

Issue 24 is a problematic proposal that stands to make attorneys a lot of money at taxpayer expense. If passed it would conflict with the Ohio Revised Code and separation powers established by the Charter of the City of Cleveland. This makes it ripe for lengthy litigation, the cost of which would go into the pockets of greedy attorneys. In 2002 one of the drafting attorneys, stripped of your voice by settling with the Department of Justice, to keep the City of Cleveland out of a consent decree in 2002. This same attorney seeks to take advantage of the pain of those who have lost loved ones due to police misconduct, while ignoring the gains made by the current consent decree.

Under the current Consent Decree not only are arrests down, but also use of force and calls for service. Citizen complaints are also at near all-time lows. Police accountability is up with more officers terminated for misconduct than ever in Cleveland's history. The Consent Decree has seen significant gains, with more goals to achieve. Issue 24 stands to upend this progress.

Did You Know Under Issue 24 the Commission:

- Can hire outside legal services, at Department of Law (taxpayer) expense, *when the Commission determines, in its discretion, that there is a conflict of interest between the Commission's mission and representation from the city's Department of Law. See Section (h)(xxiv)*
- Can issue subpoenas and penalize anyone who does not wish to cooperate with its agenda. *See Section (h)(iv)*
- Takes the hiring control from the Civil Service Commission by having final authority over establishing the policies, applications, and examinations by which new police are hired. *See Section (h)(i)*
- Takes away the power of your vote by stripping the Mayor, Safety Director and Chief of Police from their authority over the Division of Police. *See Section (h)(vii)*
- Will serve as the final City authority on police discipline, overriding the Chief of Police and the Safety Director. *See Section (h)*
- Take control of the Police from the Mayor, Safety Director and Chief of Police by being the final authority over police policies, procedures, and training regimens. *See Section (h)(vii)*
- Exercising independent judgment without interference or non-cooperation from any person, group, or organization including the Chief of Police, the Director of Public Safety, the Mayor, the executive head of the police force, other Division of Police employees, and other city officials. *City employees who violate this provision may be subject to dismissal, discipline, or censure consistent with city and state laws. See Section (h)(xvi)*

Don't hand over the Division of Police to an unelected body with little to no accountability after being appointed. Don't let your elected officials off the hook when you want answers about services provided by and conduct of police officers. How can the Chief of Police lead the Division of Police, if special interest donors from outside the City of Cleveland have control of your Division of Police?