

RESOLUTION NO. 78-17

BY: **BRIAN BROCHETTI**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR JOHN KASICH'S PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET FOR THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council and Administration of the City of Parma, Ohio's seventh largest city, opposes Governor John Kasich's proposed 2018-2019 budget for the State of Ohio, and encourages state legislators to vote against the numerous provisions which would be harmful to local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed budget, House Bill 49, will continue the State's depletion of local government fund dollars. These funding cuts have wreaked havoc on municipal budgets across the State. In Parma, the previous cuts have cost the city millions of dollars that could have been used on infrastructure repair or any number of projects beneficial to local residents. Parma strongly opposes any additional cuts and implores the State to reinstate funding; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 49 also seeks to diminish aspects of home rule powers, specifically in its call for a state-run, centralized municipal tax collection. The City of Parma Department of Taxation offers a number of benefits to residents, including free tax preparation of local returns, that could be lost to a switch to this statewide collection; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma joins a number of other Ohio communities in its opposition to Governor John Kasich's proposed budget. Already passing similar resolutions are Centerville, the City of Green, Troy, Athens, and Perrysburg. Also considering similar resolutions are Shaker Heights and Cleveland Heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby oppose Governor Kasich's proposed 2018-2019 budget for the State of Ohio.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Governor John Kasich.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to upcoming discussions on this budget, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO