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Voter's Guide for Oklahoma Senate District 46 Special Election

As the February 14th special general election for Senate District 46 approaches, every candidate running says, "I am *FOR* economic development." But what will they do to help existing Oklahoma companies compete with other states and nations? How will they create an environment that attracts quality new companies, jobs and economic opportunities for Oklahomans?

The Oklahoma Prosperity Project is a partnership between our state's employers, The State Chamber, our local chambers of commerce, trade associations, and economic developers. To date, more than 2,250 organizations -- representing nearly 605,000 employees -- use the Prosperity Project to learn about election issues impacting our economy, our jobs, our wages and our families.

Our mission: To elect pro-jobs Democrats, Republicans and Independents who will grow our state.

The Prosperity Project is nonpartisan, and does not endorse candidates. The Project does not tell you how to vote or whom to vote for. Those important decisions are yours alone.

Use this Prosperity Project Voter's Guide to compare how these candidates say they will vote on economic issues that matter. Additional information about the candidates can be found at www.okprosperity.com.

Candidates for Oklahoma Senate District 46 Special Election:

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Answers are as submitted by the candidates in response to the Candidate Survey. "FTR" means a candidate failed to respond to the survey. '-' means a candidate did not respond to this survey question.

Issue One: Develop a healthy, educated and skilled workforce that will grow Oklahoma's economy for generations to come. Will you vote to:

	<u>McAffrey</u>	<u>Reese</u>
1. Enhance access to online education courses meeting content and rigor standards required for Oklahoma public schools?	FTR	Yes
2. Provide incentives for current and prospective common education teachers to teach in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)?	FTR	Yes
3. Support greater efficiencies by streamlining the administration in our common education system?	FTR	Yes
4. Allow more local control over methods of instruction in our common education system?	FTR	Yes
5. Support methods and incentives that allow greater flexibility in school choice?	FTR	Yes

Issue Two: Promote a healthy and productive workforce. Will you vote to:

6. Require a statutory cost-benefit analysis prior to considering any health insurance mandates?	FTR	Yes
7. Oppose "any willing provider" laws that require insurance carriers to reimburse physicians or hospitals that are out of their network for the services they provide?	FTR	Yes
8. Support the creation of an on-line health insurance marketplace where businesses and consumers can compare and purchase private health insurance plans?	FTR	Yes
9. Develop a structure whereby small business owners are not faced with the immediate loss of all premium assistance provided through the <i>InsureOklahoma!</i> Program when enhancing the salary of qualifying employees?	FTR	Yes
10. Allow the creation of compacts permitting out-of-state health insurance carriers to sell their products in Oklahoma thereby enhancing competition and affordability while allowing all carriers to sell policies that do not have to conform to state health benefit mandates?	FTR	Yes

Issue Three: Create and maintain a competitive business environment in Oklahoma. Will you vote to:

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| 11. Retain economic development incentives that create jobs and investment and that show a public purpose to ensure the continuing competitiveness of our state? | FTR | Yes |
| 12. Support efforts to expand development of affordable and functional CNG vehicles and strategically expand CNG fueling infrastructure? | FTR | Yes |
| 13. Fund the Quick Action Closing Fund to help finalize deals that create jobs and bring investment into Oklahoma? | FTR | Yes |

Issue Four: Make Oklahoma's tax climate more competitive. Will you vote to:

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| 14. Gradually lower the individual income tax rate, only when it will be done without shifting the tax burden to other taxpayers? | FTR | Yes |
| 15. Eliminate the intangible personal property tax on individuals, families and businesses permanently? | FTR | Yes |

Issue Five: Lower the costs of conducting business and growing jobs in Oklahoma. Will you vote to:

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| 16. Ensure transparency when the state uses private attorneys on a contingency-fee basis? | FTR | Yes |
| 17. Allow Oklahoma employers to obtain alternative coverage in providing workers' compensation, as long as they provide equivalent benefits to protect their workers? | FTR | Yes |
| 18. Reform Oklahoma's product liability laws so that plaintiffs can recover damages only upon proof that the product was defective and that the defect was the cause of the harm? | FTR | Yes |

Issue Six: Build and maintain a strong transportation infrastructure to ensure safety for our families and efficient movement of our commerce. Will you vote to:

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| 19. Support the passage of the <i>Bridge Improvement and Turnpike Modernization Plan</i> that would, upon completion, bring the number of currently known structurally deficient highway bridges to less than one percent? | FTR | Yes |
| 20. Support development of an intermodal transportation system, including roads and bridges, transit, express buses, ports airports and rail? | FTR | Yes |

Issue Seven: Provide quality water for Oklahomans and our economy. Will you vote to:

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| 21. Approve only those portions of the revised <i>Comprehensive Water Plan</i> which meet the needs of Oklahoma's citizens and assure adequate water to grow our state's economy? | FTR | Yes |
| 22. Oppose legislation that sets aside water in our streams and rivers for fish and other aquatic life at the expense of the needs of people, agriculture, energy, or business and industry? | FTR | -- |
| 23. Oppose any significant changes to groundwater law pertaining to private property ownership of groundwater? | FTR | -- |