

**BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2017-02**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of West Conshohocken 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

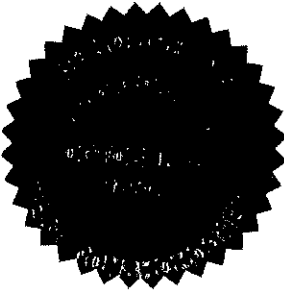
WHEREAS, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED NOW that the West Conshohocken 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 all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of West Conshohocken 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 Daylin Leach
Pennsylvania Representative Tim Briggs
County Commissioner Val Arkoosh
County Commissioner Ken Lawrence
County Commissioner Joe Gale
Mayor Joseph Pignoli

RESOLVED AND APPROVED this 11th day of April 2017.



WEST CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH

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Joseph P. Pignoli, Council President

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Michael English, Borough Manager

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Joseph G. Pignoli, Mayor