

Attachment A

**RESOLUTION: State of Maryland
Congressional Redistricting**

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland will redraw Congressional District boundaries in the Fall of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the tone of political discourse and manner of political behavior in our nation's capital over the last few decades have badly deteriorated resulting in unnecessary bad decisions and outcomes for our country culminating in the recent debt-ceiling debacle; and

WHEREAS, some of the State of Maryland Congressional District boundaries drawn 10 years ago are very oddly shaped with apparent purpose to favor one political party or another; and

WHEREAS, some members of Congress are much more worried about primary than general election outcomes; and

WHEREAS, safe seats that are uncontestable in the general election lead to the election of individuals with little incentive or desire to work for reasonable solutions for the country's problems; and

WHEREAS, safe seats that are uncontestable in the general election lead to the election of individuals who think and act ideologically and who debate and analyze through the use of cliché and slogan; and

WHEREAS, safe seats that are uncontestable in the general election, coupled with low primary election turnout, gives inordinate leverage to a handful of power brokers in each major party, and

WHEREAS, oddly drawn Congressional Districts that favor one political party or another lead to voter cynicism; and

WHEREAS, the need for Congressional candidates to reach out to independent and opposing party voters in order to win in the general election encourages the fielding of reasonable candidates who can work with other points of view; and

WHEREAS, the economic and social health of Rockville, Cities, Municipalities, and Counties of Maryland depend directly on the economic and social health of the country as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville believe that Rockville voters, the City of Rockville itself, all the Cities, Municipalities, and Counties of Maryland would benefit from competitive general Congressional elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that the Mayor and Council hereby:

- 1). Strongly endorses the drawing of State of Maryland Congressional Districts in a much more compact manner than 10 years ago and that the heaviest emphasis on redrawing Congressional Districts should be to maximize the number of Congressional Districts that are competitive in the general election in the State of Maryland; and
- 2). Encourages other Cities, Municipalities, and Counties in the State of Maryland to pass a similar resolution and communicate such to the Governor, the House of Delegates, and the State Senate; and
- 3). Will communicate this resolution not only to the Governor, the House of Delegates, and the State Senate, but also to the District 17 Delegation, the Montgomery County Council, and to all the Cities and Municipalities and Counties in Maryland.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of .

Glenda P. Evans, City Clerk