

Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie

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LAKE ADVOCATES TO PICKET MAYOR AT UAW FUNDRAISER

When Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson arrives at UAW Local 14 on Jackman Road for a 5pm fundraising event Thursday, April 21, she will be picketed by environmentalists demanding to know why she refuses to take action on behalf of Lake Erie.

With banners asking, **“Mayor, How Much Is the Lake Worth?”** members of Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie plan to highlight the mayor’s refusal to tell the U.S. EPA to put the lake on its impaired watershed list and begin a thorough cleanup that will put an end to the kind of toxic algae blooms that shut down the public water supply in 2014.

“For months now, she’s been saying she first wants to see if the EPA would require improvements to the City’s sewage treatment plant and how much that might cost,” said Mike Ferner, a coordinator with the newly-formed organization. “Well, Toledoans want to know how much she thinks Lake Erie is worth? What’s her price? We deserve an answer.”

Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie plans to confront the Mayor and City Council at public events until they take action and abandon what they’re calling “politician paralysis” on lake policy.

The group’s next action after Thursday’s event at the UAW will be the Toledo City Council meeting scheduled for April 26 at 4pm.

Sunday 4/24/2016 - "Water as a weapon" talk at Driscoll center UT main campus.

Tuesday 4/26/2016 – City Council meeting at 4pm. Be outside of Gov. Center 3:30 to 4:30