

VOTE NO

KEEP COLUMBUS SAFE & HEALTHY

ON

ISSUE 7

Issue 7 is a **misguided ballot issue that would hurt our city and our workers.**

Columbus community leaders — including labor, business, environmental and civic leaders — **are working together to keep Columbus safe and healthy by opposing Issue 7.** Civic leader opposition includes Mayor Andrew Ginther, Council President Shannon Hardin, as well as Auditor Megan Kilgore and former Auditor Hugh Dorrian.

The **Council originally voted not to put it on the ballot**, but the Ohio Supreme Court forced their hand and Issue 7 will go before the voters as the only issue on the ballot this November in Columbus.

DEVASTATING CUTS

- Issue 7 would **take \$87 million out of the city's general fund**, which is roughly 10% of the total city budget.
- It would **cause massive cuts** to city services, including public health, emergency services and parks.
- Because of the City's funding structure, it would also cause funding **cuts to the capital budget.** That would mean no new street resurfacing, sidewalks, streetlights or firetrucks next year.
- As we continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, now would be an especially **bad time for massive cuts to city services.**

CORRUPTION

- Issue 7 is so **vague**, it's impossible to know where the money could go.
- What we do know is that Pro Energy Ohio, LLC — the group behind this effort that would control how most of the money is spent — is **cause for even more alarm.**
- Its head, John Clark, has created a dozen apparent shell corporations in Ohio, all of which were shut down by the Ohio Department of Taxation. He has also been **indicted** for campaign finance violations relating to this ballot issue.
- This group and the people behind this ballot issue have no business controlling city resources. Together, they have **numerous civil and criminal cases** in Franklin County — ranging from not paying their city and state taxes to foreclosures, evictions, and liens.

A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

- **Columbus is already making important progress on clean energy.** Just last fall, voters overwhelmingly passed a clean energy aggregation program that **positions Columbus as a national leader** on clean energy issues.
- What we **certainly don't need**, in our ongoing efforts to promote clean energy, is a **group with a history of legal problems** and campaign finance violations to take money away from vital city services that keep Columbus safe and healthy.