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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 and comprised of politically diverse private citizens 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, adoption of SB 22, sponsored by the Hon. Lisa Boscola, and HB 722, sponsored by the Hon. Steve Samuelson, 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 Pittsburgh City Council does hereby support SB 22 and HB 722 which would 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 Pittsburgh to publicly announce their support of SB 22 and HB 722 and to commit to work towards the passage of these legislative efforts.

Sponsored by Councilmembers Natalia Rudiak and Daniel Gilman

Co-Sponsored by Council President Bruce Kraus and Councilmembers Rev. Ricky V. Burgess,
Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris, Theresa Kail-Smith, R. Daniel Lavelle, and
Corey O'Connor

Natalia Rudiak

Council Member Natalia Rudiak

Attest: Brenda Pree, CMC
Clerk of Council

Brenda Pree



Bruce Kraus
President of Council



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