

RESOLUTION TO INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S CONCERNS
REGARDING THE POTENTIAL RECONFIGURATION OF CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has the power to determine the size of a municipality's governing body; and

WHEREAS, a member of Greensboro's local delegation has indicated that the Greensboro City Council may be reconfigured; and
Whereas, the proposed plan to reconfigure the City Council includes reducing the number of City Council members from 9 to seven; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan could remove the current system of electing a council member from each of the City's 5 districts; and

Whereas, the proposed plan to reconfigure the City Council includes increasing the length of City Council terms from 2 years to four years; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of Greensboro have expressed concern over the proposed plan because the governing body of Greensboro is targeted for change without any input from the City; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Council believe a reduction in the number of City Council members would remove the voice of many constituents; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Council believe a change in the current system of electing a council member from each of the City's 5 districts would eliminate a well-functioning district and at-large system of representation envisioned, adopted, and supported by city residents and numerous City Councils over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, members of City Council understand that extending the length of terms would create a more experienced and efficient city government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City Council of Greensboro opposes a plan to reduce the number of City Council members from 9 to 7, and the City Council opposes a plan to alter any of the City's 5 districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of Greensboro supports a plan to increase the length of terms from 2 years to 4 years.