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# Civil servants caught up in ‘loyalty trap’



The second Trump administration has attempted a far more sweeping overhaul of the federal bureaucracy. More than 50,000 federal workers have been fired or targeted for layoffs. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

## Federal workers wrestle with whether to stay, speak up or go

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For many Americans, work is not just about earning a paycheck. It is a centerpiece of their lives, and they want their job to be meaningful. • Decades of research suggest this is true for most federal civil servants, who aim to serve not only their organizations and their missions, but also the public and the nation. Over the course of President Donald Trump’s first administration, from 2017-21, we spoke with dozens of federal civil servants. They described their jobs as a calling aligned with their ideals – to serve the government, uphold democracy and serve the public.

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President Donald Trump has praised authoritarian leaders with poor human rights records, such as Russia’s President Vladimir Putin, while giving the cold shoulder to allies in Europe. ANDREW CABALLERO- REYNOLDS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Oshkosh council member resigns

Departure comes as city eyes City Center purchase

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OSHKOSH – The city is down one council member. Kris Larson has announced his immediate resignation from common council, avoiding a potential conflict of interest with the city looking to purchase the City Center building that currently houses his restaurant, Beck-et’s.



Larson confirmed his decision to step down from council in a telephone interview with the Northwestern before council is set to initially discuss acquiring properties at 101 Commerce St. and 201 Pearl during closed session of the Oct. 14 city council meeting. “Part of the importance of making decisions on council is being transparent all the time, so it’s important for people not to even think I have an influence on this particular agenda before any conversation happens,” Larson explained to the Northwestern. “It’s not a decision I want to make, but it is a very easy decision to make.”

Why is the city looking at buying City Center?

Calls and emails to Mayor Matt Mugerauer were not immediately returned, but Larson’s announcement comes amid reports Oshkosh is considering relocating City Hall to the City Center.

As part of its 10-year Capital

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# One dog is changing lives at Oshkosh domestic abuse shelter

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OSHKOSH – Ross, Wisconsin’s first domestic abuse facility dog, recently celebrated his eighth anniversary with Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services.

Ross joined the organization in 2017 through Journey Together Service Dogs, a nonprofit that empowers incarcerated individuals to train dogs for service roles, according to a community announcement. While most of the program’s dogs are trained to assist individuals, Ross was the first in Wisconsin trained specifically to serve as a facility dog, supporting

the emotional needs of those impacted by domestic abuse. Unlike a service dog, Ross is a PTSD support and facility dog, working alongside a trained handler to help clients feel safe and calm during their time at Christine Ann. His gentle presence bridges the gap between survivors and advocates, providing unconditional love that fosters

trust in moments of deep vulnerability. Ross helps clients feel safe

“When someone walks through our doors in crisis, trust doesn’t come easily,” a Christine Ann representative said. “Ross changes that. His warmth and

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