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ADVOCATES SEND MAYOR 10 QUESTIONS FOR HER FACEBOOK TOWNHALL

TOLEDO – Members of Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie (ACLE) will submit 10 questions to Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson for her “facebook live” event today at 5:30pm.

ACLE coordinator, Susan Matz, said, “Our questions get to the heart of why Lake Erie suffers every summer from dangerous algal blooms and what, if anything, the City of Toledo is doing to solve that problem. We believe the best approach is to hold polluters accountable for cleaning up the lake, instead of using more chemicals and money at the water treatment plant every year.”

ACLE’s questions are listed below, followed by answers where applicable.

1. You seem to feel the best option for Toledo is cleaning our drinking water at the treatment plant AFTER it is already polluted. Why isn’t the better option keeping toxic algae out of the lake in the first place?
2. How much will the City spend upgrading the water treatment plant?
3. How much chlorine did Toledo use for water treatment in 2013 and how much is budgeted for this year?
4. Do you agree that an inventory of sources and amounts of pollutants (e-coli, phosphorous, nitrogen, etc) going into Western Lake Erie from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio is the necessary first step to bring the lake back to health?
5. Factory farms in the Western Lake Erie watershed annually generate over 700,000,000 gallons of feces, urine and wastewater which is spread, untreated on fields draining into the lake. That much manure is more than the sewage generated by which two U.S. cities?
6. Karl Gebhardt is the Ohio EPA Deputy Director in charge of policy for Lake Erie and also director of the governor’s Lake Erie Commission. He previously lobbied for what organization for 19 years?
7. Whom do you go to for advice to resolve this ongoing drinking water crisis?
8. We’ve seen the "Impaired Watershed" process work well for Chesapeake Bay. Why do you refuse to support it for Lake Erie?
9. How much money has the federal government put into the Chesapeake Bay cleanup?
10. Will you sponsor a real public hearing on Lake Erie and not just a facebook session? If not, why not?

Answers:

- 1)___; 2)\$500 million ([Blade 5/24/16](#)); 3)___; 4)___; 5)[Chicago](#) and [Los Angeles](#); 6)[Ohio Farm Bureau](#); 7)___; 8)___; 9)\$2.84 billion ([Blade 11/17/16](#)); 10)___

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