

City of Butler, Pennsylvania

Resolution No. 2017 – 11 – 16A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BUTLER, in support of a Citizens Commission for legislative and congressional redistricting made this 16th day of November, 2017.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Butler and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional district 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


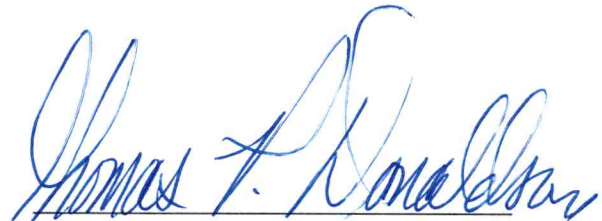
WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to 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 by the City Council of the City of Butler, PA does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens 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 City of Butler 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.

ATTEST:


Mindy F. Gall, City Clerk
Thomas P. Donaldson, Mayor

Governor Tom Wolfe
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack
Attorney General Josh Shapiro
Acting Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortes
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator Pat Toomey
United States Representative Mike Kelly
Pennsylvania Senator Scott E. Hutchison
Pennsylvania Senator Brian L. Ellis
Leslie A. Oshe, Butler County Commissioner
Kimberly D. Geyer, Butler County Commissioner
Kevin E. Boozel, Butler County Commissioner
Mayor Thomas P. Donaldson
Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Marcel Groen
Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio