

RESOLUTION NO. 10 of 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Oakmont 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,

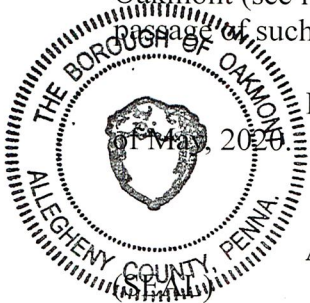
WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizen redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to 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 Council of the Borough of Oakmont does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizen redistricting commission; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Oakmont (see list below) 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.

RESOLUTION REGULARLY ADOPTED AND ENACTED, this 16th day of May, 2020.



ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF OAKMONT
OAKMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL


Borough Manager/Secretary


By: Patricia Friday, President, Borough Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this _____ day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:



Christopher Whaley, Borough Mayor

I, Scot E. Fodi, Borough Manager/Secretary of the Borough of Oakmont, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10 of 2020 adopted at the regular meeting of the Oakmont Borough Council, held on the ____ day of _____ 2020.

Scot E. Fodi, Secretary/Manager

cc:

Governor Thomas Wolf
Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman
Secretary (acting) of Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Representative Mike Doyle
Pennsylvania Senator Jay Costa
Pennsylvania Representative Frank Dermody
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald
Allegheny County Council Member Bethany Hallum At Large
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Allegheny County Council Member Nicholas Futules District 7

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(SEAL) ATTEST:

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By: President, Borough Council

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