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A Bond Measure Is Not an Ideology

Nancy, you raise a genuine philosophical tradition worth discussing — communitarianism is real, and the tension between individual rights and collective obligation is a legitimate debate. But your argument has a critical flaw: you build a chain from “community values” all the way to “communism destroys freedom” — and then aim that entire chain at a bond measure.

Proposition 5 is not an ideology. It is a general obligation bond — the same legal instrument Norman already uses to build roads, schools, and fire stations. If collective infrastructure is socialism, Norman has been socialist since 1891.

The countries most people would hold up as beacons of individual freedom — Canada, Norway, Germany, the United Kingdom — all have robust social safety nets, mixed economies, and strong individual rights. They are not in ruins. Conflating democratic social investment with authoritarian communism is not a fair comparison, and it deserves to be said plainly.

You are also right that America’s greatness has thrived on freedom, individual responsibility, and innovation. What often goes unmentioned is that it also thrived on collective public investment — the interstate highway system, public universities, the GI Bill, rural electrification, and the internet itself. None of that was socialism. It was governance. It was neighbors investing in neighbors.

Helping someone find their way home is not communitarianism. It is not socialism. It is what Oklahomans have always done — neighbor to neighbor, long before anyone attached a political label to it.

A YES vote on April 7 is simply Norman doing what Norman does.

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