

# They *can't* be serious.



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**Vote NO**  
(again) on Tuesday

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# CLOWNING AROUND

**T**he East Lansing City Council created a Financial Health Review Team in early 2016 to make long-term budget recommendations, but the Council has largely ignored the team's expert advice.

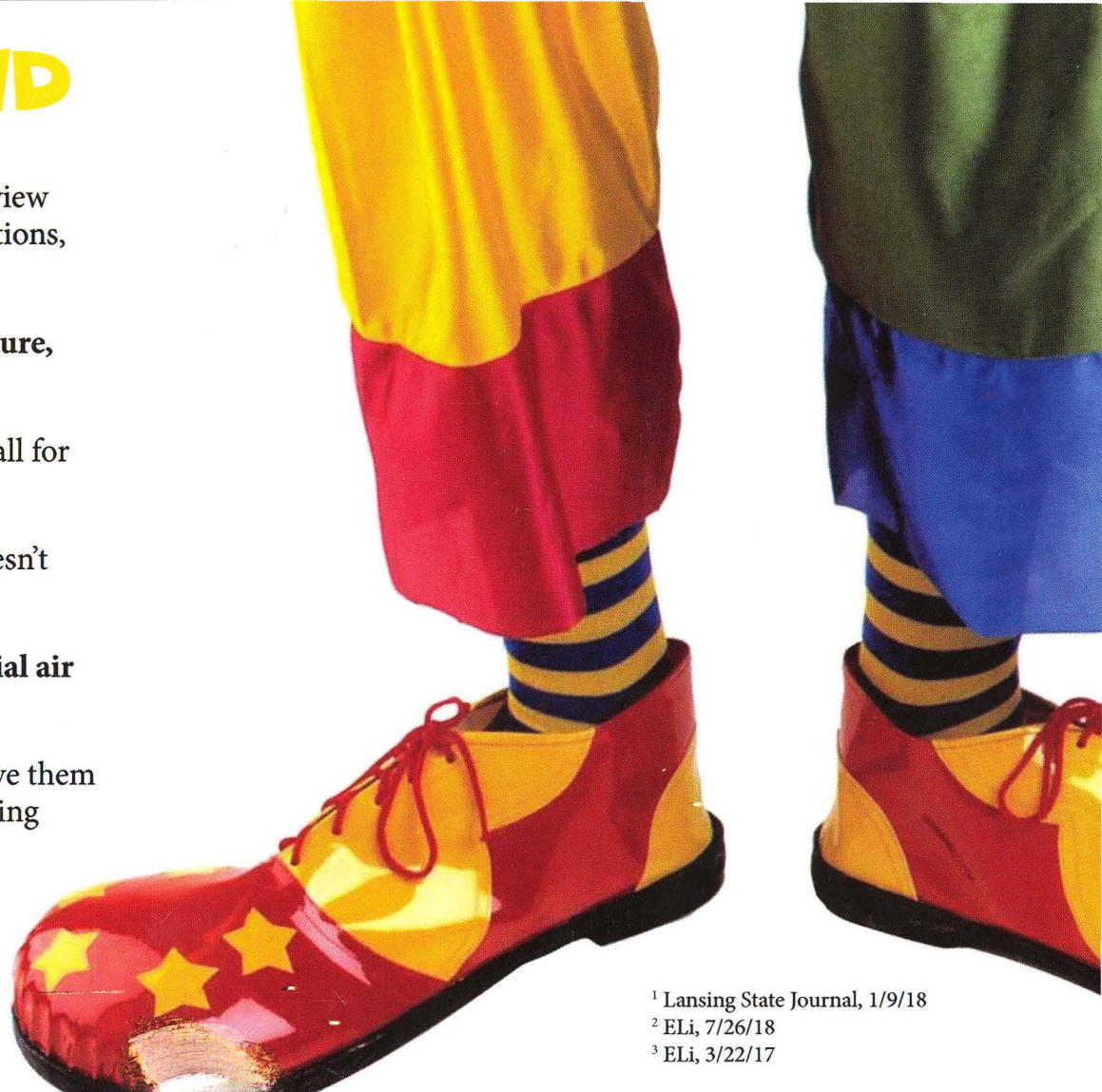
**Instead of making critical reforms to secure East Lansing's future, city officials have focused on *truly* important items, like:**

- **Illegally using federal grant dollars** to build a retaining wall for the city attorney's private law office. <sup>1</sup>
- **Threatening to jail a man** for building a driveway that "doesn't quite meet the letter of the law." <sup>2</sup>
- **Passing an ordinance regulating the noise level of residential air conditioners.** <sup>3</sup>

Now the same city officials want us to pass an income tax and give them an additional \$5 million of our money. They're not exactly instilling confidence with the money we're already giving them.

**Vote NO (again) and send a message to city officials:**

**It's time get serious.**



<sup>1</sup> Lansing State Journal, 1/9/18

<sup>2</sup> ELi, 7/26/18

<sup>3</sup> ELi, 3/22/17

# PROTECT OUR FUTURE.



“A city income tax would make East Lansing less attractive for young families.”

— **Molly Hobey**  
ELHS Class of '98

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**A city income tax would make East Lansing less attractive for families and small businesses looking to put down roots here, according to MSU economist Ronald Fisher, Ph.D. Instead, families and employers will look to neighboring communities like Okemos, Haslett and Bath.**

Molly Hobey grew up in East Lansing and graduated from East Lansing High School in 1998. After some time away, she and her husband recently relocated to the Lansing area with their two children.

“We were really excited to find a house in one of East Lansing’s beautiful neighborhoods,” Molly says. “Unfortunately, when we learned about the potential income tax, we began to search in Okemos and just bought a house there.”

Molly says a 1% tax “may not sound like much, but for our situation it is significant.”

“It’s sad for me to make this decision after growing up in this great town.”

**Neighborhood leaders, small business owners and economists are urging you to vote NO (again) on Tuesday, Aug. 7.**

