

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc.

Resolution No. 30-2018

Passed 10/23, 2018

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING STATE ISSUE 1, WHICH IS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OHIO CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD WEAKEN OHIO'S CRIMINAL LAWS WITH RESPECT TO DANGEROUS DRUGS SUCH AS FENTANYL, HEROIN, METHAMPHETAMINE, COCAINE, AND LSD.

WHEREAS, State Issue 1, entitled, "Issue 1 to Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs," has been proposed by initiative petition as an amendment to the Ohio Constitution and will appear on the statewide general election ballot on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for consideration by Ohio voters; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 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, limiting the options currently available to a sentencing judge; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would also mandate that possession of these drugs be charged as misdemeanors instead of felonies, which would demean the seriousness of these offenses and would shift these cases from the jurisdiction of county-level Common Pleas Courts to local municipal courts that have neither the funding nor the specialized personnel necessary to address significant drug issues; and

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

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

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 is projected to generate savings of \$100 million annually, but those savings will benefit the State only, while local governments will see significant increases in costs for treatment, probation, courts, and local jails. Costs that taxpayers will be required to pay; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST CARROLLTON, STATE OF OHIO:

Section I: That this Council does hereby declare its strong opposition to State Issue 1, and urges all Ohioans to oppose State Issue 1 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

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Section 2: That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Passed: 10/23/18


Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk of Council

Effective Date: 10/23/18