

**OFFICIAL
BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE
RESOLUTION NO. 4-20**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Bellevue and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has at times resulted in gerrymandered districts that favor one political party over others; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizen redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; require the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries; require public input; and fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary," and

WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Bellevue does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizen redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Bellevue (see list below) to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2020, by Bellevue Borough Council, in lawful session duly assembled.

BELLEVUE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

By: Val Pennington
Val Pennington, Council President

BY: Paul A. Cusick
Paul Cusick, Interim DAS

- cc: Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman
Secretary (acting) of Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator Pat Toomey
United States Representative Conor Lamb
Pennsylvania Senator Wayne Fontana
Pennsylvania Representative Adam Ravenstahl
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald
Allegheny County Council Member Liv Bennet, District 13
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Allegheny County Council Member Samuel DeMarco III, At-Large

