

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, OPPOSING HB1976 and HB2045 AND SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING DECISIONS TO BETTER SERVE THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Township supervisors are the most local level of government, directly representing their neighbors and frequently interacting with them in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Local zoning decisions should be made by local elected officials who understand the unique needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Each community has unique needs, and a one-size-fits-all approach to zoning does not work; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO) opposes statewide zoning mandates because they do not account for the specific needs and conditions of individual communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Local officials must consider factors such as infrastructure capacity, emergency service availability, and the need for open space and farmland preservation when evaluating new developments; and

**WHEREAS**, Statewide zoning mandates overlook these critical factors and impose a uniform solution that may not be suitable for all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, BCATO opposes HB1976 and HB2045 because they fail to ensure affordable housing and merely promote more development using tools that municipalities already have and use appropriately when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, BCATO, in alignment with the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS), recommends focusing on addressing blight, rehabilitating existing housing, managing construction costs related to stormwater and UCC regulations, and providing additional funding for municipalities to conduct housing studies and plan for long-term housing needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors hereby opposes HB1976 and HB2045 and supports local control of zoning decisions to better serve the unique needs of our community.

**RESOLVED** this 23rd day of October 2024,

**Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors**

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Gard Holby, Chair

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Roger Keller, Vice Chair

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Michael Lynch, Member

ATTEST:

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Sheryl L. Patterson, Secretary / Treasurer