

**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RES #21-22**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAFE, SECURE, AND TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS AND
OPEN ACCESS FOR THE VOTERS OF PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

April 28, 2021

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, located at the Township Administration Building, 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, in said Township, on the 28th day of April, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Pittsfield Charter Township Clerk's Office to administer all elections with integrity, in an open and transparent manner supporting the tenets of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 voters in Pittsfield Charter Township and the State of Michigan as a whole voted to support Proposal 18-1 that provided fairer access to the election process for all voters, including less restrictive identification requirements, no-reason Absentee Voting, access to drop boxes, longer voter registration periods including same-day registration, all of which aid in the increase of voter participation and improve voter experience; and

WHEREAS, a package of 39 bills was introduced by the State of Michigan legislature which includes several changes to election laws that are in direct opposition to the spirit of increasing voter participation and would create barriers to access for voters including but not limited to the following:

- Requiring that citizen requesting to vote absentee by mail attach a photocopy of their driver's license to prove their identity
- Eliminate pre-paid postage on the return of Absent Voter Ballots
- Ban drop boxes for Absent Voter Ballots

WHEREAS, the November 3, 2020 Presidential was conducted in a safe, secure, and transparent manner with record turnout in the State of Michigan due to the implementation of election laws passed at the November 4, 2018 Gubernatorial Election improving access to voting for all, and with no instances of voter fraud proven to influence the results of the election; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsfield Charter Township Clerk's Office holds itself to the highest standards of integrity in the administration of all elections, exceeding required services going above and beyond to ensure that every voter has a safe, secure, and transparent voting experience;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees hereby pledges its support for safe, secure, and transparent elections and an open and accessible experience for Township Voters; and opposes pending legislation proposed by the State of Michigan Senate Majority Leader for election reform that directly contradicts these rights of voters.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: -

NAYS: -

ABSENT: -

ABSTAIN: -

RESOLUTION DECLARED _____.

Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township

Dated: April __, 2021

CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle L. Anzaldi, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2021, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township

Dated: April __, 2021