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3 **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
4 **CONSIDER AN EQUITABLE DIVISION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS**
5 **ON STATE-ENABLED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**
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7 WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne is united in the American tradition of
8 distinct and co-equal branches of government, providing checks and balances; and

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, with many boards and commissions, the enabling body is the
21 Indiana General Assembly and the authority to appoint to these boards and
22 commissions has been granted exclusively to the executive, even when there are
23 legislative and fiscal impacts of the decisions of these boards and commissions;
24 and

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** That the Common Council formally requests that State
2 Legislators who represent the Fort Wayne-area begin to evaluate how to remedy
3 the inequalities in board and commission representation between the executive and
4 legislative bodies. This includes, but is not limited to re-evaluating boards and
5 commissions created in Indiana State Code, as outlined in Exhibit A.

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12 Russ Jehl, Council Member
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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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18 Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for City Council

Exhibit A – Board Appointment Breakdown

Board	Code Citation, where available	Mayor	City Council
Airport Authority	8-22-3	4	0
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	7.1-2-4	1	0
County Parks and Rec	36-10-3-4.2	1	0
Regional Sewer District	13-26-11-15	2	0
FW Parks	36-10-4-3	4	0
Board of Public Safety	36-7-9-6	5	0
Board of Public Works	36-7-9-6	3	0
Board of Zoning Appeals	36-7-4-902	3	1
Capital Improvement Board	36-10-8-4	3	0
FW Economic Development Commission	36-7-12-5	3	1
FW Housing Authority	36-7-18-5	7	0
County Board of Health		3	0
FW Council on Homelessness	HUD Directed	??	1
Hospital Authority		5	0
NE IN Workforce Investment Board		??	??
NE IN Regional Coordinating Council		??	??
FW Plan Commission	36-7-4-207	5	1
PTC/Citilink		3	4
Redevelopment Authority	36-7-14.5-8	3	0
Redevelopment Commission	36-7-14-6.1	3	2
Stormwater Management	8-1.5-5-4	3	0
Urban Enterprise Association (SEED)	5-28-15-13	6	4
Urban Transportation Board		1	0
TOTAL		68	14