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My favorite spot in Tulsa: I absolutely love the Tulsa Parks system developed along the river. We are fortunate that our planners had the foresight to create a link between outdoor activities and the environment created by our river. It is always beautiful, lively and there are so many different activities and communities you can connect with along your journey. Did I mention that there is always a breeze there?

My favorite restaurant: This is a tough one because Tulsa has so many incredible locally owned restaurants. If I had to pick one, however, it would be Thai Siam. I have traveled to many places around the world and this is about as authentic as it gets.

My favorite places to go shopping: The Gadget Shop, T-Town Bicycles and Dwelling Spaces.

My perfect Tulsa weekend: Summer weekends with my family where we go out to brunch, go hiking or cycling afterward, cool off in the swimming pool and then watch the kids chase fireflies while cooking out. It doesn't get much better than that for me.

My community cause: Way too many to list, but my main focus this year is Tulsa's Young Professionals. As chairman I lead a dedicated membership of 5,000 young, energetic Tulsans with a mission to attract and retain young professionals in the Tulsa metro region. It has been an exceptional journey with this organization as I believe our mission is the single most important thing to keep Tulsa thriving in the years to come.

My favorite Tulsa events: Dfest and Tulsa Tough.

My arts group: Left Field Project based in downtown Tulsa.

My sports team: We have some serious talent in the mixed martial arts arena here in Tulsa. From the trainers to the individual fighters, it is great to see how our local talent is representing Oklahoma globally.

My favorite attraction: For me, it's more of the natural aspects that Tulsa has to offer that attract the family and me. The river, Chandler Park and Turkey Mountain all are great outdoor getaways nestled within our city. Speaking of a natural attraction, the Tulsa Zoo wasn't named America's Favorite Zoo for nothing — my family loves it there.

My reason for living in Tulsa: Tulsa is full of potential, and I believe we are on the brink of becoming one of the best cities in the nation. It is small enough to feel like a community but big enough to feel like a vibrant metropolitan city. It is beautiful here and I wouldn't raise my children anywhere else.

