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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN OPEN, NONPARTISAN, AND  
PARTICIPATORY PROCESS FOR THE 2021 REDISTRICTING  
OF THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, state statutes require that the Winston-Salem City Council redraw the City's wards following the decennial Census to ensure population consistency across wards; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting redistricting plan will be used to elect members of the Winston-Salem City Council throughout the coming decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the redistricting plan developed should accurately reflect the City's composition and diversity and promote accurate representation on the Winston-Salem City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, an open, participatory, and transparent redistricting process that encourages citizen input and incorporates such input into the district 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 of 1965.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council commit to establishing an open and participatory redistricting process that will adhere to the principles set out above and will support citizen involvement throughout the redistricting process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the process adopted should: i) promote greater accountability and transparency, ii) prohibit the consideration of voting patterns, and party registration information, and iii) use demographic information only to the extent necessary to ensure minority representation as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council commit to adopting a redistricting process providing for: i) timelines announced well in advance, ii) prompt communication of draft plans, iii) timely posting of maps and other information on an accessible website and the City's social medial platforms whereby comments and suggestions can be submitted, and iv) well-promoted public hearings on the maps; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution should be announced publicly as a testament to the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council's commitment to an open and participatory process that informs and engages the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council encourages the North Carolina 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' rights to participate fully and effectively in the 2021 redistricting process and to strengthen their representation in these elected bodies.