

RESOLUTION NO. 734

**BOROUGH OF MALVERN
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MALVERN,
CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A
CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL
REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that state legislative and congressional voting districts are, by law, redrawn after the completion of the national census each decade, to allow for fair representation by population as required by the U.S. Constitution and the Pennsylvania Constitution; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in gerrymandering, i.e., the redrawing of districts to favor one political party or other; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Malvern and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process of the decennial post-census re-drawing of state legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions and communities of interest; will prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; will promote transparency, the use of impartial and sound methodology, and public input when setting district boundaries; and will fully comply with the Pennsylvania constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary"; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process by requiring the formation of a citizens' redistricting commission to conduct the redistricting process in a non-partisan fashion, using sound methodology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Malvern Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to all members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Borough of Malvern (see list) to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

- Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf
- Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack
- Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro
- United States Senator Bob Casey
- United States Senator Pat Toomey
- United States Representative Ryan Costello
- Pennsylvania Senator Andy Dinniman
- Pennsylvania Representative Duane Milne
- Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone
- Chester County Commissioner Terence Farrell
- Chester County Commissioner Michelle Kichline
- Malvern Borough Mayor Dave Burton

Passed by Borough Council this 2 day of May, 2017.



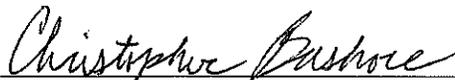
David G. Bramwell, President

Approved by the Mayor, this 2 day of May, 2017.



David B. Burton, Mayor

Enacted, this 2 day of May, 2017.



Christopher Bashore, Secretary