



Republican Businessman Van Kirk Responds to Bizarre Lawsuit from Democrat Opponent Wright

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TULSA, OK – Earlier today, Councilor Lori Decter-Wright (Democrat), filed a *bizarre lawsuit*, seeking damages (supposedly incurred) and a restraining order, against a first-time candidate & Conservative Businessman Justin Van Kirk (Republican) in his bid for Tulsa City Council.

The Campaign Spokesperson for Van Kirk’s Campaign, Josh D. Wagoner, states, “This is one of the most bizarre developments in a Tulsa City Council race I’ve ever seen. Van Kirk made no mention of Mrs. Wright in his letter, directly or indirectly. The only plausible reason Councilor Wright finds Van Kirk’s letter damaging is because Van Kirk is a conservative businessman and Wright is a liberal politician from California. Her values are at complete odds with her Republican constituents and it seems Justin simply voicing his conservative values threatens her chances for re-election. The Van Kirk campaign will continue to distribute information freely and openly about Justin’s conservative record to let voters know he is the only Republican in this race.”

Van Kirk is a conservative businessman who firmly believes in conservative values of protecting our families, our freedoms, and our faith.

On October 3rd, Mr. Van Kirk penned a Letter (see attached) introducing himself to anticipated voters of District 7 for the upcoming election to be held in November. In the Letter, Van Kirk calls for unity, explains multiple policy positions such as opposing ideas of abolishing the police, introduces himself and his wife, and shares his record as a businessman of creating jobs and building companies in Tulsa. The Letter does not state Mrs. Wright’s name in any form or fashion, yet Mrs. Wright sues him trying to silence his voice. He goes on to humbly ask the constituency for their vote for Tulsa City Council District 7.

Van Kirk states, “I’m blown away by the level of petty hate - this is EXACTLY why I am running for this position. I believe Tulsa wants and deserves more transparency from our leaders – ones that bring us together not tearing us apart with false accusations. A lawsuit shouldn’t be thrown around just to see what sticks. My wife and I have worked hard to put ourselves in a position to represent our City well. I look forward to be the CHANGE voters of District 7 support.”

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FROM THE DESK OF
JUSTIN VAN KIRK

TULSA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

October 3, 2020

Dear <NAME>,

My name is Justin Van Kirk and never in a million years did I see myself running for political office, but I've realized now is the time to stand up and fight for what I believe in. For example, I do not support abolishing the police like some radicals are pushing – makes no sense whatsoever. For businesses to move here or people to raise families (or stay here), they want to feel safe and they deserve that protection within the very foundation of this city, state, and country.

I am the “political outsider”, conservative businessman running to serve as your new Tulsa City Councilor for District 7, but I believe we can make a real difference.

This November, it's time to vote in new leadership that will take action to increase our quality of life by focusing on creating new opportunities, improving public safety, and committing to the mission of making Tulsa a world-class city. I wasn't born into politics, but like many others, I feel now is the time to fight for what is right — that's why I am running. Together, we can build a bridge of hope and confidence that will create a strong and sustainable future.

Today, we see such cruel and bitter criticism spewing from both sides of the political aisle, calls for abolishing the police, and it seems like politicians don't quite understand how to fairly negotiate because they've never had to work outside of politics. I have.

I moved to Tulsa thirteen years ago and fell in love with it.

Back then, I barely had two nickels to rub together. But I knew with hard work and determination, I could build a successful future here in business. Tulsa is where I met my beautiful wife, Lily, of 10 years now, and together, we have built several successful companies in the area – one of which is a car dealership located right in the heart of the District 7.

As a businessman who started from scratch, I learned early on the responsibility to take care of people, find solutions to problems, and share a vision bigger than myself. I meet a payroll, balance budgets large and small, and lead others with varying belief systems. Now, I'm ready to transfer those skills into serving as your new City Councilor. We must promote Tulsa's opportunities, invest in infrastructure, and never defund the police.

Let's make Tulsa a world-class city.

I humbly ask for your vote this November. Please call anytime: 918-850-8827.

With action and confidence,

Justin Van Kirk