

Working to recruit voters

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The economic crisis facing our nation is undeniably affecting us all; if it hasn't yet reached your pocket book, it has certainly permeated your thoughts.

In Oklahoma, we are fortunate to live with some of the country's most stable market conditions, but we're not immune to questions, doubts and concerns about our future.

The good news for Oklahomans, and all Americans, is that November is just around the corner. Now, more than ever, we need to elect pro-economic development legislators who will lead our state and our companies through this difficult time. Oklahoma is filled with innovators, entrepreneurs and great business managers, but we need legislators who support our visions if we are ultimately going to move the state forward once this storm has passed. Educating ourselves about the candidates, their beliefs and their voting records will help us all make informed decisions about who should lead us.

At Milbank Real Estate, we believe that if we are to be leaders, we must do it by example. We have partnered with the Oklahoma Prosperity Project, an election education initiative of The State Chamber of Oklahoma, to get this message out loud and clear. Putting politics aside, the majority of our country lives on Main Street; these are the vital votes that will determine our course. If only rural towns come to mind when you think of Main Street, consider the concept again. In Oklahoma City, a beacon of commerce and industry, Main Street is where First National Center, Corporate Tower and The Colcord intersect; we are all deeply connected.

More than 1,300 Oklahoma companies, representing more than half a million employees, are registered with the Prosperity Project; that is more than 500,000 potential pro-business votes working toward a unified vision. To do our part in these efforts, Milbank is participating in the statewide Register to Count Week which runs through Friday — the last day Oklahomans can register for their vote to count on Nov. 4.

More than 100 of these businesses — large and small, urban and rural — are participating in Register to Count Week. While some are offering hot dogs, ice cream and entertainment to attract attention, the greatest resource handed out will be a voter registration application. We welcome co-workers and neighbors to register or change their information throughout the week.

We are proud to be in Oklahoma, we are proud of our heritage and we have great hope for our future, but hope alone will not get us through these current conditions. We need to rally as a state to choose leaders who will work with us to make Oklahoma a central hub for business creation, and an attractive destination for businesses looking to relocate. Join us for the prosperity of all Oklahomans.

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