

# Resolution of the City of Albemarle to support Redistricting Reform

RESOLUTION 15-13

**WHEREAS**, the current redistricting process creates a conflict of interest—as 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 electing 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 the voters of North Carolina; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Albemarle does RESOLVE that:

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

This the 4th Day of May, 2015.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor, City of Albemarle