

O K L A H O M A GUBERNATORIAL TRIBAL TOWN HALL

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q When and where is the town hall?

A When:

September 13, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where:

Oklahoma Gubernatorial Tribal Town Hall
Metro Technology Center
Springlake Campus Auditorium
1900 Springlake Drive, OKC, OK 73111

Q What is the purpose of the event?

A The purpose of the event is to engage in a respectful discussion on tribal centric topics that effect Oklahoma tribal citizens and tribal nations. We all live in this great state together and we all want Oklahoma and our Tribal nations to succeed. Working together for the greater good will only help each other and secure a great future for generations to come.

Q Is this a political event?

A No, this is not a political event. This event is for Oklahoma elected tribal leaders and the Oklahoma Gubernatorial candidates to meet with their constituents to discuss topics of interest, as well as upcoming Tribal/State legislation.

Q What is the tone of the town hall?

A The tone of the town hall is one of inclusion; we are all in this together. State and tribal leaders come to the table often on behalf of the greater good. This will be a respectful discussion with leaders who want the best for each other and the State of Oklahoma.

Q Who is invited to the town hall?

A Invitations have gone out to all three political parties, as well as to the 39 elected tribal leaders in Oklahoma and their tribal citizens.

Q Will there be a moderator and time keeper?

A Yes, a moderator and time keeper will be provided.

Q Who will be on the stage with the Gubernatorial Candidates?

A Elected Oklahoma tribal leaders and a town hall moderator

Q Will there be internal controls for the town hall?

A The Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB) is working with the League of Woman Voters of Oklahoma (LWVOK), by means of their rules and regulations for a public forum.

Q Will the questions be screened beforehand?

A Yes, the SPTHB Board of Directors will screen all questions to ensure only relevant, respectful, tribal centric, and appropriate questions will be used for the Tribal Town Hall.

Q What questions will be allowed?

A Respectful, relevant, tribal centric questions on various topics from tribal sovereignty, criminal justice reform, education, gaming/tobacco compacts, and healthcare will be allowed.

Q Will there be an area reserved in the audience for tribal and state delegates?

A Yes, the first two rows will be reserved for tribal delegates, i.e., tribal legislators, state legislators, and other officials.

Q Will the audience be allowed to ask questions during the town hall?

A Only if time is allowed, the moderator will open the floor for questions.

Q What are the rules and regulations for the town hall?

A The following are the ground rules for a public Candidate Forum from the League of Woman Voters of Oklahoma (LWVUS):

- The SPTHB has invited the Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian Parties' Gubernatorial Candidates.
- Ensure that the Tribal Town Hall is non-partisan, in keeping with the League of Women Voters policy.
- Work cooperatively with the League of Women Voters in planning and managing the Tribal Town Hall, including acceptance of these ground rules. Any exceptions to these rules must be discussed with the League of Women Voters in advance of the forum and agreed on by the League Voter Services Chair.
- Note that the League of Women Voters cannot hold a forum unless at least two candidates are present.
- Note that there will be no substitute or stand-ins for the candidates nor any "empty chair" debates.

Candidates will:

- Have two minutes each for an opening statement.
- Have equal time to answer each question (Tribal Town Hall moderator sets time of one or two minutes). Time limits on responses

will be strictly observed. A timekeeper will hold cards, visible to the speaker, indicating how much time remains. When the "stop card" is shown, the speaker must end his/her speech within 10 seconds.

- Speak to all questions, unless they indicate that they would like to pass on that question.
- Have two minutes each for a closing statement.
- Bring no notes or props. Each candidate will be provided with a legal pad and pen for taking notes during the Tribal Town Hall.
- Refrain from personal attacks against other candidates.

Prior to the event, audience will:

- Submit general tribal centric questions to www.spthb.org/questions-for-okla-gubernatorial-candidates. All questions will be reviewed and chosen by the SPTHB Board of Directors. Approved questions will be given to elected tribal leaders at the Town Hall event. **(Deadline to submit questions is July 25, 2018).**
- Submit questions which are of general tribal interest and not about personal matters.
- Refrain from applause or demonstrations during the Tribal Town Hall.
- Not use flash cameras or recording devices during the debate.

The Timekeeper will:

- Time all opening and closing statements.
- Time candidate responses, allowing one minute for each response.
- Indicate 30 seconds remaining with a yellow sign.
- Indicate time expired with a red sign.
- Alert the moderator when a candidate's time has ended.

Question Screening Panel will:

- The SPTHB's Board of Directors will review questions submitted to www.spthb.org/questions-for-okla-gubernatorial-candidates (Deadline to submit questions is July 25, 2018) to:
 - » Include questions that are tribal centric and general in nature.
 - » Respectful and appropriate for the office for which candidates are seeking.
 - » Exclude questions that are personal, attack other candidates or that are irrelevant for the office.
 - » Group similar questions together by topic and provide the moderator with the one which most generally represents the grouped questions.

The Moderator will:

- Meet with candidates to determine order of response to questions.
- Explain the procedure (ground rules).
- Introduce the candidates in alphabetical order. Candidates will be introduced by title. Thereafter, "Mr." and "Ms." will be used.
- Ensure that each candidate has an equal chance to answer questions.
- Have the responsibility for enforcing ground rules and time limits. The moderator also will have the responsibility to interrupt the proceedings to enforce the ground rules and format that were agreed to by the candidates.
- Have the authority to interrupt the candidates if they believe the candidates are straying from the subject.

Elected tribal leaders will:

- Read pre-approved questions to candidates on 3X5 cards.
- Retain the option of combining questions which are similar or address the same topic.

League of Women Voters will:

- Provide a moderator for the Tribal Town Hall with approval from the SPTHB Board of Directors.
- Provide a timer and timer signs for the Tribal Town Hall.
- Provide 3X5 cards, pens and pencils for questions.
- Provide submitted questions to tribal leaders.
- Meet with SPTHB before the Tribal Town Hall to go over ground rules.
- Determine with SPTHB how the publicity of the event will be handled.

Notes:

- No visual aids, such as power points, may be used by any candidate.
- Applause or demonstrations take time and will not be permitted.
- Because the League of Women Voters is non-partisan and does not support or oppose individual candidates, all political advertising (including tee shirts worn by supporters, brochures, bumper stickers, signs, buttons) is prohibited in the forum room, but may be worn and/or placed for distribution on a table in a hall or foyer outside the room if the forum venue allows them (e.g., public libraries do not allow any display of partisanship or preference for a candidate).

Adapted from "Ground Rules for Candidates Forum" Bartlesville League of Women Voters. Updated February 2015 and from guidelines prepared by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Q Who do I contact for more information?

- A** For more information contact Tyler Dougherty at tdougherty@spthb.org

