

**WHEREAS the Washtenaw County Democratic Party has always fought for the voices of minorities to be heard at the decision table; And**

**WHEREAS ten years ago two African Americans were serving as County Commissioners, there is now but one; And**

**WHEREAS this reduction in the numbers of minority voices was essentially brought about by the reduction of the number of County Commissioners serving on the Board of Commissioners from 15 to 11; And**

**WHEREAS the deduction was caused by the Apportionment Committee combined with redistricting itself; And**

**WHEREAS it is obvious that a reduction in the number of Board of Commissioner and a subsequent redistricting would very possibly eliminate the number of minorities on the Washtenaw Board of Commissioners;**

**THEREFORE, be it resolved that to prevent such an injustice to occur, that we the Washtenaw County Democrat Party in pursuit of social, political and economic justice for all ethnic groups; we encourage the redistricting committee maintain the current number of Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at 11 in order to avoid the further erosion of minority voices.**