

Leavitt hopes to return to council



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Dick Leavitt has lived in Salida for 53 years and thinks it's time he got involved again.

He served on the city council from 1979 to 1985, but he said a lot of people have asked him about running for office again.

"My wife encouraged me after the situation with the patio," Leavitt said. "I decided I wanted to be part of the solution, not part of the problem."

Leavitt taught at Salida High School for 30 years, spent 15 years as an instructor at Colorado Mountain College and has run several small businesses. He currently runs Here's the Scoop, which unsuccessfully sought a license from the city to build a patio earlier this year.

He has also served as president of the Salida Spartan Athletic Booster Club and Salida Cyclones swim team, and he and his wife have endowed a yearly scholarship at the high school for the past 31 years.

"I've been here for a long time, and I've seen lots of changes," Leavitt said. "I think in the coming years we will have more and more new people moving here, and we need to listen to the new people. I'd like to help bring together the old guard and newcomers. Both have good ideas."