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**CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN OBJECTS TO POISON PILL
AND DISTORTIVE BALLOT LANGUAGE**

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AKRON, AUGUST 29....The Akron Clean Money Campaign rejects the anti-democratic effort by Akron City Council to counteract the will of the people.

The charter amendment calling for full public financing of municipal campaigns proposed by nearly 5000 Akron voters who signed Clean Money petitions over the course of this summer clearly outlaws a tax increase for Clean Money funding:

“Taxes shall not be raised to fund the Clean Money Fund” (Section 119, G1 of the proposed Charter Amendment petition). As stipulated in Section 119, G2: “The City Council shall first reduce the Mayoral and legislative operating budget to the extent necessary to pay for the full implementation of this Act”

The Poison Pill by City Council directly contradicts this expressed will of the people. Furthermore, the ballot language proposed by City Council is a great variance with the clear and accurate language proposed by the petitioners designated committee from the Akron Clean Money Campaign.

In order to defend and promote the sovereign will of the people, the Akron Clean Money Campaign is reviewing its legal options.

Furthermore, the Akron Clean Money Campaign feels that City Council action violates the letter and spirit of the Ohio Constitution which clearly states that:
“all political power is inherent in the people”.

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