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NORMAN — Norman City Councilman Tom Kovach, Ward 2, will introduce a film about the decline of communism April 7 at the IAO Gallery in Oklahoma City, according to a press release.

Kovach, whose parents immigrated to the United States from Hungary, grew up mostly in the Norman area, but also recalls his uncles' stories about the eastern European nation's uprising against the former Soviet Union in 1956, the subject of the award-winning "Torn From the Flag."

Kovach said the story portrayed in the film, while more than 50 years old, contains elements that are timeless. He said that's why he agreed to introduce the film for its producers.

"I think that the topic of the '54 revolution in Hungary is still very relevant today," he said. "It's about fighting for your rights and fighting for freedoms ... because that's something that has to be done sometimes."

The film features interviews with such figures as Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan, Henry Kissinger and Otto von Habsburg, and some of the footage hadn't been seen for 55 years when "Torn From the Flag" was initially released in 2008, according to the release.

"Torn From the Flag" premiered at the American Film Institute's annual film festival in Hollywood and was subsequently featured in an additional 18 festivals, garnering eight awards along the way.

The screening in Oklahoma City will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the IAO Gallery, 706 W. Sheridan Ave. For more information, contact the gallery at 232-6060.