



## 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.

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**ANALYSIS**

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

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