

ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2011-49

Creation of an Independent Redistricting Commission

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tompkins County Charter and Code, Section C-2.09, upon publication of the results of the Federal decennial census for Tompkins County, the Tompkins County Legislature shall prepare a plan for reapportionment, which shall specify the number and geographical boundaries of the various districts from which members of the Tompkins County Legislature shall be nominated and elected at primary and general elections, and

WHEREAS, the Code further directs the Tompkins County Legislature "...to appoint a committee on reapportionment to assist it in arriving at a plan of reapportionment", and "...shall give to said committee the guidelines under which the committee shall operate", and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Census was conducted in 2010, and the results of the census for Tompkins County have now been published, and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has discussed the redistricting process to determine a recommendation to be used for reapportioning legislative districts and came to consensus that the Tompkins County Legislature should appoint an Independent Redistricting Commission ("Commission") to prepare a reapportionment plan to present to the Tompkins County Legislature for approval, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That an Independent Redistricting Commission is hereby created and shall consist of nine (9) members to be recommended by the Government Operations Committee and appointed by the Tompkins County Legislature,

RESOLVED, further, That the Chair of the Commission shall be appointed by the Tompkins County Legislature and the Vice Chair elected by the Commission,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator shall designate appropriate staff to assist the Commission in its work,

RESOLVED, further, That no currently serving elected municipal official, officers of any political party, or officers of any political committee, shall be appointed as members of the Commission, and that the members of the Commission shall be County residents, registered voters, and shall be knowledgeable about Tompkins County, its municipalities, and about government and electoral processes,

RESOLVED, further, That members of the Commission must be willing to work cooperatively and in a non-partisan manner to prepare a reapportionment plan that is fair and unbiased,

RESOLVED, further, That members of the Commission will develop the reapportionment plan in the manner described in and consistent with the Charge or other relevant provisions in the Memorandum Regarding Proposed Tompkins County Redistricting Commission dated April 5, 2011.

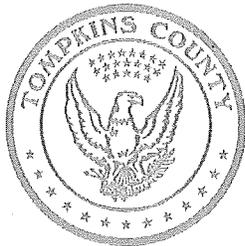
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RESULT:	ADOPTED [14 TO 1]
MOVER:	Michael Lane, Member
SECONDER:	Pat Pryor, Member
AYES:	Burbank, Dennis, Luz Herrera, Kiefer, Lane, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Proto, Pryor, Robertson, Robison, Shinagawa, Stein
NAYS:	Carol Chock

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature on April 5, 2011.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Legislature at Ithaca, New York, on April 6, 2011.

Catherine Covert, Clerk
Tompkins County Legislature