



## The City of **OKLAHOMA CITY**

Barbara Peck  
Councilwoman, Ward 3

Hello neighbors,

I hope this email finds you well. It's sometimes hard to catch up with everyone timely especially when there is a case like the amphitheater with so much interest. And it's just ONE of the many cases coming soon before council. I know you all understand that city council members have regular jobs, families, friends in addition to our City Council roles. I love it so much and I count each of you as a neighbor and a friend. I'm so grateful for your engagement and concern for our community. I continue to work through the call back list as time permits, so don't give up on my getting back to you via phone or email. For now, I hope this email shows that I am reviewing all of your comments & concerns.

Here goes:

- I read and make note of every email received as I consider the public hearing ahead of us. Emails to me or my office are not however logged as protest to be included with the packet provided to council. Only those sent to the City Clerk's office are counted and only those on the legally required notice list are counted as what's called a "legal protest". Including your address allows staff to document whether your protest is a "legal" one or one from the community. Both are very important to me and to the process.

Ways to contact the City Clerk's Office –

Via email: [cityclerk@okc.gov](mailto:cityclerk@okc.gov)

or mail: City Clerk

200 N Walker, 2nd Fl

OKC, OK 73102

- This is not a city project. This is a property owner selling their property to a business to develop. The only involvement from the City of OKC is related to the zoning change needed to allow for development. Neither I, nor any city staff or council members, decided to build an amphitheater on this land.
- I want you to know I live in Johnson Farms near SW 44th and Mustang Rd. I drive SW 15th many times each week, some weeks daily depending on activities. I have been blessed to have lived in Westbury, Westbury North, and Ashford Place since moving to Ward 3 in 2007. I've lived in my current home since 2020. My kids started school at Mustang Creek and attended Valley, Canyon Ridge, North and MHS. We are proud Broncos!
- I've been the one in the drop off and pick up lines at Creek and North as well as being a passerby for all of the other school pick up lines in our area. The struggle is real. We continue to work collaboratively to improve those situations for our schools and community as funding allows.
- I share in the concerns that you have. (traffic & noise) We've received them many times over via email and I'm grateful for your involvement! The template emails that we get are not my favorite, but I know sometimes someone else just says it well. Just be careful who you get your information from. Please keep in touch!
- You probably know by now, that per my request, the applicant held a community meeting before applying for zoning change. Since then, they have made changes as a result of comments from the community, the planning and zoning commissioners, and city staff. My understanding is, they are still accepting suggestions as they desire to be good neighbors. We are beginning to

share your emails with the applicant (they are public record and such was their request). They've asked for the opportunity to respond to your concerns as well.

**This application does not have my support.** I've said all along this is a really cool amenity for OKC to have. I think we would ALL enjoy it. I would LOVE for it to be out west in our ward for us to enjoy. But we need to be able to enjoy it by paying to go there to hear/see the bands we want to, not by stepping out our back door. I am one of 9 votes that will be cast, and it is extremely rare for something to pass without the council members support from the ward being affected. We will find out on April 9<sup>th</sup> after the public hearing when council members vote. I want you to know that YOU are why I choose to serve our city. I came to do everything I can to bring attention to the needs of all our friends and neighbors in Ward 3. I thank you so much for allowing me to represent you and for your engagement in the development of our city. See you soon!

Kind regards,

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