

# FIVE REASONS TO SUPPORT THE MARCH 19TH NEW HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND...

## 01 QUALITY EDUCATION

Teaching at Galena High School is more like teaching at a private school than a public school. Our current building can't sustain that high quality experience.

## 02 A VERY OLD SCHOOL

The school was built in 1957. Back then, they used asbestos in flooring, and nobody thought about air conditioning. It can't be fixed!

## 03 FORWARD LOOKING

A vibrant town has to be attractive to families. We need to have something that says we will not settle for a continuing decline in population.

## 04 \$14.2 MILLION BOND

The new school will require \$28.2 million, and the school district is covering almost half of that without the need for a much larger bond.

## 05 GOOD FOR EVERYONE

If you have raised your kids and moved here as a retiree, it is tempting to think, "There's nothing in it for me." There are so many reasons why that thinking is wrong-headed. We need to meet for coffee!



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## AIYOBI (Act in Your Own Best Interest)

As a high school social studies teacher willing to teach “hard history,” I often get asked, “Mr. Leavitt, how should I vote?” It’s a great question, and I don’t have any trouble answering it. I tell them to do what I do, which is to say, “Vote in your own best interest.”

The follow-up question is predictable. They typically ask, “How do you vote?”

I respond, “I’m a white man married to a Black man? How do you think I vote?” We then can have a healthy discussion about how our own values should help us make an informed decision about which candidate will best represent us, which is why a candidate that is not forthcoming on where they stand should send up alarm bells with the electorate.



Wedding Day - Aug. 14, 2009 - Greenwich, CT

## ? ? What is a libertarian, really?

01

### Live-and-let-live

I am a white man, married to a Black man. If you’re okay with that, you’re a small-government libertarian on social issues. It also means you don’t think the government should stop the parents of a 12-year-old rape victim from driving her into Illinois from a neighboring state for an abortion. It takes REALLY BIG GOVERNMENT to enforce laws aimed at preventing Interstate travel & mail.

02

### Christian Identity

I was excommunicated from a church for my thoughts. A true libertarian is a pluralist, and we don’t care if a neighbor moves in from Guatemala or Afghanistan. The United States was never a Christian nation, and “Christians” who think otherwise are doing irreparable harm to the Christian identity.

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### Social Gospel Movement

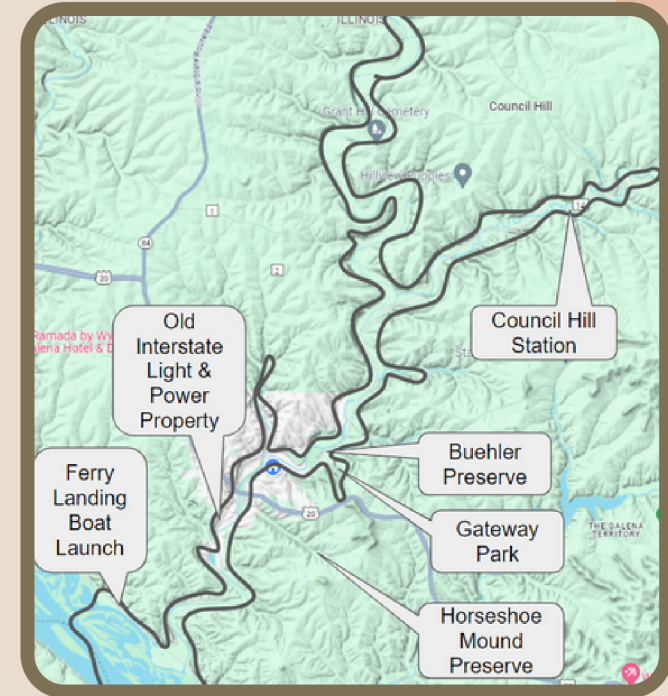
If you paid attention in high school, you would have learned that social service programs and unions were a free-market response to the greediness of the Robber Barons. Government saw the “best practices” of Jane Addams and decided to copy what she was doing nationwide.

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### DEI is Good Business

If you’re in the market for a pontoon boat, you’ve probably noticed the Midwest Bank ad on TV that shows a white middle-aged man at the helm while his Black wife smiles beside him and their mixed-race kids ride the big towable. That’s the free market system relying on a diversity, equity, and inclusion policy to improve profitability.

## Conservation and Rehabilitation Mindset



Nobody should be happy with a sign at a boat launch advising fishermen that they should only eat one fish per month from the Galena River.

Rehabilitating the lakes and rivers of Jo Daviess County are the foundation upon which we can create a “Live Outdoors” marketing slogan aimed at attracting young families and working professionals to our slice of paradise.

My proposals will utilize state funds and grants to do the leg work, with the long-term goal to make all of these programs self-funding through profit-driven public-private partnerships. Shenandoah Riding Center and Chestnut Mountain are just two examples.