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OML OPPOSES ISSUE 3 & SUPPORTS ISSUE 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio-The Ohio Municipal League Board of Trustees voted today to take a position on statewide ballot Issues 2 & 3. After careful deliberation, the OML Board voted to support Issue 2, the amendment by the Ohio General Assembly to prevent the establishment of economic monopolies in the Ohio Constitution and moved to oppose Issue 3, the initiative to legalization the sale and use of medical and recreational marijuana.

“If Issue 3 were successfully passed, it is our feeling that this would unfairly place a monopoly in the Ohio constitution, providing exclusive benefits to a small group of investors and bringing harm to Ohio’s business community while increasing challenges for local officials,” said Jim Bodenmiller, City Manager, City of Springfield and current OML Board president.

“There are many unanswered questions surrounding this issue that our Board felt troubled by and therefore believe that the challenge to safety forces and the general public’s wellbeing such an initiative would present outweigh any perceived benefits,” said OML Executive Director Susan Cave.

In support of Issue 2, President Bodenmiller remarked, “The Ohio Constitution should never be a tool for a select group of individuals to receive unfair economic advantage over any other Ohioan.”

The Ohio Municipal League serves Ohio’s municipal governments through legislative advocacy, training and partnering association support, research and the

promotion of a productive partnership between state and municipal bodies for the betterment of Ohio resident and business communities. To learn more, visit www.omlOhio.org.

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