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Lucas County Young Republicans Oppose Kapszukiewicz's Tax Hike

Group calls on mayor to end Democrat Status Quo: Higher taxes, questionable spending

TOLEDO, Ohio – Today the Lucas County Young Republicans (LCYR) announced its formal opposition to Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz's income tax increase, which would cost Toledo taxpayers nearly a half-billion dollars over the next decade.

"Here we go again. Another Democrat mayor proposing another income tax hike on Toledoans," said LCYR spokesman Josh Culling. **"Voters were promised a pro-business, pro-family alternative when they put Mayor Kapszukiewicz into office, but now we are seeing the same status quo of higher taxes and broken budgets. Toledo voters should reject this tax hike just as they rejected it the last time around."**

This is the second time in four years Toledoans of all income levels will be asked to support a tax hike to plug the city's ballooning budget. In 2016, 62 percent of voters rejected Paula Hicks-Hudson's one percent increase.

The tax hike would especially impact lower-income neighborhoods that are starving for small business investment. Not only would families themselves be forced to fork over additional cash to the city, but small businesses would be incentivized to relocate elsewhere.

"We have seen no accountability from the City of Toledo in terms of budgeting its money wisely – all we see is a hand extended, asking us to write a blank check," said LCYR Board Member Robert Gabriel. **"I am particularly concerned about the impact this tax increase will have in North Toledo and East Toledo, where hardworking people are looking for the city to support them, rather than the city asking the people for support."**

The Lucas County Young Republicans is a member-led organization of Republicans in Northwest Ohio under the age of 40. They were awarded "Ohio Young Republican Chapter of the Year" by the Ohio Republican Party in 2019, and hosted the 2019 Ohio Young Republican Convention in Downtown Toledo in 2019.

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