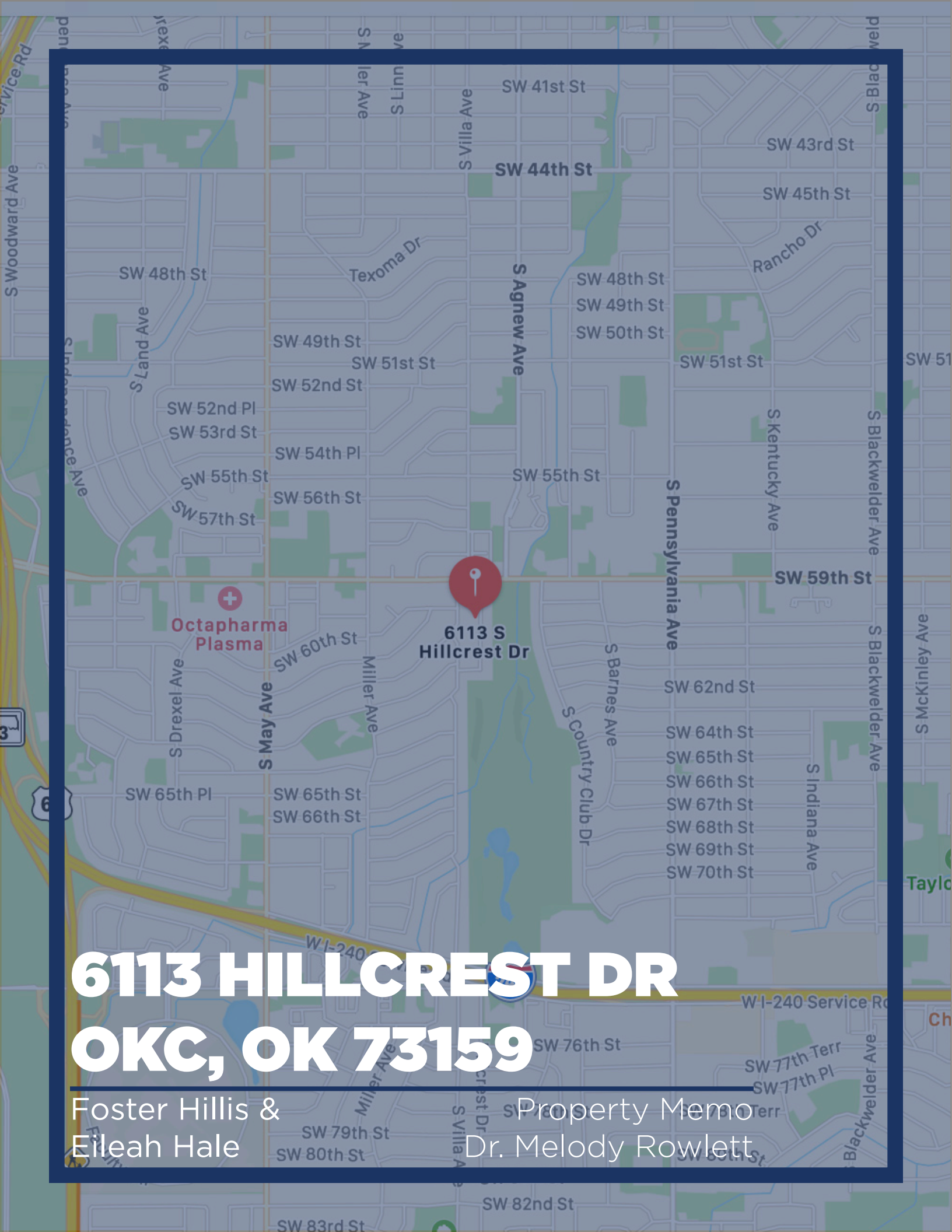
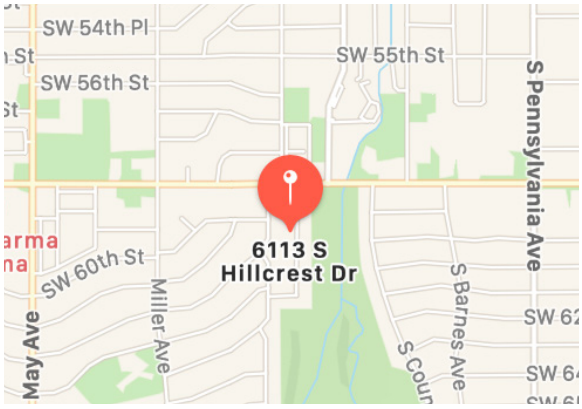


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INTRODUCTION



Location of 6113 Hilcrest Drive

This memo shall be used as a guide for the normal and special government entities, boards, commissions, and other overseeing bodies that serve 6113 Hillcrest Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159-1727.

This single-family dwelling is located in southeast Oklahoma City in the Hillcrest neighborhood, east of the Will Rogers World Airport and west of the Hidden Trails Golf & Country Club.

This dwelling is in the Fifth (5th) US Congressional District, the Fourth-Forth (44th) Oklahoma Senate District, the Ninety-Third (93rd) Oklahoma House District, and the Fifth (5th) Oklahoma City Council Ward.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The following data is from the Oklahoma House of Representative's redistricting information, which was taken from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey which was completed in 2015-2019 (District Maps and Reports, 2019).

- In 2011, there were 37,243 people in the district. Currently, there is an estimated 41,024 residents. The district has had an estimated 10.15% change between 2010 and now.

Alone or in combination with one or more races, the district is ...

- 76.3% - White;
- 9.3% - Black or African American;
- 7.6 - American Indian and Alaskan Native;
- 1.7% - Asian;
- 0.1% - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; and
- 12.1% - some other race.

The district also has 44.7% of its residents are Hispanic or of Latino orign.

According to the Quick Facts of the U.S. Census Bureau, and with the above demographic's information, this district is slightly more white and less diverse in each category.

While looking at educational levels in Oklahoma City, we must compare Oklahoma City with the Nichols Hills neighborhood. In the following data, one can see that the Nichols Hills neighborhood is an outlier in all aspects. The data is from the previously used American Community Survey but portrayed

by Town Charts (Oklahoma City OK Education Data, 2019).

- 86% high school graduation rate (Nichols Hills 99%)
- 30% bachelor's degree (Nichols Hills 83%)
- 14% dropout rate (Nichols Hills 1%)

As one can see, the graduation rate, and overall education rate is slightly below the national average (88%) but ahead of the overall graduation rate in the State (84%) (Kerr & Shin, 2020). Additionally, one can gather that Nichols Hills, as mentioned previously, is an outlier in the education data, possibly skewing the averages for the Oklahoma City metro area.

GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

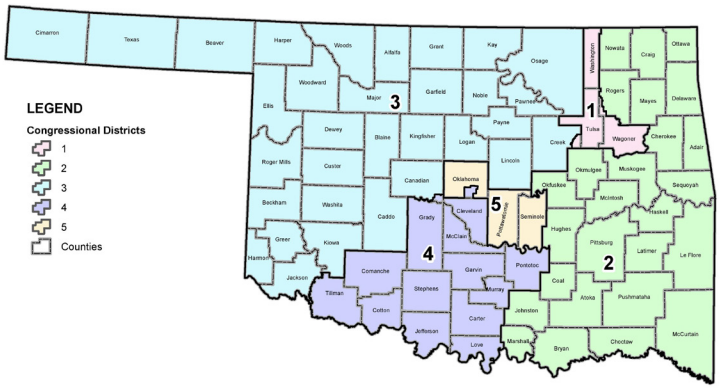
United States and Oklahoma State Government

6113 Hillcrest Drive is represented by Mickey Dollens (D) in Oklahoma's House, Michael Brooks (D) in Oklahoma's Senate (Find My Legislator, 2011), and by Oklahoma's Governor, Kevin Stitt (Office of Governor, 2020).

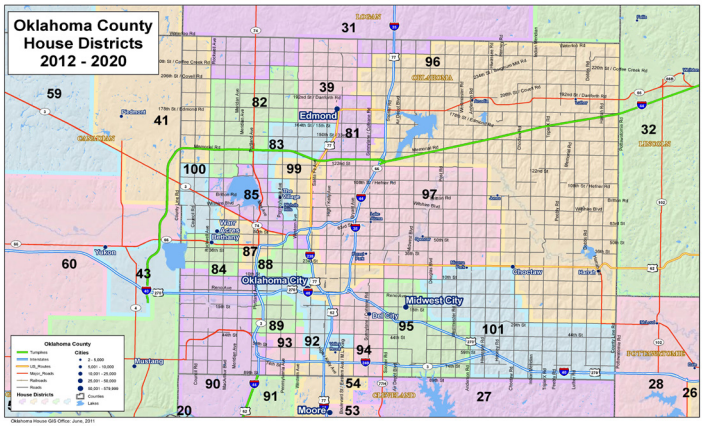
The residents of 6113 Hillcrest Drive are also represented by Jim Inhofe (R) and James Lankford (R) in the United States Senate (Oklahoma Senators, n.d.). While Kevin Hern (R), Markwayne Mullin (R), Frank Lucas (R), Tom Cole (R) and Stephanie Bice (R) serve the citizens of Oklahoma in the United States House of Representatives (Oklahoma Representatives, n.d.).

Oklahoma is notoriously a red state and was one of the first the be called for former President Trump in the 2020 election with 65.4% of the vote going to the GOP's candidate (Oklahoma Election Results 2020, 2021). Oklahoma also has a flat sales tax rate of 4.5%, but in Oklahoma City specifically, it is raised to 8.625% (Palmer, 2016).

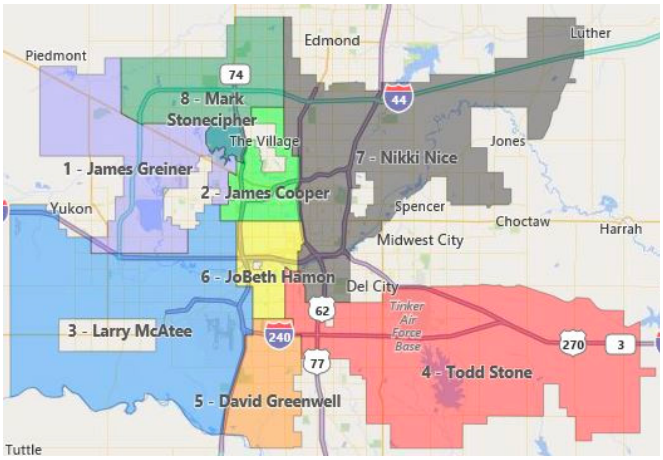
While in the midst of a pandemic, Oklahoma as a whole does not have a state-wide mask mandate which places it in the Top Ten States



Oklahoma House Districts for the US House of Representatives



Oklahoma County House Districts for the OK House of Representatives



Oklahoma County Wards

for the highest number of Coronavirus cases (Elflein, 2021). Though the Post Office is a United States government entity, Oklahoma City is served by twenty- five (25) US Postal Offices (Post Locations).

Oklahoma County

The residence is located in Oklahoma County. Oklahoma County provides normal county government services like the County Assessor, elections, and controls jury duty. Larry Stien is the current County Assessor and controls numerous county functions including the levying of taxation and assessing property value (County Assessor, n.d.).

The current County Commissioner is Brian Maughan, who oversees District Two (2) (Commissioners, n.d.). The County Commissioner serves as a representative for the fiscal affairs of the County. Under the Commissioner, the County Clerk, Rick Warren, and their staff work on "record-keeping for the County, financial administration, and secretarial duties to various boards and commissions" (County Clerk, n.d.).

The District Attorney, David Prater represents the County in all judicial proceedings. In addition to those offices, the County also has the County Sheriff and County Treasurer, who control the law enforcement and tax collection of the County.



Mayor Holt, speaking about MAPS 4

Local Government

There are eight (8) wards represented in Oklahoma City, but 6113 Hillcrest Drive is in Ward Five (5) and is represented by David Greenwell. While elections occur for both City Councilmembers and the Mayor every four (4) years, Councilmembers are elected in odd-numbered years and the Mayor is elected in even numbered years.

Oklahoma City's Council consists of six (6) men and two (2) women and City Council elections are split in half during odd-numbered years. 2021 happens to put Wards One (1), Three (3), Four (4), & Seven (7) up for election. While Wards One (1), Three (3), Four (4), & Seven (7) are elected in the same odd numbered year, Wards Two (2), Five (5), Six (6) and Eight (8) are elected in the same numbered odd year so not every single councilmember will be up for reelection at the same time (City Council, n.d.).

Oklahoma City has been served by Mayor David Holt (R) since 2018 and he won his office by 78.5% of the vote. One of Holt's major goals for OKC is Maps Four (4), which is funded by an eight (8) year, one cent (.01 ¢) sales tax that would increase infrastructure, institute health crisis centers, and youth centers

across the City (MAPS History, 2019).

Once elected, OKC's City Council appoints the City Manager who coordinates and launches the cities policies and plans, the City Auditor, and the Municipal Counselor & Judges. Oklahoma City's local government is also comprised of a multitude of boards included, but not limited to Health, Public Works, Finance, Planning & Development, Utilities, and a board for Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport (City of OKC, n.d.).



Will Rogers World Airport, after future expansion

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Maps Projects

In 1993, Oklahoma City decided to raise a tax on themselves to better their City and revitalize Downtown. Since the one cent (.01 ¢), renewable sales tax has been implemented, OKC has become one of the best cities in the United States for families, young people, and businesses to thrive in; but Oklahoma City's desire to change their city around didn't stop there.



MAPS Project: Downtown Convention Center

A second MAPS (MAPS 2) was created in 2001 and passed for change Oklahoma City's dwindling public schools. With over six-hundred and ninety million dollars ($690,000,000) raised, OKC was able to build/renovate seventy (70) public school buildings and install transportation and technology equipment to assist K-12 students and teachers.

In MAPS 3, OKC raised $777 million dollars to build a new convention center and downtown park (Scissortail Park), create a streetcar system in collaboration with their existing EMBARK city transit services, and improve other outside areas like trails and sidewalks (About MAPS 3, n.d.). W

ith the success of both the three (3) previous projects, OKC residents voted to approve another short term one cent (.01 ¢) sales tax in 2008 to improve funding for Downtown and OKC Thunder's stadium and draw in more residents to the revitalized city. With the achievements since 1993, OKC residents voted to once again extend the one-cent sales tax in 2019 for MAPS 4 (which is in effect now) to create recreational activities (parks, trails, etc.), but also ambitiously put into effect multiple progressive, but necessary, centers. 70% of MAPS 4 will go to human needs such as transportation, combating



OKC Streetcar Route, a MAPS project

homelessness, the mental health crisis, a civil rights center, and many more to properly serve each of OKC's citizens.

Lake Atoka

Oklahoma is one of the largest cities in the US, spanning six-hundred and twenty (620) square miles with over ten (10) acres of them water; just outside of OKC is Lake Atoka which is a common getaway for OKC residents. Lake Atoka is 5,900 acres with fifty-nine (59) miles of shorelines located South East of OKC (Board of Lake Atoka). Its reservation is home to boat ramps, fishing spots, picnic and playground areas, and a campground.

The Reservation Board was founded in 1974 and is based out of Oklahoma City's Utilities Department. The board has eight (8) members to regulate and administer the lake's water and resources since they only meet twice a year, unless there are extenuating circumstances. The eight (8) members directly in charge of the board is the mayor of both Oklahoma City and the City of Atoka, the Chairperson of OKC's Water Utilities, one (1) person appointed by the OKC for two (2) years, and three (3) citizens of Atoka County who are appointed by the City.

Though it would be a common spot for families to relax at including the residents of 6113 Hillcrest Drive, it is not kept up to what it could be. In 2014, the budget for the lake was $303,825, but the Board only spent $212,159 with most of its budget going to employees and none to upkeep (2014 Independent Auditor's Report). However, despite the low effort of upkeep, Lake Atoka is an enterprise a part of OKC's local governmental entity that supports its citizens and offers them a place for leisure.

MAPS for Schools

With the version of MAPS passed in 2001, OKC helped to improve its public schools and their facilities. Oklahoma City's Board of Education is comprised of seven (7) members and a chairperson elected by their district's members. For the residents of 6113 Hillcrest Drive, there would be two (2) types of meetings they could attend on Monday evenings if they wished to get involved in the school board and participate in the policies implemented for K-12 schools.

However, more directly, the residents of 6113 Hillcrest Drive would attend Hillcrest Elementary, Jefferson Middle School, and U.S Grant High School. At Hillcrest Elementary, majority of its students are Hispanic (66%), and it has a 96.5% attendance rate. But majority of Hillcrest's students are economically disadvantage (93.7%) and less than half (1/2) of its students received a satisfactory or advanced score on both their statewide Math and Reading tests in the past three (3) years.

Though it is important to note the high economic disadvantage rate, but the high attendance rate

and how that could be a factor that a lot of parents in low-income households use schools as childcare services and a resource to feed their kids (OKC Public Schools Profile).

Overall, MAPS may have improved and worked for the city the residents of 6113 Hillcrest Drive would need know that the schools serving their children are down the middle.

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It is important to note, that with all of the government bodies and services that were just mentioned, we are all indebted to the Native Americans' whose land we are currently on.

According to Native Land, an open-source website to see whose land one currently resides, 6113 Hillcrest Drive is currently on the lands of the Comanche, Kickapoo, Kiowa, Osage, and Wichita people (NativeLand.ca, 2019).

Additionally, the University of Oklahoma's Norman main campus, sits atop the Caddo Nation and Wichita Tribe's land and was a "hunting ground, trade exchange point, and migration route for the Apache, Comanche, Kiowa and Osage nations" (OU Writing Center, n.d.).



OKC at Night

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