

BOROUGH OF ROSE VALLEY

RESOLUTION 4 - 2017

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING REDISTRICTING REFORM LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, current congressional and state legislative redistricting is undertaken by incumbent state legislators who have enormous political party and personal interests in the outcome of the commission's work; and

WHEREAS, districts are often redrawn to optimize the probability that incumbents will be re-elected to office and to disadvantage candidates of the opposing political party; and

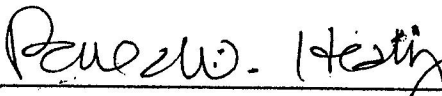
WHEREAS, only a truly independent commission composed of a diverse group of qualified members chosen to assure the fairness of the redistricting process should be able to define congressional and state legislative districts; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722 propose amending the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to assign redrawing congressional and state legislative district boundaries to an independent redistricting commission, prohibit districts from being drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party or candidate, mandate strict compliance with constitutional anti-gerrymandering standards, and guarantee meaningful opportunities for public input;

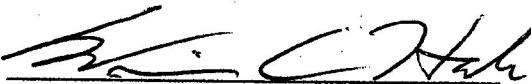
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Rose Valley calls upon the Members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives to pass legislation as embodied in Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722 to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to do so in a timely manner so that the amendment will be in full force for the 2021 redistricting of congressional and state legislative districts.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of May, 2017

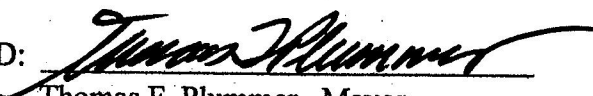
ATTEST:


Paula W. Healy, Borough Manager

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William C. Hale, President of Council

APPROVED:


Thomas F. Plummer, Mayor