

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2023

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILWOMAN JONES & COUNCILMAN MCFADDEN

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ISSUE 1 TO PROVIDE FOR
PLACING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ONTO THE
ELECTION BALLOT**

WHEREAS, Ohioans have had the right to amend their Ohio Constitution through a simple majority for over 110 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans voted to grant themselves with a simple majority the freedom to place Constitutional Amendments directly on the ballot in response to a legislature that had become one of the most corrupt in the country and refused to heed the will of the people; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would end majority rule in Ohio by raising the threshold for passage of a constitutional amendment to 60 percent, thus giving 40 percent of the voters the ability to block the will of the majority; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would undermine the sacred principle of one person one vote; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans have not abused the right to place constitutional amendments on the ballot, with just 71 citizen-initiated amendments on the ballot since 1913; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly all but outlawed August special elections during Lamé Duck session in December 2022 with the passage of HB 458; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has called for a low-turnout special election for Issue 1 on August 8, at the behest of special interests and out-of-state donors that will waste millions of precious Ohio tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the process to place a Constitutional amendment on the ballot is already an onerous task, requiring the collection of hundreds of thousands of valid signatures from 44 of Ohio's 88 counties; and

WHEREAS, by including the need to collect a certain threshold of signatures from all 88 counties almost guarantees only extremely wealthy out of state interests will be able to afford to try to amend our Ohio Constitution. Now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS,
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

SECTION 1. That the Olmsted Falls City Council opposes the Ohio General Assembly's legislature's creation of an illegal August special election.

SECTION 2. That the Olmsted Falls City Council will do everything in its power to make our citizens aware of the August 8th special election.

SECTION 3. That Olmsted Falls City Council believes that citizens should vote NO on Issue 1 to maintain Ohioans’ freedom to place Constitutional amendments on the ballot, uphold the sacred principle of “one person, one vote”, and curtail this blatant power grab by corrupt politicians.

SECTION 4. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

Cornel Munteanu, Council President

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____
James Graven, Mayor

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Max Rieker, Director of Law

ATTEST: _____
Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

	Yea	Nay
Munteanu	_____	_____
Chitester	_____	_____
Jones	_____	_____
McFadden	_____	_____
Wolanin	_____	_____
Buchholz	_____	_____
Saari	_____	_____