



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING NONPARTISAN FAIR REDISTRICTING

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census will be completed in 2021;

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire General Court is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state for state and federal elected positions;

WHEREAS, the City of Nashua is obligated to redistrict the voting wards for elected positions within the City of Nashua;

WHEREAS, the NH General Court conducted the 2010 census redistricting in secret;

WHEREAS, the public was not able to view the proposed redistricting maps at public hearings in 2010, and additional maps created by the public were ignored; and

WHEREAS, 2010 proposed redistricting maps were created to benefit one political party over another.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that:

1. Redistricting shall be fair, nonpartisan, and ensure effective representation;
2. Voting maps shall not be gerrymandered to favor a political party or candidate;
3. Communities of interest shall be considered when redistricting;
4. The process of redistricting shall be transparent and open to public input at all stages;
5. The City of Nashua shall call upon its elected state legislators, in writing, to uphold these fair redistricting principles when creating state redistricting maps; and

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6. The City of Nashua shall also adhere to these fair redistricting principles when creating city redistricting maps.

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION: R-21-125
PURPOSE: Supporting nonpartisan fair redistricting
ENDORSER(S): Alderman Jan Schmidt

COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT: Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee
FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This legislation supports nonpartisan fair redistricting as described in the resolution.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel
By: Dorothy Clarke
Date: 17 March 2021

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IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING March 23, 2021

Referred to:
Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee

2nd Reading April 13, 2021

3rd Reading _____

4th Reading _____

Other Action _____

Passed April 13, 2021

Indefinitely Postponed _____

Defeated _____

Attest: _____ City Clerk

Lari Wilshire _____
President

Approved _____ Mayor's Signature

_____ Date

Endorsed by

_____ SCHMIDT

_____ TENCZA
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_____ DOWD

_____ KLEE

_____ O'BRIEN

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_____ KELLY

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_____ CARON

Lari Wilshire _____ WILSHIRE

Vetoed: _____

Veto Sustained: _____

Veto Overridden: _____

Attest: _____ City Clerk

_____ President