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I have made no secret of the fact that I am supporting Lloyd Winnecke in this year's mayoral race. I have been asked how, as a Democrat, I can justify this support of a Republican. My response is and will continue to be, that I am for good government first and a Democrat second. Sometimes the two do not go together.

Having been involved in local government for many years, I cannot recall ever voting a straight ticket. Neither party ever has all of the most qualified candidates. This year is no exception. However, the dissimilarities are so stark that these differences between the two candidates could not be clearer. This is why I have to speak out, as I have never done before. I do not plan to ever seek public office again, so my only motive is that which is best for our city.

Mr. Winnecke has the mix of professional experiences that make him the obvious choice when compared to Mr. Davis. Lloyd has business experience as an officer with Fifth Third Bank, legislative experience as a member of the Vanderburgh County Council, and executive experience as a Vanderburgh County Commissioner. These positions have given him the opportunity to negotiate contracts, analyze and balance multi-million dollar budgets, deal with personnel issues and grievances, and organize and merge county government operations.

He also has the ability to ignore political ties and garner consensus to resolve complex government issues. All of this has been accomplished as a "part-time" government employee, as Lloyd has never relied upon the taxpayer's money for his livelihood.

In contrast, Mr. Davis has no legislative experience and has never had to scrutinize a multi-million dollar budget. His executive experience is limited to overseeing the employees of the Recorder and Treasurer's office. Dealing with collective bargaining is not something he has dealt with and I find it troubling that he has suggested raising our local option income taxes to give pay raises to certain city employees. Mr. Davis has neither the temperament nor the knowledge to be an effective mayor.

The next four years are going to be challenging for whoever wins the race for mayor. I believe that only one of the candidates has the ability to deal with these challenges and that man is Lloyd Winnecke.

As my time in public service comes to a close I want the city of Evansville to have the best possible leadership regardless of political affiliation. This is why without reservation I endorse Lloyd Winnecke for Mayor.

Sincerely,

Curt John