

Board of Directors  
Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce

Resolution Supporting  
***Yes for Independent Maps and the Illinois Independent Redistricting Amendment***

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution currently specifies that the General Assembly draws the state Senate and House Districts after every Census; and

WHEREAS, the *Yes for Independent Maps* campaign proposes an amendment to take redistricting out of the hands of politicians and give the power back to the people of Illinois; and

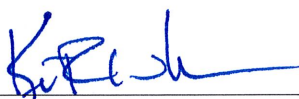
WHEREAS, the amendment distances politicians from the map-drawing process by creating an independent redistricting commission; and

WHEREAS, the map-making criteria requires that districts preserve the voting rights of minorities; respect community, municipal, and geographic boundaries; not discriminate against any group, political party, or candidate; and meet federal Constitutional requirements; and

WHEREAS, this process will be fully open to the public, with ample opportunity for Illinoisans to have direct input into the maps before and after they are drafted; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the work of the *Yes for Independent Maps* campaign, which is attempting to put the Illinois Independent Redistricting Amendment on the November 2014 general election ballot. The coalition - a diverse group of Democrats, Republicans, non-profits, civic, political and business leaders - believes that addressing the way our state draws state legislative maps is key to putting voters back in charge and will put the full support of our organization behind the campaign.

Passed and Approved on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.



Keith R. Wheeler,  
Chair of the Board of Directors



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