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NORTH SHORE AFL-CIO ENDORSES 'NO' VOTE ON NOVEMBER PARTICIPATORY BUDGET AMENDMENT

By recommendation of the Executive Board, the North Shore Federation of Labor has voted to unanimously oppose the Cleveland Participatory Budgeting amendment slated to appear on the November 7 ballot.

"Participatory Budgeting will have a disastrous effect on union members who live and work in the City of Cleveland," said Executive Secretary Leonard DiCosimo. "[Cutting \\$14 million from the annual budget](#) of the city means layoffs and makes the hiring and retention of workers harder. The resulting cuts to essential services will impact more than 60,000 Clevelanders living in union households."

The proposed amendment is galvanizing unions, elected officials, and city residents to the problems that municipalities face after enacting Participatory Budgeting. The Federation joins multiple labor organizations, City Council President Blaine Griffin, the majority of City Council, and Mayor Justin Bibb in opposition to the measure.

The North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor is Ohio's largest central labor council and the organized voice for 80,000 working people in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga counties. Over 146 local unions are affiliated with our labor federation. We represent workers from bus drivers to steelworkers, public sector workers to grocery workers, rocket scientists at NASA, and world-renowned orchestra musicians.

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