



## House of Representatives

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

March 28th, 2024

To City Manager Michael Spurgeon and City Council,

It is my pleasure to offer my recommendation and express my support for Broken Arrow's project proposal for consideration under the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. This initiative is a bold step towards achieving significant reductions in climate pollution and advancing the sustainability goals within our community.

The project encompasses the strategic deployment of solar energy systems at key municipal facilities: the Animal Control Center, the Public Safety Complex (which houses the 911 Center), and the Nienhuis City Park, Operations Building, Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant along with other energy efficiency measures throughout the city. Notably, the initiative proposes the integration of solar and energy efficiency measures, along with the development of backup power capabilities at critical facilities such as the water treatment plant, wastewater plant and Public Safety Complex, ensuring greater resilience and uninterrupted service in critical infrastructure. As a retired law enforcement officer, I am especially supportive of initiatives that make our facilities more resilient during times of emergencies when services in the community are needed the most.

I believe that the successful realization of this project will deliver multiple environmental and economic benefits, including significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, energy savings, operational savings, and improved reliability of services. Broken Arrow is a leader and this project can also serve as an exemplary model for other municipalities in Oklahoma, demonstrating the practicality and benefits of embracing sustainable energy solutions. All this said, I am pleased to endorse Broken Arrow's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Thank you for considering my letter of support. We are eager to see the positive impact of Broken Arrow's project on our community and the environment. If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please feel free to contact me.

In appreciation,

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