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ELECTION 2026

MAZZEI THE WINNER IN GOVERNOR'S RACE



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Mike Mazzei is pictured during a watch party Tuesday night. He will succeed Gov. Kevin Stitt, pictured in the background, after winning a majority of the votes in Oklahoma's gubernatorial race.

Republican casts wide net in victory over Democrat Munson

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahomans apparently favored Mike Mazzei, a Republican from Tulsa, on Tuesday to be the state's next governor.

Election Day proved to be not so fortunate for other Republican candidates across the country, but Mazzei, 61, captured a majority of votes cast in deep-red Oklahoma.

After 10 p.m., with 98% of precincts reporting unofficial results, Mazzei had captured about 52% of the votes. His Democratic opponent, Cyndi Munson, received almost 46% of the votes in the gubernatorial race.

While Munson drew most of her support from Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Stillwater, Mazzei fared well in the metro areas and dominated voting across the rest of the state.

Endorsed by President Donald Trump, who described him as a "MAGA warrior," Mazzei also defeated three independent candidates in voting for the state's highest office.

He appeared with supporters at a watch party in Tulsa but didn't offer any comments before about 10:15 p.m.

During his campaign, Mazzei pledged to prioritize fiscal discipline and accountability in his administration, priorities that he said led to his success first in business in Tulsa and later as a state senator.

In 1996, Mazzei founded Trinity Strategic Wealth, an investment management firm headquartered in Tulsa. As of October 2025, the firm reported supporting clients across 44 states and managing more than $1.5 billion in assets.

After campaigning on a promise to bring private-sector discipline to public service, Mazzei was elected in 2004 to represent south Tulsa and the Bixby and Jenks areas in the state Senate. He did so for 12 years, eventually rising to serve as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. After he termed out of office, he returned to the private sector but eventually signed on to serve as Stitt's budget secretary from 2019 to 2020.

On the campaign trail, Mazzei described himself as a "financial nerd" and policy wonk, but he also made frequent references to his Christian values.

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Hern rolls to victory in race for U.S. Senate

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First District Congressman Kevin Hern officially began his move across the Capitol rotunda with a victory Tuesday in Oklahoma's U.S. Senate election.

"Oklahomans sent me to Washington to get things done. After eight years of delivering results in the House, I'm ready to hit the ground running on day one as their senator," said Hern, 64.



Hern

Hern appeared headed for about 60% of the vote against Democrat N'Kiyla Jasmine Thomas, Libertarian Sevier White, and independents Curtis Stinnett and Ron Meinhardt. The race was closer than many expected, with Thomas leading Oklahoma County by 18 percentage points with 60% of precincts reporting, and narrowly ahead in Tulsa County.

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Voters pass city hotel guest tax by large margin

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That collective sigh of relief you heard across the city Tuesday night came from supporters of the proposed increase in the city's hotel guest tax rate.

After spending months promoting it — including a week-long deluge of ads on Facebook, TV and every other communication medium imaginable leading up to Tuesday's vote — the measure was approved by voters, 57% percent for, 42% against.

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Partly sunny
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