



Resolution 2015-31 Support Redistricting Reform

WHEREAS, the current redistricting process creates a conflict of interest – as the state legislators are effectively choosing their own constituents; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting process should be conducted in an open manner with real opportunities for public dialogue and feedback, not behind closed doors; and

WHEREAS, legislative incumbents often draw districts that are not compact and split communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, important principles such as the protections of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 and respect for neighborhoods and cities should be clearly listed for a Commission to abide by; and

WHEREAS, voters are more likely to participate when they feel that their vote will count and that they have a reasonable chance of elected candidates who represent their interests; and

WHEREAS, elected officials are more responsive to constituents when voters have a choice of candidates, thus increasing accountability and serving the best interests of North Carolina voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Davidson Board of Commissioners, do hereby resolve that:

The State of North Carolina should establish an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity, partisan balance and geography, for all future redistricting.

John M. Woods, Mayor

Heather B. James, Town Clerk