

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Hendersonville City Council, whose members, on July 1, 2021, issued a Resolution supporting a fair and transparent process for the North Carolina General Assembly to redraw voting districts following receipt of results of the 2020 Census.

When legislators draw maps that protect the incumbent or divide communities, your voice at the ballot box is diminished, and your representative or senator may not need to listen to your concerns and opinions about issues important to you. Opportunities for public input and observation are critical to the development of fair maps for North Carolina. From 2011-2019, the NC General Assembly has paid \$10.79 million dollars to defend, in court, unfair districts they have drawn over the years!

The Council's Resolution concludes: "The State of North Carolina should establish an independent redistricting process that ensures diversity of representation, protects communities of interest, and does not unduly favor one political party over the other, for all future redistricting."

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Contact your state representative and state senator to let them know how proud you are of the Hendersonville City Council's Resolution. Ask them to support a bipartisan process for drawing fair maps this year.

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