

BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 19-210

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT
PROVIDES GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN POLITICAL DONATIONS, LIMITS THE
INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN POLITICS, AND ENDS GERRYMANDERING

WHEREAS, a Supreme Court ruling made in January 2010 prohibited the government from restricting political payments from nonprofit corporations, for profit-corporations, labor unions, and other associations; and

WHEREAS, the influence of a limited group of donors on the political process has expanded to the point where it can have the effect of marginalizing the views of ordinary citizens; and

WHEREAS, full transparency of all political money is necessary for the growth of an educated and informed electorate;

WHEREAS, partisan gerrymandering of voting districts is a grave issue to our country's future wherein it leads to the polarization of each district, the marginalization of entire voting blocks within those districts and ultimately leads to the elected official becoming more liberal or conservative than his or her district which creates a greater divide between the elected officials at each level.

WHEREAS, concerned citizens are seeking legislation which will control campaign financing, limit the influence of unregulated donors, promote transparency and fairness throughout the election process, end partisan gerrymandering of districts, and ensure a government that is responsible to the needs of all of the people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council encourages the United States Congress and the New Jersey State Legislature to pursue and enact tough anti-corruption laws and measures that provide ordinary citizens with a greater voice in the electoral process, including creation of independent redistricting commissions to end partisan gerrymandering; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker and Congressman Christopher Smith, State Senator Vin Gopal and State Assembly Members Joann Downey and Eric Houghtaling.

	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Yassin		X			
Councilwoman Triggiano		X			
Councilman Ballard		X			
Councilman Yngstrom	Motion	X			
Councilman Zipprich	Second	X			
Councilwoman Horgan		X			

Dated: August 21, 2019

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, at a meeting held on August 21. 2019.

Pamela Borghi

Pamela Borghi, Municipal Clerk