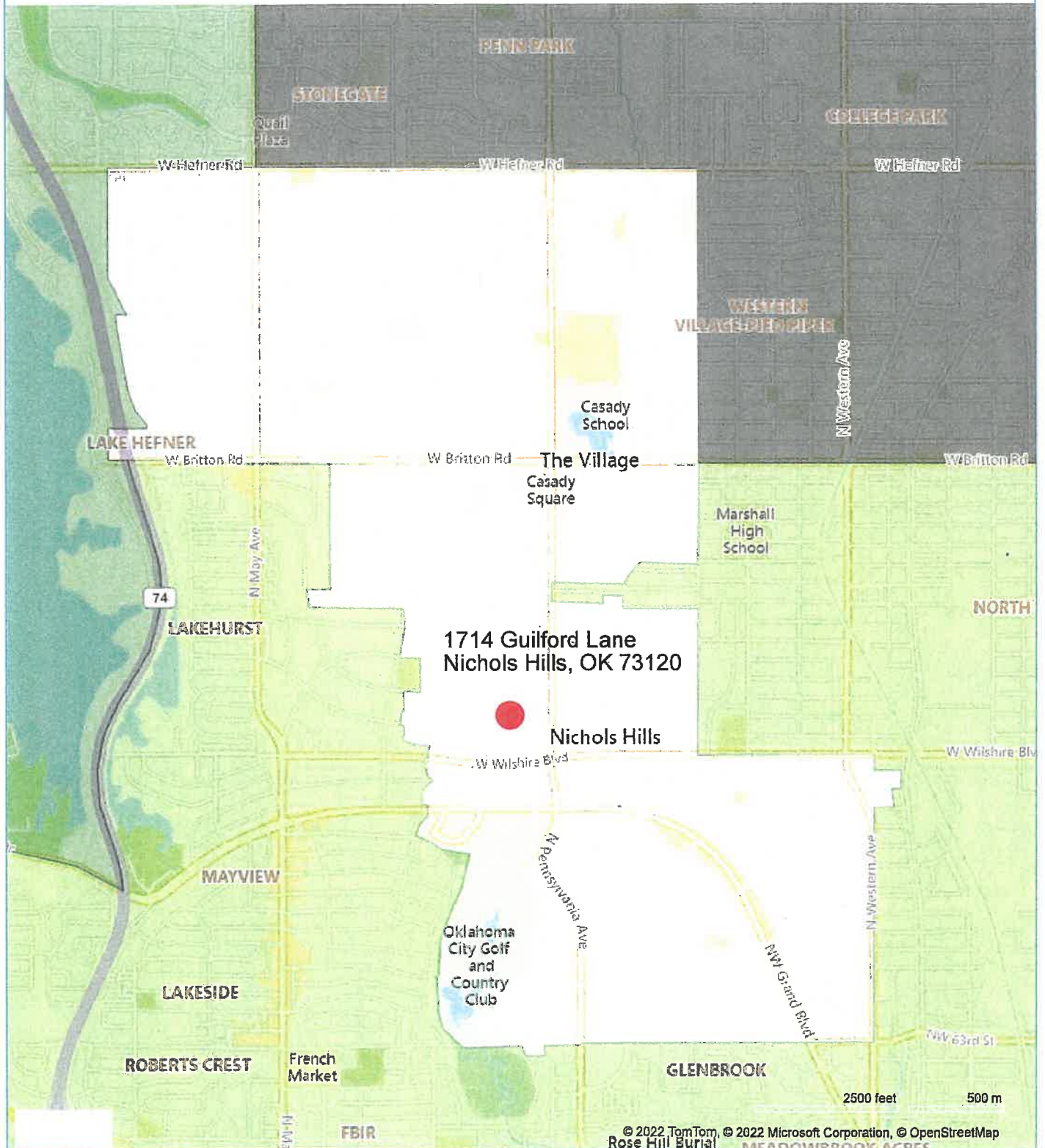




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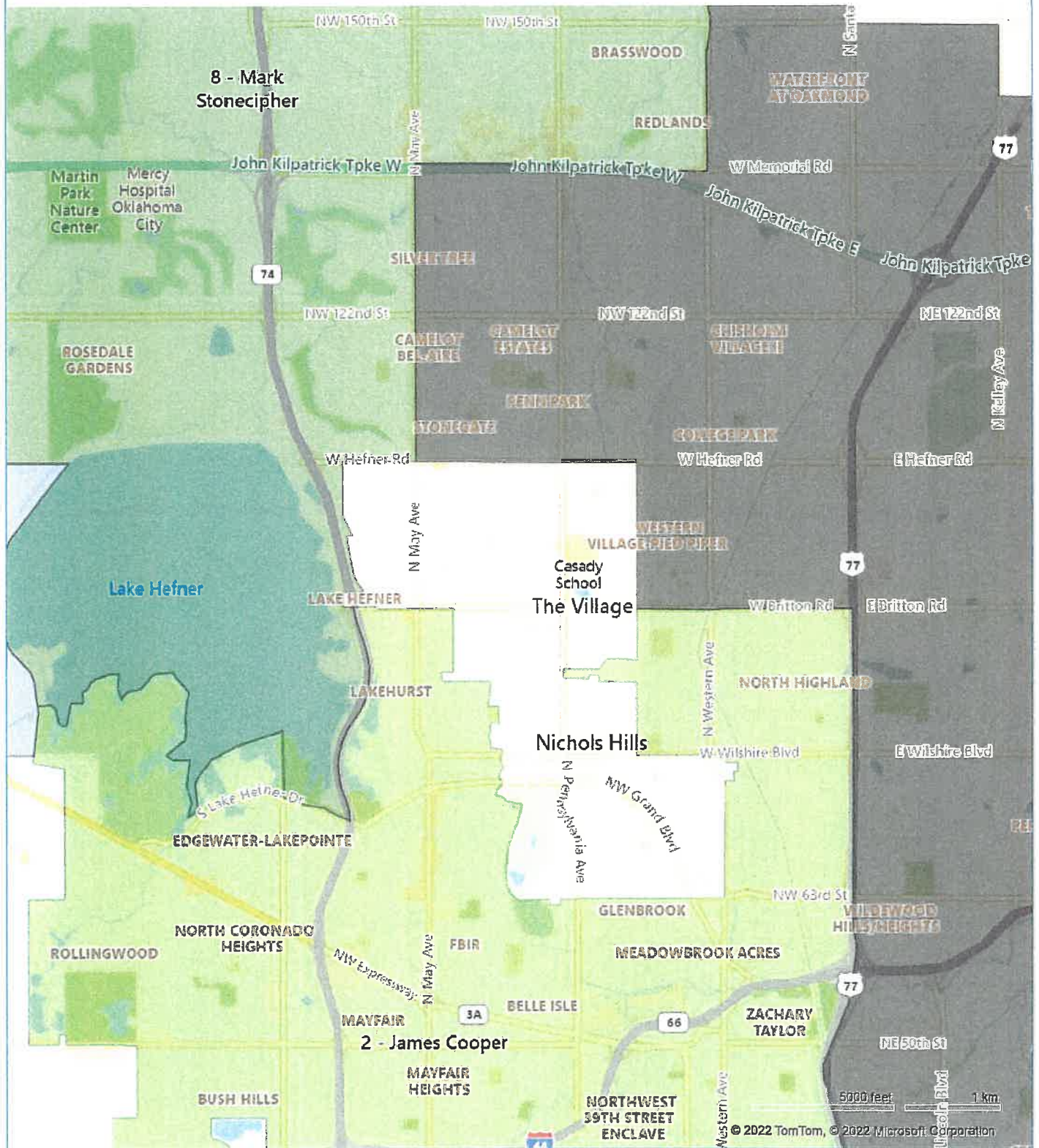




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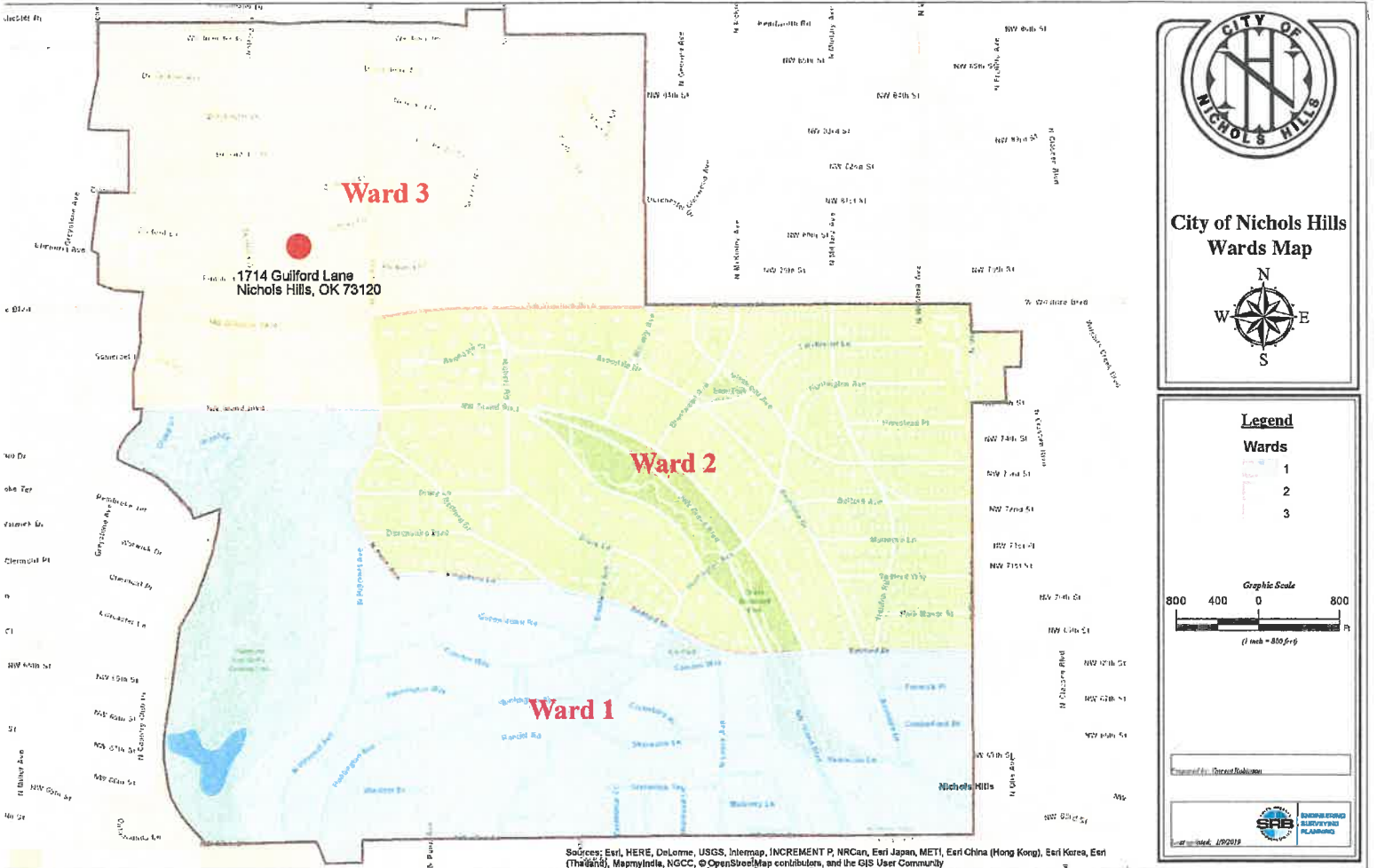


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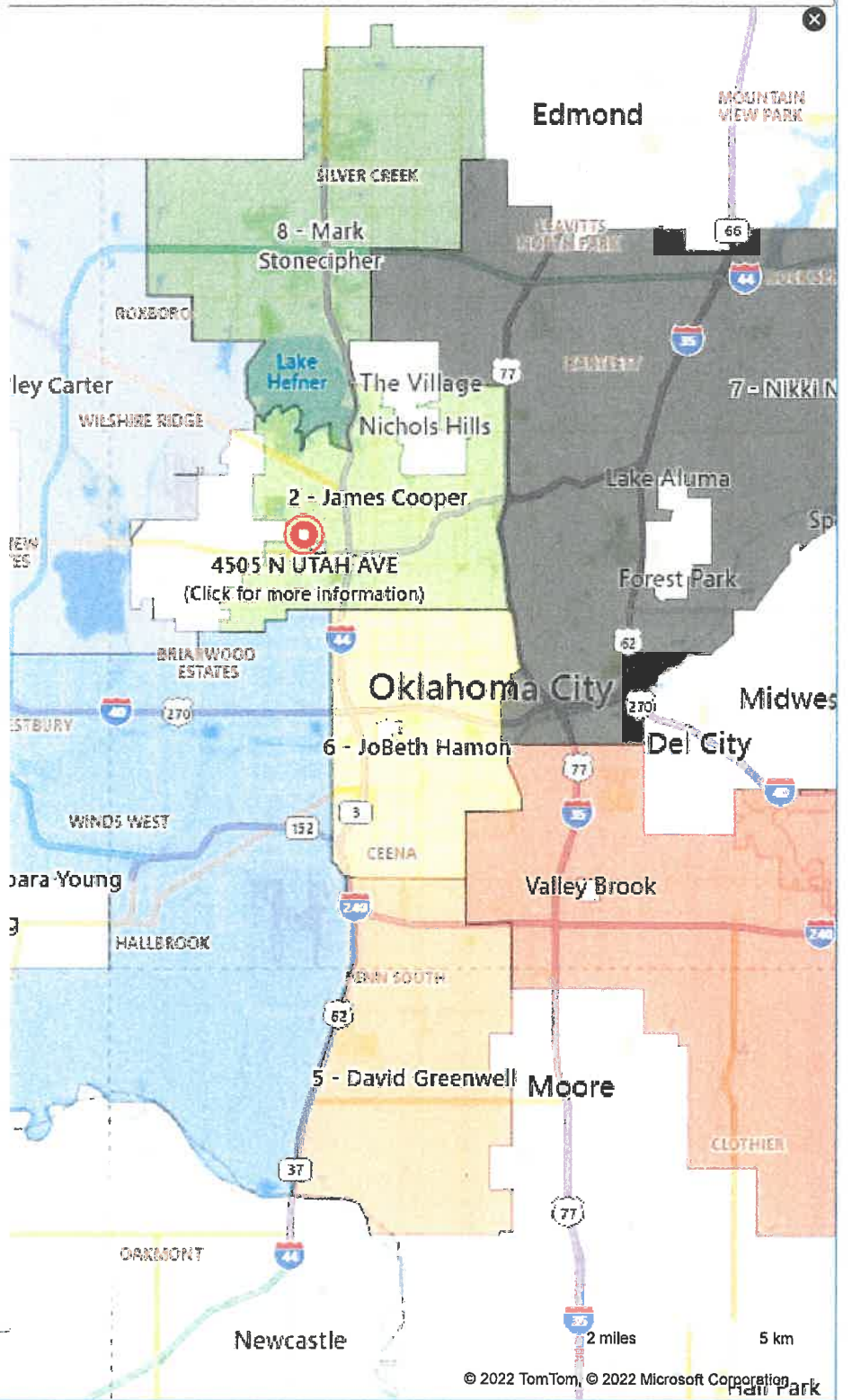
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- 1 - Bradley Carter
- 2 - James Cooper
- 3 - Barbara Young
- 4 - Todd Stone
- 5 - David Greenwell
- 6 - JoBeth Hamon
- 7 - Nikki Nice
- 8 - Mark Stonecipher



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