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Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie



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Do You Support Impaired Status for Lake Erie?

Informational picketing at Laborer's Hall, 5:00pm, Wednesday evening

Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie will distribute flyers and conduct informational picketing at the Laborer's Local 500 hall on Ashland Ave., 5:00pm, Wednesday evening, prior to a forum for Democratic Party candidates for City of Toledo office, demanding they pledge to support a resolution urging the US EPA to declare Western Lake Erie "impaired."

"There is no issue more important for candidates to address than protecting the quality of our city's drinking water," said Sue Carter, Action Committee Chair for the Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie. "If candidates for Toledo office don't support a thorough cleanup of Lake Erie with legal accountability for polluters, why are they running for office?"

"Toledo's current Mayor and City Council have refused to support a resolution similar to one already passed by the Lucas County Commissioners, to get an impaired designation for the lake," she added. "We will be informing and lobbying Democratic, Republican and Independent candidates for Mayor and City Council on this critical issue."

ACLE members will distribute flyers to people going to the candidates' forum tonight and will send a letter to all candidates once the Board of Elections certifies their petitions to run for office.

Impaired status would mandate a complete inventory of pollution sources and amounts, establishing limits and holding polluters legally accountable. It's the process that has been successfully used in the Chesapeake Bay after decades of voluntary measures failed to halt the effects of pollution.

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