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KEEP OKC MOVING: A VITAL STEP FOR OKC'S FUTURE

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MOVING!**

YES OCT 14

Oklahoma City voters are set to make a monumental decision on Tuesday, Oct. 14, when they head to the polls to vote on OKC Bond 25. This \$2.7 billion bond issue, the largest in the city's history, is a comprehensive proposal aimed at addressing critical infrastructure needs across OKC.

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber has launched the "Keep OKC Moving" campaign to encourage voter support for the bond. Chamber Chair Teresa Rose will lead the effort, rallying businesses, residents and community organizations to back this important investment in the city's future.

"We're at a pivotal moment," Rose said. "Continuing to invest in our city and maintain our infrastructure is absolutely vital. This bond issue will bring investment to every part of our city and impact every aspect of

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vision for manufacturing talent in Oklahoma City," said Lee Copeland, director of talent partnerships for the Chamber.

Held at the OSU-OKC Advanced Manufacturing Lab—built specifically to train students in advanced manufacturing—the event marked an important moment for both the students and the region's employers. [NUMBER] new candidates officially signed to join OKC FAME.

The OKC FAME program, launched by the Chamber in fall 2024, combines classroom instruction with paid, hands-on training at local manufacturing companies. Students earn a two-year degree in engineering technology from OSU-OKC while gaining valuable work experience—helping fill the region's need for highly skilled talent in a growing industry.

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FUTURE WORKFORCE GROWS WITH OKC FAME SIGNING EVENT

As Oklahoma City's manufacturing sector continues to expand, a new generation of skilled workers is stepping up to power that growth. On July 7, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber celebrated the latest milestone for its workforce development efforts with a special signing event for Oklahoma's first chapter of the nationally recognized Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (OKC FAME) program.

"While this initiative is still in its very early stages, we're thrilled about the opportunity that FAME presents to the learners that are beginning their journey and the investment of our employer partners in this long-term

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SEPTEMBER 25

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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The Chamber's State of the Region event will highlight the progress and development happening across the central Oklahoma 10-county region. The event will include a discussion of projects that are connecting cities within and outside the area, help draw attention to issues of importance and encourage collaboration between communities.

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CHRISTY GILLENWATER
President & CEO

A UNIFIED VISION TO KEEP OKC MOVING FORWARD

On October 14, Oklahoma City voters will have the opportunity to support the largest infrastructure investment in our city's history—without raising property tax rates.

The 2025 General Obligation (GO) Bond package, totaling \$2.7 billion, will fund 11 essential propositions that impact the daily lives of every resident. More than 75% of the proposed funding will go directly to streets, bridges, drainage control systems, traffic and transit improvements,

as well as fire, police, and other critical city facilities.

This bond issue reflects a unified vision for the future of Oklahoma City—one rooted in responsible growth, long-term planning, and the fundamental services our residents rely on. It also invests in parks and recreational spaces, libraries, and economic development efforts that elevate quality of life and support a vibrant, inclusive community.

Importantly, this initiative maintains our city's momentum while keeping property tax rates flat—an achievement made possible by strong fiscal stewardship and strategic planning. Voters are increasingly optimistic about Oklahoma City's direction, with favorable public opinion driven by past success and a shared desire to continue moving forward. This package presents a comprehensive approach that meets core needs while investing in our future.

As civic and business leaders, we must continue championing efforts that reflect our community's values and aspirations. I encourage you to learn more and share why voting YES on October 14 is vital to our progress.

Let's Keep OKC Moving—together.

Learn more at KeepOKCMoving.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

(Events are subject to change. Consult okcchamber.com/events for the most recent updates.)

SEPTEMBER 25

State of the Region

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Downtown Medical Center
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OCTOBER 8

Chamber Forum

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 19

State of the Economy

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
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DECEMBER 17

Annual Meeting

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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OKC to host GiANT Worldwide's first national meeting this fall

This fall, GiANT Worldwide, a local leadership consultancy, will host its first national meeting in Oklahoma City.

The event is expected to bring 650 attendees and generate 1,380 room nights across several Bricktown-area hotels. The Hilton Garden Inn OKC–Bricktown will serve as the headquarter hotel, with additional rooms contracted at Aloft, Hampton Inn & Suites, Homewood Suites and the Renaissance OKC Downtown.

Founded in OKC, GiANT Worldwide is a global media and content development company specializing in leader transformation. With clients in more than 100 countries, GiANT's mission is to raise up liberating leaders in every major city and sector around the world. Hosting its first national conference in its hometown marks a significant milestone in the company's growth.

OKC continues to welcome a steady stream of meetings, with GiANT's inaugural event serving as a highlight for the season. While no other large-scale conventions are scheduled this fall, a wide range of small to mid-sized groups will gather in the city—keeping downtown hotels, venues and restaurants active throughout the coming months.

For more information on upcoming events or how to host a meeting in OKC, visit visitokc.com/meetings.

STATE OF THE REGION

STATE OF THE REGION TO EXPLORE GROWTH BEYOND THE CITY AND THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Focusing on central Oklahoma's development and collaboration, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber's upcoming State of the Region event will highlight the progress and transformation happening across the 10-county region. This annual event will spotlight key projects connecting cities within and outside the metro, draw attention to issues that matter to local leaders and residents, and foster meaningful collaboration between communities working toward a shared vision.

Set for Sept. 25 at the Embassy Suites Downtown Medical Center, State of the Region is designed to give attendees a deeper understanding of the forces shaping central Oklahoma's economy—from population shifts to business investment and regional partnerships.

The event will begin with "Region at a Glance," a data-driven overview of the region's current position, including updated demographic trends, sector growth insights and major development highlights. This opening session will equip attendees with a comprehensive, fact-based foundation for the deeper conversations that follow.

Two thought-provoking panels will anchor the program.

The first, "Success Beyond OKC," will showcase rural and suburban communities that are leading with innovation. Attendees will hear stories of economic revitalization, downtown reinvestment and niche industry growth—all driven by local leadership and bold vision. The panel will highlight how smaller

communities are creating new value in the region's economy and offer lessons that others can apply.

The second panel, "Economic Development & Incentives," will explore the evolving tools and strategies that power regional growth. From performance-based incentives to pro-growth legislation and cross-community collaboration, this discussion will dive into the mechanics of how Oklahoma competes for business, supports expansion and creates an environment where opportunity can thrive.

State of the Region offers timely insights and actionable ideas for navigating growth, investment and connection across the central Oklahoma region.

To register and learn more about pricing, visit the Chamber's Events page.



The Chamber's State of the Region event, set for September 25 at Embassy Suites Downtown Medical Center, will highlight key projects, economic forces and regional collaboration shaping central Oklahoma.

HOLT REVEALS OKC ARENA DESIGN, CALLS IT A DEFINING MOMENT FOR THE CITY



Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt shared conceptual renderings of the city’s future downtown arena during State of the City on July 16. The presentation marked a major step in a project that city leaders say will shape the next generation of live entertainment and professional sports in OKC.

“I’ve always believed this would be a building that defines our city,” Holt said. “It’s a statement piece. I really believe it will be one of the most beautiful arenas not just in the United States, but in the world.”

The design, created by MANICA Architecture with TVS as architect of record, features a circular structure and a 360-degree glass curtain wall that connects the interior with the surrounding city. The seating bowl is designed for basketball and offers a more compact layout than the Paycom Center, placing fans closer to the court.

“This came through a lot of dialogue, listening, understanding and imagining what it could be,” said David Manica, founder of MANICA Architecture. “The circle came first—this idea of a pure circle, something without sides, balanced, equal on every facade. We thought that was a powerful gesture, like a wedding band symbolizing marriage. This arena’s design carries that kind of symbolism.”

The Paycom Center was originally designed for hockey, with flat ends and limited flexibility. The new arena pulls fans inward, placing food, merchandise and restrooms around the bowl. This approach placed the concourses on the outside edge of the building and made room for expansive glass views. The upper concourse is set back to form a 360-degree balcony that overlooks the main concourse.

“Everyone is in the same space at the same time, which is unique,” Manica said. “Often, the upper concourse is separated from the main concourse. That felt like a missed opportunity. This design supports togetherness, unity and community.”

At 750,000 square feet, the new arena is significantly larger than the current 586,000-square-foot venue, bringing OKC in line with mid-sized NBA markets. The

size supports more food service, hospitality and retail—key areas for revenue and adaptability.

The arena is also designed to accommodate concerts and touring events. It includes a retractable scoreboard, below-grade loading dock, green rooms, truck bays, crew space and laundry areas.

Placing the dock below ground lifts the concourse level, providing broad city views. The building faces all directions—north to downtown, east to the river, west to sunsets and south to new development.

The building will have no designated front entrance. Major entries will be placed on the northwest, southwest and southeast corners, with smaller entrances on the north and south to allow access from all directions.

Manica added that OKC inspired much of the design approach. “The spirit of the project is unique to this place, this community and this location,” he said. “There will be layers of meaning incorporated into the interiors and into every aspect and square inch of the building. I think we’ve started something really special for this place, for this city and for these people. And there’s more to come.”

The concept was released three weeks after the Thunder won the NBA championship, creating a notable moment in city history to debut the design.

“This is not a small-town arena,” Holt said. “It’s the arena of a Top 20 city. It’s the arena befitting an NBA city. This is the arena befitting a major league.”

The new arena is expected to open by late summer 2028, with a contractual deadline of June 2029. Flintco and Mortenson will lead construction, and once complete, Legends/ASM Global will manage the facility. The Thunder’s new 25-year lease will begin when the team moves in.

Renderings and more information are available at okcnewarena.com.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS HIGHLIGHTS INNOVATION, COLLABORATION AS BACK-TO- SCHOOL SEASON BEGINS

As Oklahoma City students prepare to return to the classroom, education and business leaders gathered for a forward-focused conversation at the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber's 2025 State of the Schools event, held Aug. 6 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

The annual event offered more than policy updates—it delivered a call to action. With a theme centered on innovation, workforce readiness and community alignment, the conversation reflected a shared commitment to shaping a stronger educational future for the OKC metro.

“The Chamber is committed to strengthening our partnerships with education and workforce leaders to align outcomes that accelerate continued regional growth and prosperity,” said Chamber Chair Teresa Rose. “We will be convening with leaders from the education, workforce, business, government and the nonprofit sector to drive a unified, regional push to raise student achievement and deliver measurable positive impacts on the future workforce needs of the greater Oklahoma City area.”

Keynote speaker Dr. Jim Hess, Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences at Oklahoma State University, delivered a message rooted in bold leadership

and student-centered innovation. From classroom flexibility and educator development to integrating real-world skills into academics, Dr. Hess emphasized rethinking traditional education models to meet evolving needs.

A panel discussion brought together top voices from across the metro, including:

- Nellie Tayloe Sanders, Deputy Secretary of Workforce Development, State of Oklahoma
- Dr. Jamie Polk, Deputy Superintendent, Oklahoma City Public Schools
- Dr. Josh Delich, Superintendent, Edmond Public Schools
- Dr. Robert Romines, Superintendent, Moore Public Schools

Panelists discussed curriculum modernization, career pathways and building stronger connections between schools and local industries. Topics like dual enrollment, teacher recruitment and mental health support for students also featured prominently.

As students sharpen pencils and return to school buildings this fall, the message from State of the Schools is clear: community support and cross-sector collaboration are key to student success and long-term economic growth.



OKCONNECT OFFERS EXCLUSIVE LOOK AT OKC'S GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES

OKConnect, a premier orientation program from the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and Leadership OKC, will return August 17 and run through November 18. Designed for newcomers and business leaders in new or expanded roles, the program focuses on community engagement and awareness, offering insights into the city's history, growth and successes.

The program consists of four sessions held from noon to 5 p.m. Each session will feature expert speakers who will discuss OKC's history, economic development, education and opportunities for community involvement.

The program costs \$500 for Chamber members and \$600 for nonmembers, with 60 spots available. Each session comes with lunch and a networking happy hour after the event. Apply for the 2024 class at okcchamber.com/okconnect.

For more information, contact Marcus Elwell at melwell@okcchamber.com.

RETAIL GROWTH SIGNALS ECONOMIC STRENGTH IN OKC

Oklahoma City's retail scene continues to flourish, with several exciting openings underscoring the region's economic momentum and growing appeal as a destination for both shoppers and national brands. According to Tammy Fate, director of Retail Development and Recruitment at the Greater OKC Chamber, these new additions reflect a broader trend: strong consumer demand, increased investment confidence and a diversifying local market.

From Andretti Indoor Karting and Games' entertainment experience to RH's elevated Design Gallery at OAK, and The Oil Tree's artisan offerings rooted in Oklahoma values, there's many new and notable additions in OKC retail.

"Andretti's entry into the Oklahoma City market is a strong signal of retail momentum and growing consumer demand," Fate said. "Combined with RH's new Design Gallery and The Oil Tree's expansion at OAK, these openings reflect a market that is thriving; and one where both national brands and local retailers see long-term opportunity."



President and CEO Christy Gillenwater applauds as racing legend Mario Andretti celebrates the opening of Andretti's in Oklahoma City.

Andretti's opens new OKC location

Andretti's has officially opened in OKC, offering more than 84,000 square feet of attractions for families, groups and thrill-seekers.

"The collaboration between American Fidelity and Randy Hogan at The Half has created a vibrant hub for entertainment-focused retailers," said Chamber President and CEO Christy Gillenwater. "By clustering like-minded, experience-driven concepts, they've built an environment where brands can thrive. Their leadership is a powerful example of what happens when vision meets opportunity—and transforms into destination."

Located just off the Broadway Extension, the entertainment center features a multi-level go-kart track with electric Superkarts designed for speed and precision. Inside, visitors can choose from more than 100 arcade games, virtual reality experiences, racing simulators and a 7D motion theater.

The two-story laser tag arena and duckpin bowling lanes give guests more options to compete or unwind. A full-service restaurant offers burgers, pizzas and flatbreads, while the bar serves local craft beer and house cocktails.

The OKC opening marks another expansion for the Andretti brand, which operates similar venues in several cities across the country. Designed for all ages, the new location aims to serve as both a weekend destination and a venue for private events, corporate outings and birthday parties.

Andretti Indoor Karting and Games is located at 8300 Broadway Ext. For more information, visit the website.

RH opens Design Gallery at OAK

RH has opened its newest Design Gallery at OAK. The 45,000-square-foot, three-story space combines home furnishings, dining and professional design services in one location.

Located at 2110 Northwest Expressway, the gallery integrates RH Interiors, Modern and Outdoor collections with select artwork, antiques and global objects. The building merges residential and retail design, with open-concept floorplans and indoor-outdoor transitions.

"The opening of RH in Oklahoma City marks a new chapter in our city's evolution as a destination for luxury and design," said Tammy Fate, director of Retail Development and Recruitment at the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. "As the top luxury retailer in the country, RH brings a level of sophistication and experience



The Oil Tree opens at OAK

The Oil Tree has officially opened at OAK, making it the first Oklahoma-based business to join the mixed-use development. The store's second location occupies a 1,763-square-foot space fronting Heartwood Park and will host cooking classes, olive oil tastings and offer customizable gift sets.

Recognized as one of OKC's premier destinations for ultra-premium extra virgin olive oils, beautifully aged balsamic vinegars and gourmet groceries, The Oil Tree offers specialty products not commonly found in the area.

Maggie Peterson, founder of The Oil Tree, was born and raised in Oklahoma City. Over the years, she built strong relationships with small-batch producers on both the East and West coasts. After discovering widespread fraud and a lack of transparency in the U.S. food industry, she was motivated to take action.

Peterson chose to focus on the olive oil trade, establishing a mission to educate the public about truth in labeling while delivering artisan products of exceptional quality.

Whether shoppers are looking for the health benefits and bold flavor of high-quality olive oils or exploring a curated selection of spices, pastas or sauces, The Oil Tree stands out as the only store in the city providing these unique items at an affordable price.

The store is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit theoiltree.com.



that elevates not just retail—but lifestyle. We're proud to welcome a brand that redefines what's possible and reflects the bold imagination driving OKC forward."

The RH Rooftop Restaurant sits beneath a glass-and-steel atrium and serves a menu of classic dishes, Champagne, wine and cocktails. Guests dine among chandeliers, olive trees and a cast-stone fountain. The dining area opens to the Rooftop Park, where RH Outdoor furniture is arranged throughout landscaped spaces influenced by European gardens.

Gallery and restaurant hours:

Gallery

Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Rooftop Restaurant

Monday–Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 5 – 8 p.m.

Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 5 – 9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

For general inquiries, contact oklahomacity@rh.com or call 405-445-3744. For restaurant inquiries, email oklahomacityrestaurant@rh.com.



CJAC CHARTS BOLD NEW COURSE IN JUSTICE REFORM

With the close of its seventh fiscal year, the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) continues to drive transformational reform across the county’s justice system. The FY25 Annual Report, released this July, highlights a year of strategic progress, deepened community partnerships and bold leadership transitions, all aimed at improving public safety and equity through data-informed, people-centered solutions.

At the helm of this new chapter is Executive Director Melissa Walton, who was appointed in early 2025. Walton brings more than 15 years of experience in justice reform, diversion programming and systems strategy, having previously led Oklahoma County’s Treatment Courts and served as director of community engagement at ReMerge. Her appointment follows the tenure of founding director Timothy Tardibono, under whose leadership CJAC became a trusted convener and catalyst for reform.

Walton’s arrival marks renewed momentum for CJAC, as the council continues its work advising on the development of the new Oklahoma County Detention Center and a \$44 million behavioral health care facility. The report emphasizes CJAC’s focus on mental health

intervention, collaborative data tools and diversion over incarceration—especially for low-level offenses and those struggling with substance use or mental illness.

Key leadership changes also included the appointment of District Attorney Vicki Behenna as CJAC chair and Chief Public Defender Brigitte Biffle as vice chair—a powerful and rare alignment from opposite ends of the justice spectrum. Together, they are poised to expand access to pretrial services, alternative sentencing and behavioral health diversion.

Among CJAC’s signature accomplishments this year was the Hidden Workforce Summit, hosted in partnership with the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. The event spotlighted “fair chance hiring,” a practice that promotes second chances for justice-involved individuals



and strengthens the local workforce. Employers heard directly from peers, including JPMorgan Chase, about the economic value and resilience justice-involved employees bring to the workplace.

There was also progress on the legislative front. CJAC supported the passage of two important laws: House Bill 1460, which reduces or eliminates harmful court fines and fees; and Senate Bill 690, which ensures that incarcerated individuals working toward a GED can retain their academic progress across facilities. Both reforms are expected to reduce recidivism and promote economic stability.

The Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP), supported by a federal COSSUP grant and administered through a partnership between Diversion Hub and Red Rock Behavioral Health, boasts a 78% graduation rate. Program data show that participants with stable employment are 3.4 times more likely to succeed—underscoring the importance of support services like housing, therapy and job training.

CJAC also advanced the DataHub project, an integrated justice data system designed to track outcomes

across the legal continuum—from arrest to case resolution. Combined with public-facing dashboards, this effort aims to increase transparency, identify system delays and help prevent people from falling through the cracks.

As Walton and CJAC look to the future, their focus remains clear: aligning public resources toward rehabilitation, prevention and equity. To stay engaged with their ongoing work, visit okcountycjac.com or follow @OKCountyCJAC on social media.



our quality of life, including safe and well-maintained roadways, public safety, parks and libraries, transit and adequate drainage.”

OKC Bond 25 includes a variety of essential projects, with an emphasis on improving the city’s infrastructure. Some of the key initiatives include upgrading streets and bridges, enhancing public safety facilities, expanding parks and recreational spaces, modernizing libraries and transit systems, and investing in flood management efforts to safeguard neighborhoods. These improvements are crucial for sustaining OKC’s growth while ensuring that it remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.

One of the most significant aspects of this bond is that it will not raise property tax rates. Despite the scale of the investment, the city is committed to keeping the current property tax rate unchanged. Rose emphasized that this commitment reflects the city’s desire to make impactful changes without imposing additional financial burdens on residents.

“The commitment to transparency and engaging the public in this process has been a hallmark of this bond issue,” Rose said. “We’re pleased that the process for developing the priorities has been open and inclusive.



The city’s leadership has worked closely with the community to ensure these projects will have a real impact and address the needs of all Oklahomans.”

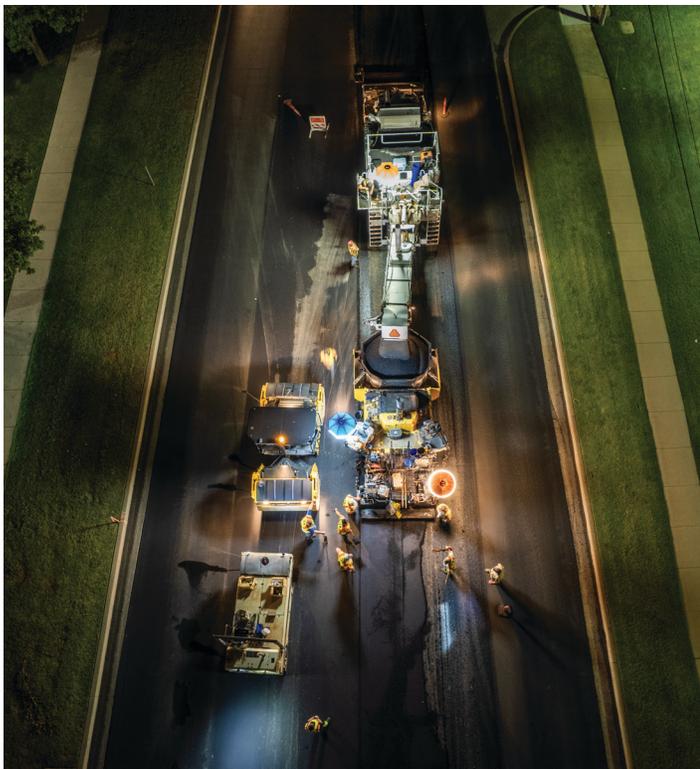
The Chamber anticipates a broad coalition of community organizations, business leaders and local residents joining the Keep OKC Moving campaign. With support from these groups, the Chamber aims to build momentum for the bond’s passage, making the case to voters that OKC Bond 25 is a necessary investment in the future of OKC.

The Chamber’s campaign seeks to engage residents across the city and ensure that everyone has access to the information they need to make an informed vote. By encouraging civic participation, the Chamber hopes to inspire a collective effort to maintain OKC’s progress while ensuring the city’s infrastructure keeps up with its growth.

Rose stressed the importance of getting involved in the campaign, saying that the support of OKC residents will be crucial in securing the bond’s passage. “This is a citywide effort, and we need the support of everyone who cares about Oklahoma City’s future,” she said. “We want to ensure that Oklahoma City remains a city where people want to live and work for generations to come.”

For more information on the proposed projects and to learn how to get involved in the Keep OKC Moving campaign, visit the official website at keepokcmoving.com or call (405) 297-8942. Voter registration deadlines are fast approaching, so residents are encouraged to get registered and informed ahead of the Oct. 14 election.

The October vote will be a crucial step in the continued growth of OKC, and the outcome will impact the city’s infrastructure and quality of life for years to come. Voters who want to ensure a vibrant, sustainable future for OKC are encouraged to take an active role in supporting this bond package and its long-term benefits.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Businesses who join the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber are part of the largest coalition of businesses in the state and make the Chamber's work in the community possible. Each member level is identified on the listing below.

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OKC MSA RANKS #3 NATIONALLY FOR YOUNG HOMEBUYER ACCESSIBILITY

Ranks of Young Home Ownership in American MSA's

OVERALL RANK	MSA	HOME OWNERSHIP RATE OF PEOPLE UNDER 35 YEARS OLD	SHARE OF HOME PURCHASE LOANS TAKEN OUT BY APPLICANTS UNDER 35 YEARS OLD
1	OMAHA, NE	18.20%	62.40%
2	PROVO, UT	24.40%	47.70%
3	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	18.70%	59.80%
4	TULSA, OK	17.80%	59.60%
5	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	21.10%	49.50%
6	DES MOINES, IA	19.80%	51.60%
7	WICHITA, KS	18.40%	52.80%
8	CINCINNATI, OH	17.00%	54.70%
9	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	16.50%	54.60%
10	AKRON, OH	14.20%	59.60%

Source: Consumer Affairs 'Where is Homeownership Most Accessible for Young People?' Where Is Homeownership Most Accessible for Young People? | ConsumerAffairs*; C2ER's 2024 Cost of Living Index

- The Oklahoma City metro ranked 3rd in accessibility of homeownership among young people, based on the combined metrics of home ownership rates and share of home purchase loans taken out by applicants under 35 years old
- OKC MSA ranks 5th in homeownership rate and 2nd in share of loans among buyers under 35.
- Part of this high ranking could be attributed to Oklahoma City's lower housing costs, as OKC has the lowest average housing prices of large cities (over 500,000 population) in C2ER's Cost of Living Index.

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