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BRAXTON BANKS FILES FOR CANDIDACY FOR OKLAHOMA HOUSE DISTRICT 85

Democratic candidate and The Village vice-mayor focused on practical solutions for schools, cities, and working families.

THE VILLAGE, OK — April 2nd, 2026 — Braxton Banks, a Democratic candidate and vice-mayor on The Village City Council, today filed for his candidacy for the Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 85. Banks will run on a platform centered on keeping politics out of the classroom, providing stable funding for municipalities, investing in trades and a skilled workforce, and protecting equal rights for all Oklahomans. He will appear on the primary ballot on June 16, 2026.

Background

Banks grew up in Edmond, Oklahoma, and currently lives in The Village, where he serves as vice-mayor on the City Council. In that role, he has worked on local issues that affect families and neighborhoods every day, from city services and infrastructure to responsible budgeting and long-term planning. He has established a distinguished career in the fields of cosmetology and barbering. His experience includes working as both a stylist and salon owner. Additionally, he serves as a national trainer for a recognized extension brand and has held the position of instructor at a local hair academy. Currently, he also works as a substitute educator at a local technical school.

Legislative Priorities

- Take politics out of education and keep the focus on students, teachers, and strong public schools.
- Secure stable, predictable funding for municipalities so cities can plan, maintain services, and meet growth responsibly.
- Invest in trades and a skilled workforce to expand opportunity and meet Oklahoma's workforce needs.
- Protect equal rights for all Oklahomans and ensure every resident is treated with dignity and fairness.

Candidate Statement

“I’m running for House District 85 because our community deserves steady, practical leadership that puts people ahead of politics,” said Banks. “In the Legislature, I’ll work to keep politics out of education, deliver stable and predictable funding for our municipalities, strengthen career and technical pathways for good-paying jobs, and stand up for equal rights for every Oklahoman.”

Community Focus

House District 85 includes neighborhoods where families want great schools, safe streets, reliable services, and a fair shot at opportunity. Banks said his experience in municipal leadership has shown him how state decisions directly affect city budgets, infrastructure, and public safety, and why lawmakers should partner with local communities. He also emphasized the importance of expanding hands-on career training and protecting the rights of all residents.

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