

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of **City of Coatesville of Chester County** 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 **City of Coatesville of Chester County** 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 **City of Coatesville of Chester County** (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.

Governor Tom Wolf  
Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
Acting Secretary of Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative Chrissy Houlahan  
Pennsylvania Senator Andrew Dinniman  
Pennsylvania Representative Dan Williams  
Marion Moskowitz, County Commissioner  
Josh Maxwell, County Commissioner  
Michele Kichline, County Commissioner  
Chair, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Nancy Patton Mills  
Chair, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Lawrence Tabas

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Council of the City of Coatesville has adopted and enacted this Resolution this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



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Linda Lavender-Norris  
City Council President

ATTEST:



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Michael Trio  
City Manager