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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

> Re: Kingwood Solar I LLC Corrected Citizen's Exhibit 16 OPSB Case No. 21-117-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Consistent with the record from the evidentiary hearing on April 25, 2022, Kingwood Solar I LLC hereby submits a corrected version of Citizen's Exhibit 16. A previous copy of this exhibit which was marked and admitted during the evidentiary hearing in this matter was uploaded on the docket on April 14, 2022. However, that copy was not an accurate copy of the exhibit.

As directed by Administrative Law Judge Hicks and stipulated to by the parties in this proceeding, this corrected version of the exhibit should be filed on the docket and the prior uploaded version should be removed. A copy of this letter with the enclosed, corrected exhibit will also be e-mailed to all parties and the court reporter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nathaniel B. Morse

Nathaniel B. Morse Attorney for Kingwood Solar I, LLC

Enclosures cc: All Counsel for Parties of Record Ken Spencer, Armstrong & Okey

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PUBLIC OPINION STRATEGIES turning questions into answers



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Greene County, Ohio March 2-3, 2022

PREPARED BY:

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METHODOLOGY

On behalf of Vesper Energy, Public Opinion Strategies conducted a survey of N=350 Registered Voters in Greene County, Ohio. N=140 interviews were conducted via landlines and N=210 interviews were conducted via cell phone on March 2-3, 2022. The margin of error for this survey is ±5.24%.

Quotas were set to ensure we have an accurate sample of voters that are both demographically and geographically proportionate to the voting-age population of Greene County, Ohio. Minor weights were applied to the final data for gender, age, ethnicity, geography, and voters' recalled 2020 presidential vote to further ensure accurate representation of all voters.



KEY FINDINGS

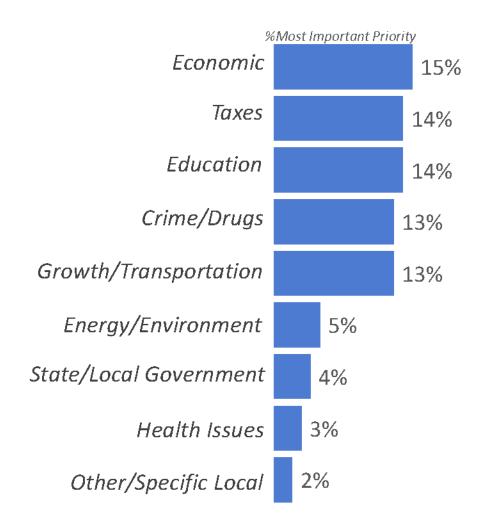
- **1.** By a two-to-one margin, Greene County voters support transitioning the country's energy supply from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources like wind and solar.
- 2. While Greene County voters are not all that familiar with the Kingwood Solar Project, they support it by nearly a three-to-one margin, with voters explaining their support by citing the need to shift to renewable energy sources.
- 3. There is support for the project regionally across the county, and among those who are more aware of the project.
- 4. Support for Kingwood increases when voters are informed that it will help farmers preserve their farmland, help transition the country to clean energy and will use less than one percent of the county's agricultural land.





Key Poll Results

Greene County voters have a varied issue agenda, led by economic concerns.

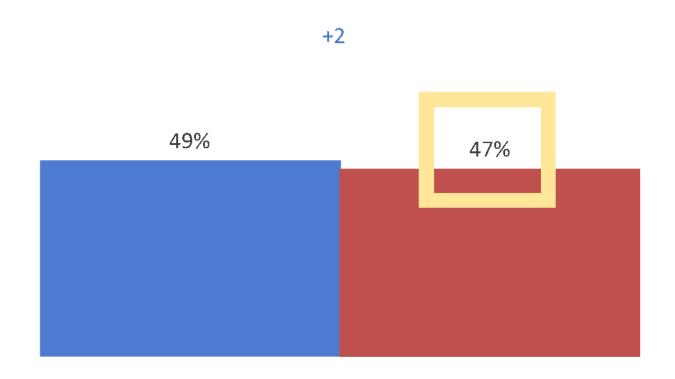




And, what would you say is the most important priority facing Greene County, that is, the issue that you're most concerned about?



There is a significant sentiment that more economic and job opportunities are needed in the county.



Doing well economically More economic & job opportunities needed

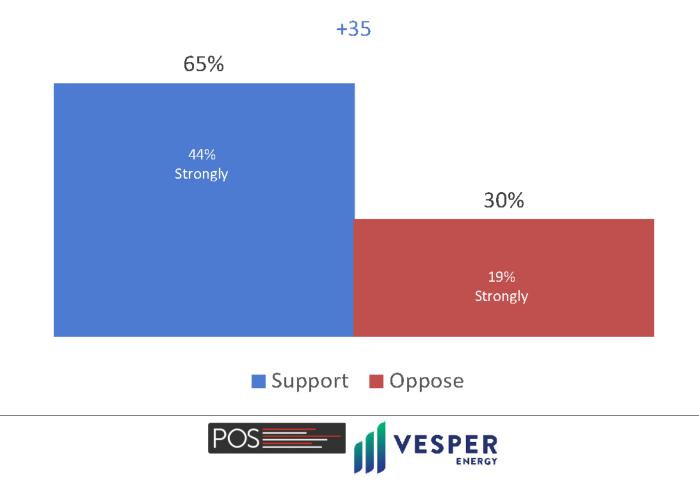


Thinking just about Greene County, do you believe that Greene County is doing well economically, or do you believe that more economic and job opportunities are needed?



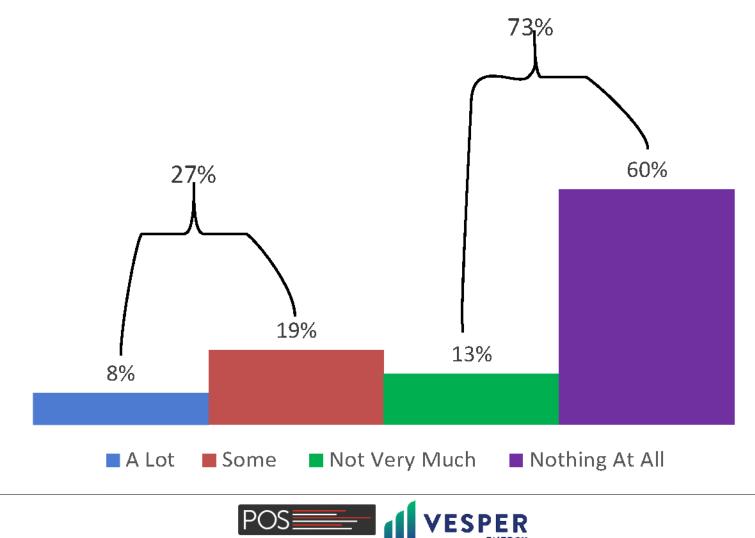
More than two-thirds of Greene County voters support transitioning the country's energy supply to renewables.

And, do you generally support or oppose gradually transitioning the country's energy supply from fossil fuels like oil, natural gas and coal more toward renewable energy sources like wind and solar power?



Most voters in the county have heard little about the Kingwood Solar project.

How much have you seen, read or heard about the Kingwood Solar plan to build a utility-scale solar farm here in Greene County...

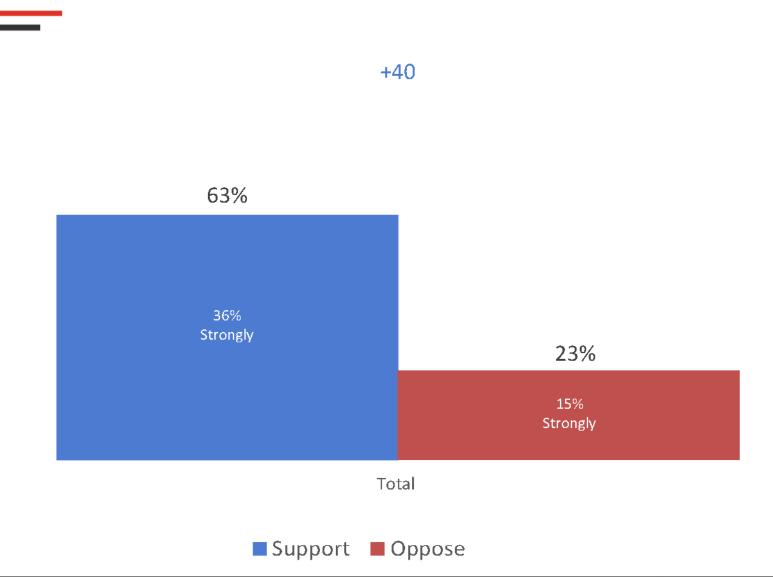


When told about the Kingwood solar project...

As you may know, Kingwood Solar has proposed a solar project that consists of 1,200 acres of private, leased land in Xenia, Cedarville, and Miami townships. It is projected to provide \$1.5 million annually to the local communities in Greene County with the largest beneficiary being the schools. Do you support or oppose this proposed Kingwood Solar Farm?



Kingwood wins by almost three to one.

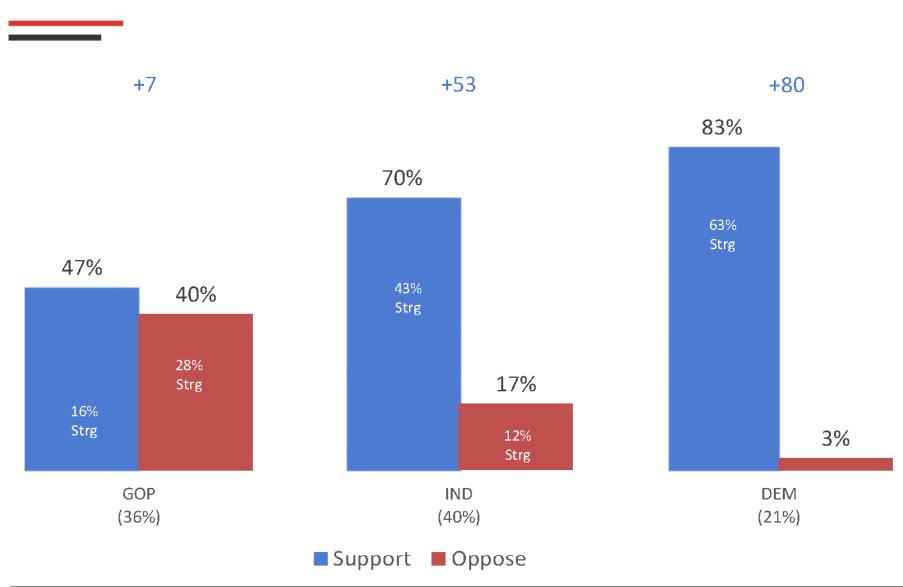




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Democrats anchor support for the Kingwood project.

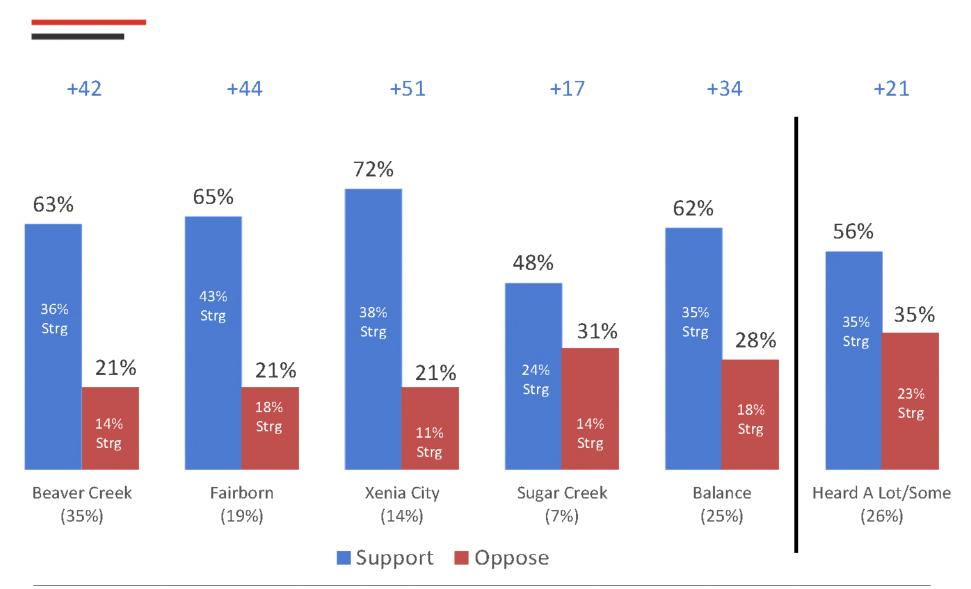




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Voters across the county support it.





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And, what are the most important reasons why you support this proposed project?

Getting away from burning coal, it's great that we are using solar panels and solar energy. I think solar power is the way to go. I think it's inexpensive. Why not tap into it.

I think it'll bring jobs and more clean energy.

Just to help with pollution and less dependent on fossil fuels because the dangers of fracking affects the whole state and there's a lot more earthquakes, more water pollution, more air pollution.

Well, we can't keep sustaining the environment by using coal and oil. This is the future. Because it will bring jobs, and plus it is renewable energy, more jobs, hopefully, more business. To get to stop using fossil fuels to get our dependence off fossil fuels. I think it would be a good job opportunity for a lot of people. A good job creator.

I am all for any project that boosts this country towards green energy to get away from fossil fuels due to climate change. Because of global warming. We got to get away from fuels that pollute the air and we need to get it done quickly.



And, what are the most important reasons why you support this proposed project?

Because it's solar and because it's going to education. I've seen signs posted and now I know what they are about. I think that transitioning to renewable energy is the way and that everyone needs it.

For ecological reasons, the environment. That's the primary reason.

It would bring jobs and, you know, they won't keep putting levies in. I feel like our taxes keep getting raised and raised. It would be nice if somebody is giving to help with what we need. I think it would be good.

I am always a fan of anything that generates revenue for the schools, sounds like it creates jobs for schools in the area. Number one, it is renewable and it isn't going to hurt anyone. It's using land that isn't used for anything else. Anything to help our community's schools is supported by me 100 percent. We have to look at the future, and windmills and solar energy are needed to protect our planet.

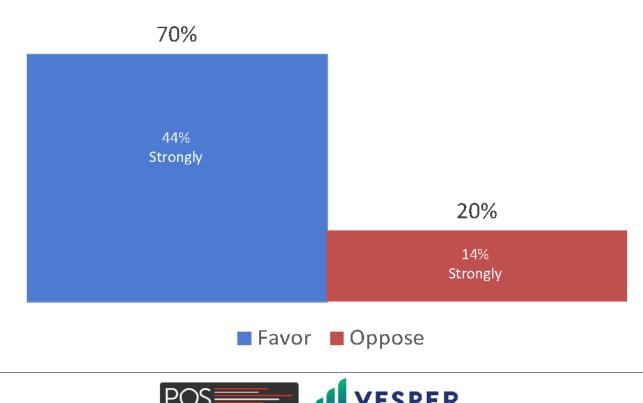
I just think overall it would save the city a lot of money and this is overall for the schools will ultimately save them money in the long run for the prices on energy. I think it is better for the environment.

Economical, environmental, things on that sort. Renewable energy sources for our school systems would be a great asset to this county.



Support for Kingwood increases when voters are told the project will help farmers preserve their farmland...

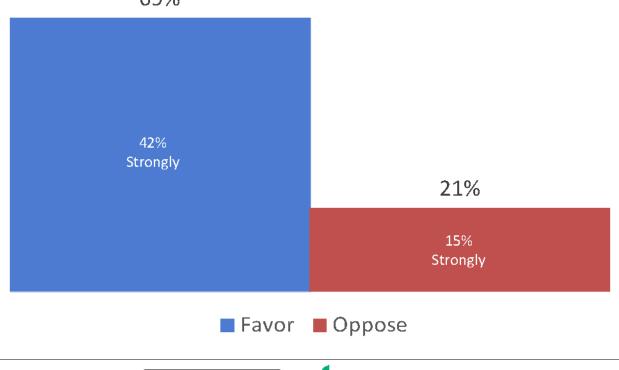
If you knew that this facility will not only help farmers preserve their farmland for future generations, but also help Southwest Ohio contribute to the critical transition to clean energy generation, then would you favor or oppose this project?



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And when learning the project comprises less than 1% of all agricultural land in the county.

And, if you knew that the 1,200 acres of land that will be used by this solar project comprises less than one percent of all agricultural land in the county, then would you favor or oppose this project?

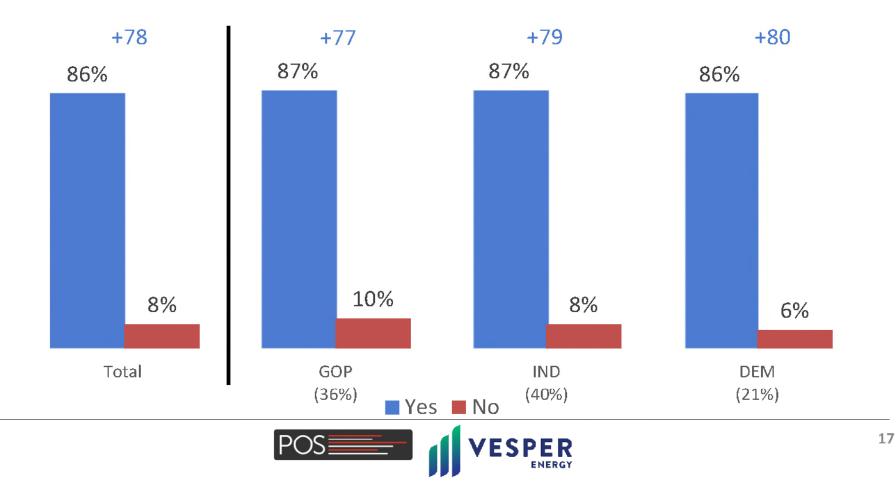


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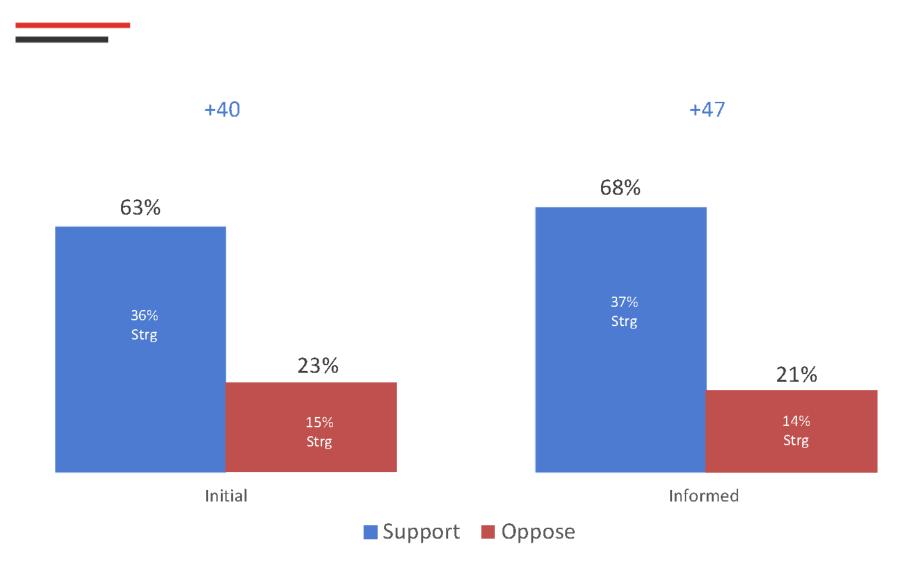


Nearly 90% of voters believe that landowners should have the right to lease their land to whomever they want without interference from the state or local governments.

As you may know, a number of Greene County residents have agreed to lease their land to Vesper Energy for the Kingwood Solar project. Do you believe that these property owners should have the right to lease their land to whomever they want and that the state and local governments should not interfere?



At the end of the poll, support for Kingwood increases to 68%.





Now that you've heard a little more about the proposed 1,200 acre Kingwood solar farm, do you support or oppose this proposed project?



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