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Our community has changed dramatically since 1995. A few areas that need improvement are smoking, littering, technology, and homelessness. It is important to improve these areas, so our community can be strong.

I interviewed Libbi. Libbi said downtown Oklahoma City wasn’t as colorful as it is today. In 1995, smoking was worse, because at that time it was acceptable and cool. A second thing about the community that Libbi told me about was littering. Littering has been around for a long time, and we still continue to do it. A third thing was homelessness, less people were homeless in Oklahoma City in 1995.

Our community now is better than it was in 1995, but it is not perfect. Technology has come a long way since 1995. I see that technology has made a lot of people look down at their phones instead of doing something productive in their life. Also, homelessness has gotten worse, because mental health care is not available, and more people use drugs and alcohol.

If we can improve some of these areas, we can make Oklahoma a better place. A solution for technology is to set a screen time plan for yourself, and then you can do something productive like ride your bike or play a sport. Another area we can improve on is homelessness. We can improve by offering jobs to people who don’t have one, offering mental health care, and helping people overcome addiction. Another area we can improve on is smoking. We can improve this by helping encourage people to say no to smoking.
Those are a few ways our community has changed since 1995 and how we can improve it. Those are a few ways how you can improve smoking, littering, technology, and homelessness. If we improve those we can strengthen our community.