

**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL
RESOLUTION NO. 643**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL IN
SUPPORT OF A PENNSYLVANIA CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE
AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Fox Chapel 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 citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: (a) ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; (b) prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; (c) require the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries; (d) require public input; and (e) 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 AND ADOPTED BY THE Council of the Borough of Fox Chapel that the Council 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 AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Borough of Fox Chapel that the Council calls upon those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Fox Chapel (see list below) to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts and that a copy of the resolution be delivered to each of them.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May 2020.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL



Shawn M. Peterson, Borough Secretary



Andrew C. Bennett, President
Borough Council

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Governor Tom Wolf

Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Conor Lamb

Pennsylvania Senator Lindsey Williams

Pennsylvania Representative Lori Mizgorski

Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald

Allegheny County Council At-Large Member Bethany Hallam

Allegheny County Council At-Large Member Samuel DeMarco III

Allegheny County Council District 3 Member Anita Prizio

COPY TO:

Secretary (acting) of the Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar