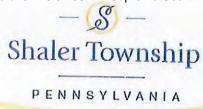


Hampton



February 1, 2022

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RE: PA 30th Legislative District - Townships of Shaler and Hampton

Dear Chairman Nordenberg,

For the better part of thirty-plus years the Townships of Shaler, Hampton and Richland have comprised the majority of Pennsylvania's 30th Legislative District. Under the leadership and with the guidance as well as support of the past legislators who have held this district's seat, each municipality has engaged in partnerships with one another promoting intergovernmental cooperation through the North Hills Council of Governments. These partnerships have saved taxpayers thousands upon thousands of dollars. The Townships of Shaler and Hampton have even formed a joint water authority, Hampton Shaler Water, and a joint Emergency Medical Service, Shaler Hampton EMS.

We understand the necessity of reapportionment based on census data changes every ten years and support this effort. Furthermore, we commend the goal of the Reapportionment Committee in not splitting a municipality and/or school district in completing this year's reapportionment task. We are disappointed in the Committee's decision to realign the 30th Legislative District because of the intergovernmental partnerships that we have built within this district over the years. However, what really confuses and disappoints us is the recent information that has been brought to our attention that the Committee is now proposing to split the Township of Hampton, the Hampton School District, and the Shaler Area School District into multiple districts.

Hampton is the only municipality and school district within the current 30th Legislative District's boundaries where the borders of each are the same. The Hampton School District is not a merged district. This being the case, by taking a portion of Hampton (the Township's southwest corner) and splitting it off from the rest of the municipality you are proposing to split both the Township as well as the School District into different legislative districts. The same is also being proposed for the Shaler Area School District as the Borough of Etna is being split off from the School District into a different Legislative District. These proposals we might add go against the Committee's primary goal of not breaking up municipalities and/or school districts. Also, these map changes are being proposed AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD which is extremely unfair to Hampton and Shaler voters.

Should the current proposed legislative reapportionment map be voted upon this up-coming Friday, it will disenfranchise Hampton voters as they will not be able to vote as one community. As such, this makes one think that this action is being taken only for gerrymandering purposes because as previously mentioned Hampton Township and the Hampton School District share the same boundaries.

We would ask that based on our past as well as current intergovernmental relationships, the Committee reconsiders leaving the 30th Legislative District as it is today. If, however, that is not possible, at the very least, the Hampton Community should not be split into two separate legislative districts.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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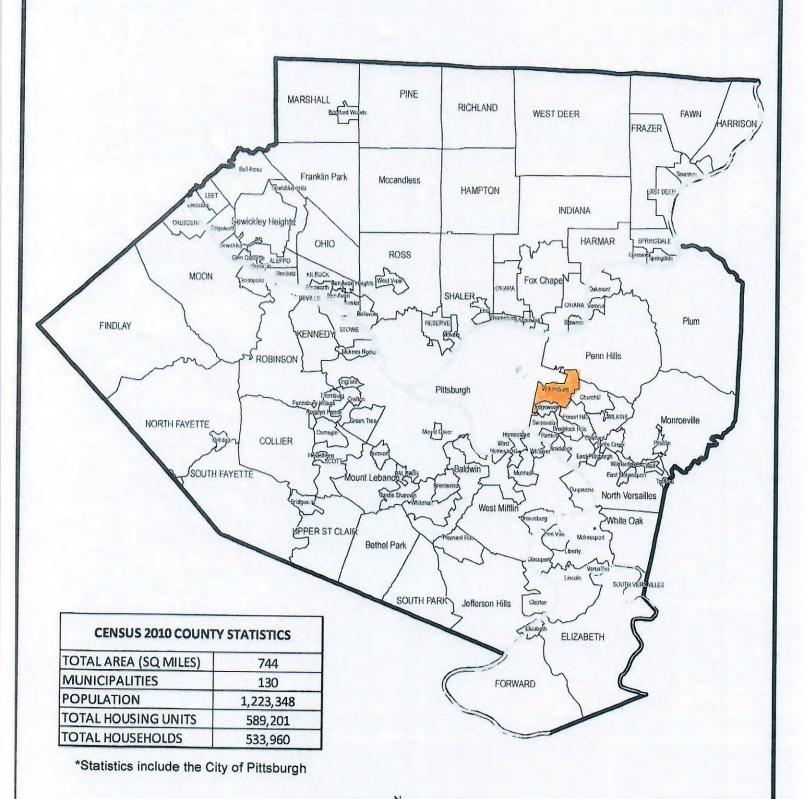
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