



Half of the council is up for reelection. We have a rare opportunity to completely change the wasteful spending habits of Normal in this single election.

My name is Stan Nord. I am running for Normal Town Council.

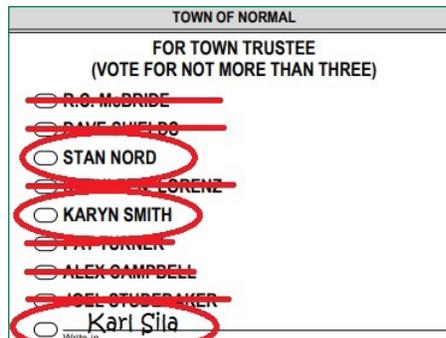
I am a long-time resident with roots in Bloomington-Normal, going back generations. I have become frustrated watching our town overspend, overtax, and ignore the very people who pay for this government. These actions push people and businesses to leave Normal and Illinois. I am willing to stay and fight for Normal and the great people who call this town their home.

I would like your help in getting the word out and, more importantly, getting people to vote.

Voting Information

One person cannot do this alone. There are six council seats, and three of them are up for election now. We have the opportunity to change the direction of Normal with one election. Without your vote, the town council can continue to raise our taxes, water, sewer, and trash fees, ignore our opinions, and destroy our historic structures.

You have three votes. Please vote for me. Also, consider voting for like-minded Karyn Smith and write-in candidate Karl Sila. You will have to remember to write Karl Sila on the blank line below the other council candidates on your ballot. *(On the ballot, the council candidates are called Trustees.)*



REMEMBER...
Vote Nord.
Vote Smith.
Write Karl Sila.

Voting has already begun. Vote early at the County Clerk's Office. Don't wait for election day on April 2 to vote. Something may come up that keeps you from getting to the polls.

Please call or email me with any questions. I want to hear from you. The current council is determined to prioritize the Uptown Plan over the real needs of the citizens. I, however, want to prioritize and represent YOU, the people of Normal.

Bottom Line

The focus of the council needs to change. We must reprioritize spending and put our NEEDS before city hall's WANTS. We cannot continue to consistently raise taxes and fees to feed the spending habits of the current council. Please help me be the catalyst for this transition.

Thank you!

Stan Nord
Candidate for Normal Town Council

DID YOU KNOW?



WARNING: If you don't want to raise your blood pressure, do not read!

- The Normal Town Council unanimously voted to destroy parts of our historic downtown and its unique character, despite the outcries of the citizens who elected them and the town's Historic Preservation Commission. The council essentially voted to erase the uniqueness of the former Downtown in favor of an Uptown that is a cookie cutter image of other towns. Towns like Galena, IL and St. Charles, MO thrive with tourism because they value their historical structures as assets. [\[i,ii\]](#)
- The council repeatedly ignores the concerns and wishes of neighborhoods and other groups. The majority of the council recently voted against taking the time to see if a neighborhood's request to shift the location of a planned fire station could be accomplished. [\[iii\]](#) The council also enforces arbitrary rules designed to keep the public from speaking at council meetings. [\[iv\]](#)
- The Normal Town Council gave your tax dollars to a developer to subsidize 60% of the construction costs for luxury apartments in Uptown that rent for \$4,200/month. The monthly rent for one apartment is the equivalent of the monthly mortgage payment of a \$700,000+ home! [\[v\]](#)
- The Town Council has made irresponsible spending decisions equating to corporate welfare. Specifically, they gave about \$3 million in incentives to Portillio's and Ross Dress for Less. Decisions like these let the government pick the winners, at the expense of our local small businesses and taxpayers.
- The Town of Normal rents the second floor of the Uptown One building at about \$35,000 per month - **that's nearly a half million per year!** That rental rate is higher than the going rate for space on the Magnificent Mile in Chicago. The council chose to move forward with this rental rate just to get the developer to build it. In other words, the developer didn't think it was a lucrative endeavor until the Town kicked in that exorbitant rental price. At the time the council made the decision, even the mayor said, "We don't need it right now." [\[vi\]](#)
- The Town spends less on our decaying water and sewer systems and crumbling roads than it spends on the interest incurred from Uptown construction projects. [\[vii\]](#)

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Write in Karl Sila

[i] <http://www.wjbc.com/2019/01/08/preservation-panel-urges-council-to-stop-east-beaufort-street-demolitions/>

[ii] https://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/uptown-buildings-to-be-razed-despite-preservation-commission-s-recommendation/article_17145f51-5f52-5df0-98bf-31e53736d87a.html

[iii] <http://www.wjbc.com/2019/01/23/normal-council-approves-fire-station-plan-despite-neighbors-complaints/>

[iv] <http://www.wjbc.com/2019/03/04/normal-mayor-probed-for-alleged-open-meetings-act-violations/>

[v] <https://www.zillow.com/b/1-uptown-circle-normal-il-9J8XNH/>

[vii] <http://www.wglt.org/post/estimating-taxpayer-support-uptown-construction-project#stream/0>

[viii] <https://www.normal.org/127/Budget>