

**LANSDALE BOROUGH,  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF LANSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Lansdale Borough 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 often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

**WHEREAS**, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

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

**WHEREAS**, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that the Lansdale Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, 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 the following elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Lansdale Borough 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:

Governor Tom Wolf  
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative Brendan Boyle


Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch  
Pennsylvania Representative Robert Godshall  
Montgomery County Commissioner Dr. Valerie Arkoosh  
Montgomery County Commissioner Joseph C. Gale  
Montgomery County Commissioner Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr.

**ADOPTED** and **RESOLVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

**LANSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

  
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Jacob J. Ziegler  
Borough Secretary

  
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~~Denton Burnell~~ *Mary B. Fuller*  
Council President *vice President*