

Resolution

Of

The Ohio Municipal League

Urging Ohio voters to not support State Issue 3, the legalization of sales and use of Marijuana

Whereas, State Issue 3 places in the Ohio Constitution a billion-dollar marijuana monopoly for a small group of wealthy investors, giving them exclusive rights to commercial marijuana profits in Ohio, and insulates them from any business competition or act of the legislature; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 permits investors to set their own preferential tax rates directly in the Ohio Constitution, rates that cannot be changed by the legislature like those on beer, wine and tobacco; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 puts our children at risk by legalizing marijuana-infused products like candy and cookies, which often have dangerously high levels of THC, and are highly tempting to children, including very young children; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 proposes to allow 1159 retail marijuana stores and will allow every adult to possess more than half a pound of marijuana, in addition to possessing four marijuana plants at home offering excessive exposure to all residents of Ohio; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 poses severe public safety and workforce competitiveness concerns and will burden social service and drug treatment programs; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that **The Ohio Municipal League Board of Trustees** declares its opposition for State Issue 3, and urges Ohio voters to not cast their votes in support of the measure to legalize the sales and use of marijuana.

Attest:

Signature _____ Title _____ Date October 21, 2015

Jim Bodenmiller, President
Manager, City of Springfield