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## Let's not take city's future for granted

POINT OF VIEW: SUPPORT MAPS 3

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One of the most welcome surprises I found when moving to Oklahoma City 25 years ago was the way this community works together in good times or bad to dream a big dream or find a solution to a real problem. This overwhelming sense of civic responsibility embraced by our citizens played a major factor in my decision to run for City Council last year. I see that commitment to moving our community forward reinforced on a daily basis.

Joining the council during the lead-up to MAPS 3 has been extremely rewarding to me. I have had the privilege of speaking every day with many citizens about these projects, and I know each of my fellow council members share that experience, multiplying our outreach. The enthusiasm our community has for the future and the real commitment to continue our momentum is so inspiring.

The result of these thousands of conversations and the public input on our MAPS 3 Web site led to what I believe is a set of projects that will continue the transformation of this city, while at the same time improving the quality of life for our entire community. We have a real opportunity to build on the momentum we started with MAPS and dramatically advance our great city.

So many wonderful things have happened for Oklahoma City since that day in 1993 when we said yes to MAPS and yes to the future of our city. Some we hoped for, some we dreamed of and others we could not have begun to imagine. The power that lies in our hands to create that same kind of opportunity once again is so precious and so important.

I, for one, am not taking this city's future for granted. I am going to continue working with each of you to make this city better every day, and I hope you will join me in showing your support on Dec. 8.

Salyer represents Ward 6 on the Oklahoma City Council.

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