

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE
CONSIDER AN EQUITABLE DIVISION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS
ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne is united in the American tradition of distinct and co-equal branches of government, providing checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, the Executive branch is led and managed by the Mayor and the Legislative branch is the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is designated by the State as the Fiscal Body; and

WHEREAS, in the course of governance, there is often the need for boards and commissions to do work and offer approvals on policy that may or may not need an additional approval by either the executive or legislative/fiscal body; and

WHEREAS, since these boards often have specific roles, responsibilities, and powers that are connected to governance, it is expected that there are appropriate checks and balances on their decision making and policy making powers; and

WHEREAS, within the course of governance, there is a need to compromise and search out and acknowledge different perspectives on activities; and

WHEREAS, to ensure accountability and responsible government, a more equitable division of appointments is the responsible course of action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

SECTION 1. That the Common Council formally requests that Mayor Tom Henry, in conjunction with members of City Council, begin to evaluate how to remedy the inequalities in board and commission representation between the executive and legislative bodies. This includes advocating for changes to state code and supporting changes to Fort Wayne City Code.

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