

**JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN OPEN AND NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE
FOR THE 2021 [insert county name] COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS state statutes require that the [insert county name] County Board of Commissioners redraw Commission districts to reflect the current population following the decennial Census, and

WHEREAS these county redistricting plans will be used to elect members of the [insert county name] County Board of Commissioners throughout the coming decade, and

WHEREAS the redistricting plans developed should accurately reflect the community's composition and diversity and strengthen communities' representation on the Commission, and

WHEREAS an open, participatory, and transparent redistricting process that encourages citizen input and uses such input to draw the maps leads to better community representation, and

WHEREAS such a process should facilitate public input and involvement in the redistricting process, protect the integrity of neighborhoods and communities, and respect the principles of the Voting Rights Act,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of [insert county name] County commit to establishing an open and participatory redistricting process that will adhere to the principles set out above and support citizen involvement in an open and transparent procedure throughout the upcoming 2021 redistricting process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process adopted should be one that promotes greater accountability and transparency and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party registration information, and incumbents' residential addresses, and that uses demographic information only to the extent necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission commit to adopting an open and transparent redistricting process that includes: i) firm timelines announced well in advance, prompt communication of draft plans, ii) prompt posting of maps and other information on an accessible website and publication in local news outlets, iii) well-promoted public hearings on the maps, and iv) citizen access to redistricting tools and mechanisms to submit comments and proposals related to the proposed maps;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution should be announced publicly as a testament to the Commission's commitment to an open and participatory process that informs and engages the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [insert county name] County Board of Commissioners also encourages the NC General Assembly to adopt procedures for the 2021 legislative and Congressional redistricting embodying the above principles, processes, and measures in order to secure our citizens' right to participate fully and effectively in the 2021 redistricting process.

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL ORGANIZATIONAL ENDORSERS

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

CITY AND COUNTY CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

CITY AND COUNTY CHAMBERS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

CITY AND COUNTY RACIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS

CITY- AND COUNTY-BASED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

COUNTY PASTORS COALITION

COUNTY VFWS

COUNTY GREEK SORORITIES/FRATERNITIES