

# WINNECKE FOR MAYOR

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News Release:

## Winnecke Opposes Pool Closing

I oppose the proposal to close Lloyd Pool recently made by my opponent in a television interview.

Our public pools are an asset to the community. With attendance for 2011 surpassing previous years, it is obvious that the community uses our expansive pool system, so keeping it up-to-date and safe is an investment worth making. Rather than support Lloyd Pool's existence and proper restoration, Rick Davis has called for it to be closed entirely. I do not believe this is the right answer. Our administration will look for new ways to promote Lloyd Pool's use and ensure it is properly maintained.

Unfortunately Lloyd Pool has been neglected in recent years. I applaud efforts by the City Council to improve Lloyd Pool by appropriating \$195,000 for renovations in the recently approved 2012 budget, with plans for additional improvements in 2013.

In place of Lloyd Pool, my opponent calls for spending millions of dollars to renovate Roberts Stadium into a Natatorium. Tourism officials have already indicated that there is no way a Natatorium in Evansville can generate enough income to offset the retirement of construction bonds and operation costs. The cost of construction could easily range from \$10 to \$20 million with annual maintenance and operation costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

With a struggling economy, Evansville cannot afford more extravagant public works projects. I am open to preserving Roberts Stadium, if it makes financial sense to do so. Unfortunately, cost estimates, both for re-use and for demolition, have varied substantially. We must have all the facts before committing to spend tens of millions of dollars on such a costly project. Evansville needs a mayor who will control spending.

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