

**WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-1601**

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

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**WHEREAS**, the citizens of West Norriton 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: 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**, 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.

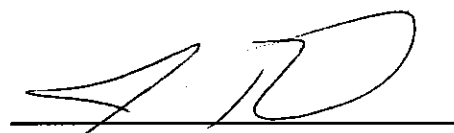
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the West Norriton Board of Commissioners does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent, citizens redistricting commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of West Norriton 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 as follows:

Governor Tom Wolf;  
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack;  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro;  
United States Senator Bob Casey;  
United States Senator Pat Toomey;  
United States Representative Patrick Meehan;  
United States Representative Ryan Costello;  
Pennsylvania Senator John Rafferty;  
Pennsylvania Representative Michael Corr;  
Pennsylvania Representative Tim Briggs;  
Montgomery County Commissioner Val Arkoosh, Chair;  
Montgomery County Commissioner Kenneth Lawrence Jr., Vice Chair;  
Montgomery County Commissioner Joseph Gale, Commissioner; and  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Robert Torres

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners for the Township of West Norriton on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:

  
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Jason Bobst, Secretary

WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

By:   
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Brian J. Kennedy, President