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Note: the Awake Oklahoma voter guide will be expanding. Watch for the June 16 primary elections edition that will be covering a larger area with more information!

## OK VOTER GUIDE

April 7, 2026

(early voting April 2 & 3)

This voter guide provides our recommendations in Oklahoma elections in which we are familiar. There are some races that we may miss or don't have the information needed to make a suggestion. We cover Tulsa County/Wagoner County areas more extensively, but do our best to cover the major elections in other counties. The June 16 primary elections will cover elections more extensively around the state and other counties.

This election is primarily for school board members and school bonds/more taxes. Often we are told these tax bonds will be “no new tax.” Sometimes that is true, but especially in Tulsa County it is double speak that a tax is falling off, and they want to get something else in its place and call it, “no new taxes.” In those cases, your taxes would actually go DOWN if you didn't pass it.

Oklahomans are generous people. And if they are told it will help kids, police/first responders, or roads, it's an almost guaranteed approval. But why do we keep throwing millions into schools and roads for areas we don't seem improvement. **Let that be your guide. Isn't it time to say NO in those areas to hold officials accountable for the way they spend OUR money until we can see RESULTS?**

### HERE ARE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS for the April 7 elections:

#### **BROKEN ARROW:**

**8 Bond Proposals** – Of the 8 proposals, Broken Arrow residents are already being taxed for the first 7 propositions below. All this vote will do is finalize and allocate where the money will be used. #8 is a new tax. Read below.

**Proposition 1: Transportation** – \$205 million is allocated to widen streets, improve intersections, rehabilitate residential roads, and enhance sidewalks and trails.

**Proposition 2: Public Safety** – \$56 million is allocated for police, fire, and outdoor warning siren upgrades.

I personally find it funny that this is labeled “Public Safety” after the Broken Arrow City Planners repeatedly said PUBLIC SAFETY was not their concern during a five-hour meeting late last year to determine if a rezoning request for a mosque would be approved. For the record, those city planners DID approve that request, ignoring enormous infrastructure limitations and while also ignoring public safety. But I digress. This proposition isn’t about that.

**Proposition 3:** Quality of Life – \$74 million is allocated for a new community center in Elam Park, playground equipment upgrades, and new pickleball courts.

**Proposition 4:** Public Facilities – \$65 million is allocated for expansions and improvements to the Rose District Plaza, the Broken Arrow Senior Center, the Arts@302 building, and the Broken Arrow Veterans Center.

**Proposition 5:** Stormwater – \$6 million is allocated to improve infrastructure and reduce flooding on public property.

**Proposition 6:** Drainage – \$5 million is allocated to improve infrastructure and address flooding on private property that may affect surrounding areas.

**Proposition 7:** Tulsa City-County Library Partnership – \$4 million is allocated to support the construction of a new, larger library to replace the current South Broken Arrow Library.

NOTE: I don’t live in Broken Arrow and so I am not making a recommendation for Propositions 1 through 7, which the city manager and councilors have stated will fund capital improvement projects without increasing the city’s property tax rate. It is your opportunity to give input on how they will use the money from which you are already being taxed. However, Proposition 8 below raises taxes for 5 years. They linked that one to kids—as most new taxes are about roads or kids, knowing voters are softies for both areas.

**Proposition 8:** This is a new tax for their Sports Facilities Improvements of \$53 million. This proposition would add a five-year half-cent sales tax increase to fund what the city refers to as “long-overdue” improvements to the city’s sports facilities at Arrowhead Softball Complex, Indian Springs Sports Complex, and the Nienhuis Park athletic fields. This is the one proposal that will raise taxes.

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**MULTI-COUNTY BOND/TAX Proposal Vote for:**

**CREEK COUNTY, LINCOLN COUNTY, PAWNEE COUNTY, PAYNE COUNTY, OSAGE –**

**Shared tax vote: JUST SAY NO!**


**This is new tax that will be added to property tax and will NOT expire.**

# KILL THE PERMANENT TAX HIKE!

If you pay property taxes in Central Technology Center – School District No. 3, this affects YOU.

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU!

**What +2 Mills Means for a Typical Home**



**Example:** Impact of +2 Mills (for a \$350,000 home in Creek County)

**Note:** 1 mill = \$1 tax for every \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

Home Value: \$350,000  
Assessed Value: ~\$42,000 (12%)  
After Homestead: \$41,000 taxed  
+2 Mills Adds: \$82 MORE per year.

Tax hikes add up quickly – especially if you live on a fixed income.

**THIS TAX DOES NOT EXPIRE.**

This tax stays in place unless voters remove it. Removing it requires a petition and another vote, which is unlikely to happen.


**PROPERTY TAXES INCREASES ARE CUMULATIVE - THEY ADD UP**

When new millages or bond measures pass, they add to the burden taxpayers already carry.

**WHO THIS AFFECTS:**

- Homeowners
- Renters (Landlord will pass cost to renter)
- Small business owners
- Consumers (Everyone)

**VOTE NO ON APRIL 7**

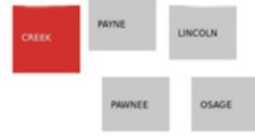


## HOW IS THIS MONEY USED? WHERE WILL NEW FUNDS GO?

### THIS TAX DOES NOT EXPIRE

**All counties vote together**

Creek County alone does NOT decide this vote.



District-wide vote across multiple counties  
\*Portions of Creek, Payne, Lincoln, Pawnee, Osage counties

**CENTRAL TECH ALREADY RECEIVES TAXPAYER FUNDING**  
(School District No. 3)

# \$22.247 MILLION

Already Collected in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

**Vote NO on April 7**  
Vote at your regular polling place  
Fold for by Concerned Citizens of Creek County, Oklahoma

### CREEK COUNTY:

Sapulpa City Council Ward 1

- **My Choice – Mike Harris – R**

Mike has advocated for strong conservative values for years, and I am glad to see he is running for this position. He has **extensive** business experience and negotiating experience. He has been a leader and manager with many employees under his leadership through the years and would be a great addition to the city council. I believe he would be an advocate for Sapulpa citizens who want to see things tighten up and money used better.

- Elisabeth Nicolas - R - incumbent

A former public school teacher for around 30 years. Although she is the incumbent, she was never elected. She gained the position by appointment after the sudden resignation of John Suggs in 2022.

### Sapulpa City Council, Ward 3

- **My Choice – Leroy Harrison – R**

He is a former police officer and businessman who has been contributing to the community for years. He wants to see more intervention for citizens, and property taxes reduced.

- Alexander Hamilton – D - incumbent

He has a business admin degree. He is another one who supports increasing public surveillance and flock cameras and appears to be an advocate for bigger government control rather than the people.

### **Sapulpa City Council, Ward 5—UPDATED**

- **My Choice - Kent Glesener – R**

I've known Kent for several years. He is a smart business owner and has worked to help improve his city and county for years. He is a no-nonsense leader and would be a breath of fresh air to the council.

- Davood (David) Mortazavi – R

A business owner in Sapulpa who has supported the community for years. **He would be another good choice.** Regarding the 5G towers, he voted NO on the final vote March 2024.

### **Drumright School Board**

- **My Choice – Brandy Ann Baugh**

- Daryn Christy
- Teena Nishimuta

### **TULSA COUNTY:**

#### **Bixby City Council – Ward 4**

- **My Choice - Brad Girard – R - incumbent**

Currently the mayor in Bixby and running again to be part of shaping Bixby. Appears to hold conservative values.

- Jake Rowland – R

Not a fan as far as his advocacy for protests against protecting citizens. Pretty liberal leaning Republican it would appear.

#### **Tulsa County – Tulsa Public School 4 Bond TAX Propositions**

**\$609 Million for the next 4 years.**

**This is a HARD NO on all 4!!!**

These propositions fail to address deep-seated systemic issues, including poor academic outcomes, administrative bloat, underutilized facilities, and a destructive busing policy. This bond package perpetuates a failing status quo.

“State Auditor Cindy Byrd’s personal takeaway from auditing Oklahoma’s two largest school districts is that attempts to fix education with “more programs, more services, more counselors, more technology” have not improved academic outcomes but have only added to rising costs.”

**Read more here: <https://bit.ly/ArnettTPSTax>**



### **Liberty Public Schools School Board – Office 1**

- **MY CHOICE - Linda Dany – R**

My personal interaction with Linda, makes her an easy YES for this position due to her unwavering values and efforts to bring education back to a higher standard.

- Timothy Brown – R

He has been coaching young people in the area and active in the community. Not a bad choice, but Linda is my first choice.

### **TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

#### **School Board – Dist 4**

- E’lena Ashley – R

Ashley is the incumbent and overall has stood up for conservative values for students and to hold the schools accountable. In many ways has been a lone warrior. However, she shows an increasing lack of discernment. That along with her refusal to investigate things that are said to her, continues to cause concern. However, so does the candidate below, who seems to prefer government influence over parental rights. I would probably go with E’lena though I would prefer a third choice.

- Connie Dodson – D

Previously a Tulsa city councilor who helped push through higher taxes for the Improve our Tulsa ballot measures. All of which extended taxation but not always improving our Tulsa. She is an advocate for health clinics in public schools—which creates the potential of further school interference over parental decisions such as the gender and identity confusion.

#### **School Board – Dist 7**

- **My Choice – Mike Phillips – R**

He taught at Tulsa Public Schools for over twenty years and holds two degrees. He has been endorsed by Rep. Kevin Hern and has spent the last several years active in attending TPS School board meetings and has been concerned with the condition of the board and what has been taking place—so is now stepping in to make a change. It is needed.

- Susan Lamkin – D

This is another HARD NO due to Susan’s promotion of racism within public schools pushing critical race theory and creating division between white and black students. That has got to stop.

### Tulsa Tech Center—UPDATED

#### My Choice - Jim Baker – R – Incumbent

He has served on the board of the Tulsa Tech Center since 1988 and is running for another 7-year stint. He holds a Doctorate from OSU in Occupational Adult Education. He has certainly been an asset to the Tech Center.

#### Matthew McAfee – R

Matthew has both Business & Education Degrees and has utilized them both. He has been a school teacher for Edison Prep School and has been a bookstore owner and has been working within the community campaigning on innovation for Tulsa Tech.

However, some liberal-leaning actions and promotions while a bookstore owner have come forward that speak loudly that McAfee isn’t necessarily the conservative that it initially appeared.

**Please don't forget to vote April 7! (Early voting April 2-3)**

### NOTICE

If you don't find information on one of your races here, I'm so sorry! I can only cover so many things. If you don't agree with my choices. No problem. These are our personal recommendations from working with these people and/or researching their records.

Another voter guide option is i-Voterguide.com. They try to rate candidates based on surveys/records, although I was pretty disappointed with some of their lack of research in their recommendations during a previous election. However, better than nothing.

[Click here](#) and then insert your address for information on the races in your area.

### JOIN US—May 7<sup>th</sup> —National Day of Prayer

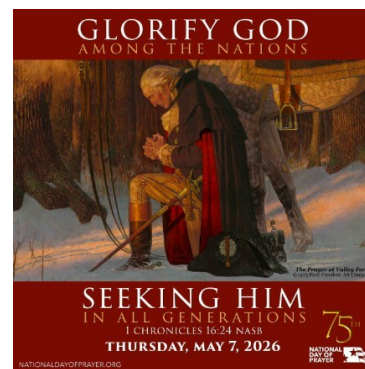
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11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sequoyah Hills Baptist Church

714 N Harvard Ave

Tulsa, OK



Join us to pray for our nation and Oklahoma!

## PRAY FOR THE MID-TERM ELECTIONS

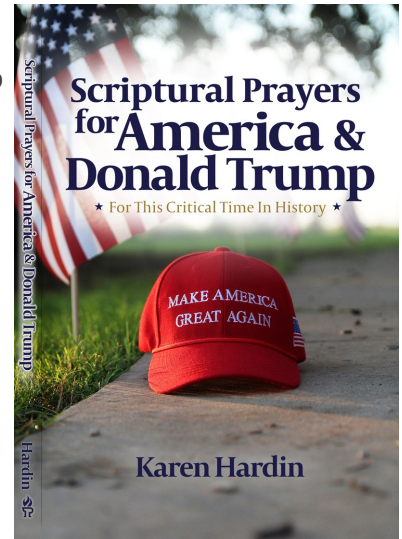
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