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LAKE ADVOCATES TO ANNOUNCE A “CLEAN SLATE FOR CLEAN WATER”
Toledo mayoral and council candidates endorsed

TOLEDO – At 9:30am, August 2, the third anniversary of Toledo’s water crisis, at Cullen Park on Summit St. in Point Place, Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie (ACLE) will announce its “Clean Slate for Clean Water,” those Toledo mayoral and council candidates who have pledged to support an impaired designation for Lake Erie.

ACLE sent all candidates running for municipal office the following two questions:

- 1) Will you support a resolution to the U.S. EPA urging the western basin of Lake Erie be designated “impaired?”
- 2) Will you support a resolution to have the City of Toledo file an amicus brief in support of the law suit filed by ACLE and the Environmental Law and Policy Center, asking a Federal judge to order the U.S. EPA to designate the western basin impaired?

Answering “yes” to both questions were: Mayoral candidate Wade Kapszukiewicz and Council candidates Sam Melden, Harvey Savage, Jr., Nick Komives and Tom Names. ACLE endorses these five candidates and urges the public to support them.

“For several years now, we have been publicly embarrassed by Toledo’s current political leadership for not taking the very common sense step of supporting an EPA impaired designation,” said ACLE Coordinator, Mike Ferner. We are glad to see candidates for public office who actually have the public interest at heart.”

“Toledo’s current mayor and council have steadfastly kept their heads in the sand for the last three years, hoping that good weather and enough chlorine will take care of the problem caused by hundreds of factory farms dumping the manure equivalent of Chicago and Los Angeles’ sewage, untreated, on fields draining into our water supply every year. We are confident that will begin to change this November.”

ACLE was organized in March, 2016, to push for an EPA-mandated cleanup of the lake similar to what the Chesapeake Bay began in 2011.

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