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Downriver News-Herald Reports on Citizens' Second "NO Intermodal Shipping or Heavy Industry on McLouth Steel Waterfront Protest" Held at Trenton City Hall on August 16

Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team Member Mark Lane Quoted Speaking Out for More Positive Environmental and Economic Development Vision of Downriver Waterfront

Grosse Ile, Michigan - Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team Member Mark Lane, who narrowly finished second in his run for Township Clerk during the 2020 Township Board Primary Election, spoke at the "NO Intermodal Shipping or Heavy Industry on McLouth Steel Waterfront Protest" which was held on August 16 at the entrance of the Trenton City Hall.

This was the second grassroots citizen rally to oppose the Moroun companies' apparent plan to build a mile-long intermodal shipping port on the McLouth Steel site in Trenton and Riverview. Citizens from Trenton, Riverview, Grosse Ile and other Downriver communities are hoping to persuade the Trenton City Council not to rezone the McLouth Steel site for industrial use from the current designation that only allows mixed-use redevelopment on the vast majority of the property. More than 150 citizens attended the protest which was similar in size to the first rally held on August 2.

On August 18, the Downriver News-Herald published an online report about the protest that includes quotes from Mr. Lane who advocated the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team's consensus position which opposes the building of the intermodal shipping port while supporting environmental clean-up and mixed use redevelopment at the McLouth Steel site and other under-utilized shoreline areas of the Detroit River Trenton Channel.

Mr. Lane's remarks were passionately applauded by citizens in attendance. The Downriver New-Herald's article on the protest includes quotes from his speech:

https://www.thenewsherald.com/news/protesters-rally-against-rezoning-of-mclouth-steel-property-in-trenton/article_5cfa6154-e17f-11ea-8034-4f5a807060e9.html

Mr. Lane's full remarks are posted on the YouTube channel of Trenton resident Ryan Stewart who was lead organizer of the protest:

<https://youtu.be/4fySWKgGAg4?t=1056>

This position is a component of the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team's broader consensus vision to establish and promote a "nautical economy" in the lower Detroit River communities. The concept is to bring together these communities along with even Amherstburg and LaSalle in Ontario to develop a strategy for retaining and attracting businesses in the region to take advantage of the water as an outstanding location to engage citizens to live, work, shop and enjoy recreation. This concept was in part inspired by the Trenton Coast Resiliency Master Plan adopted by the Trenton City Council in 2017:

<https://www.trentonmi.org/DocumentCenter/View/1495/Trenton-Coast-Resiliency-Master-Plan>

If anyone has questions about Mr. Lane's remarks or the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at grosseile2020@gmail.com.

About the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team

During April of 2020, seven Island residents filed applications to run in the 2020 Republican Primary Election in August as a slate of candidates named Grosse Ile 2020 for all elected positions that comprise the Grosse Ile Township Board. The following Islanders were members of the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team with the positions sought: Jim Budny, Supervisor; David Nadeau, Treasurer; Mark Lane, Clerk; Joe Porcarelli, Trustee; Mike Jurecki, Trustee; Mark Mills, Trustee; and Jamison Yager, Trustee. As a result of winning the 2020 Primary Election, Mr. Budny, Mr. Nadeau, Mr. Porcarelli, Mr. Jurecki and Mr. Yager have advanced to the General Election on November 3.

The mission of the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team is to provide the citizens of Grosse Ile with honest, respectful and responsive local government that delivers outstanding services and enacts sound policies which support excellent quality of life in the most cost-effective manner. These candidates developed the Grosse Ile 2020 Campaign Platform to resolve problems with the operations of the current Township Board and increase the fiscal responsibility of Township government while creating new opportunities to improve the quality of life in the community. To learn more about the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team, view their web site at www.grosseile2020.com.

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