



Oklahomans for Responsible Economic Development – POB 1743, Norman, OK 73070

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MEDIA ADVISORY: ORED Files Lawsuit in Cleveland County District Court to Halt Norman’s Rock Creek Entertainment District TIF Project

NORMAN, OK --- On June 23, 2026, Oklahomans for Responsible Economic Development (ORED) and dozens of individual plaintiffs filed a lawsuit seeking declaratory, injunctive, and mandamus relief against the City of Norman, the Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority, the Cleveland County Recreational and Entertainment Facilities Authority, and UNP North, LLC.

In the lawsuit, Plaintiffs assert that the Norman City Council’s approval of the Rock Creek Entertainment District TIF Project violated the Oklahoma Constitution and Statutes in numerous ways. The Plaintiffs further assert that the law does not allow the Defendants to move forward with plans to construct the Arena which forms the centerpiece of the Project, nor does the law allow the Defendants to fund the construction of the Arena with up to \$600,000,000 in taxpayer funds which would be diverted from essential funding needs for the City, the County, and the Public Schools.

The lawsuit seeks a preliminary and permanent injunction from the Court to prevent the Defendants from moving forward with key parts of the Project, including any bond issues to fund the construction of the Arena, the construction of the Arena itself, and any plans to pay back the bonds with diverted taxpayer funding.

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