
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE ISSUE 1

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of State Issue 1 To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs, a proposed constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 will appear on the statewide ballot on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for consideration by Ohio voters; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would greatly alter the sentencing laws for obtaining, possessing, and using any drug such as a fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would shift the costs for drug treatment from the State to local governments; and

WHEREAS, local government entities are already struggling to fund the opioid crisis in their jurisdictions as a result of the drastic budget cuts they have experienced in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the projected savings of \$100 million annually applies to the State only, while local governments will see significant increases in costs for treatment, probation, courts, and local jails—costs that tax payers will be required to pay; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would require another statewide initiative and election, not just a legislative change, to amend if problems arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio that:

Section 1. This Council urges Ohioans to oppose State Issue 1 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

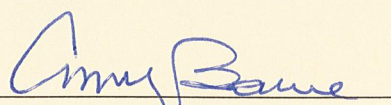
Section 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to State Issue 1.

Section 3. That this resolution shall be and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of West Lafayette, Ohio.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 24TH day of September, 2018; 6 Yeas; 0 Nays.


Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer