

Resolution #2018-23

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT PROPOSAL 3

WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental right of all U.S. citizens; and;

WHEREAS, while the Michigan Constitution grants all Michigan residents the right to vote, Michigan residents lack the same access to the ballot that citizens in a majority of states in our Union enjoy, and;

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of individuals and organizations from across Michigan including the League of Women Voters of Michigan, the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, Michigan League for Public Policy, NAACP Michigan State Conference and Detroit Branch, United Auto Workers and many other groups support Promote the Vote's proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution, and;

WHEREAS, Promote the Vote's proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution, which will appear on the November 2018 statewide ballot as Proposal 3, provides a common-sense approach to safeguarding elections, putting voters first, and removing barriers for working families to vote by:

- Ensuring military service members and overseas voters get their ballots in time for their votes to count;
- Protecting the right to vote a secret ballot;
- Automatically registering citizens to vote at the Secretary of State's office unless the citizen declines;
- Providing all registered voters access to an absentee ballot for any reason;
- Allowing citizens with proof of residency to register to vote anytime up to and on Election Day;
- Ensuring the accuracy and integrity of elections by auditing election results; and
- Providing voters with the option to vote straight party, and;

WHEREAS, many of these reforms have been adopted in various states across the country to increase accessibility to the ballot, and Michigan residents deserve this same access.

Council Member Brown moved, supported by Council Member Hawley, to approve the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Albion City Council on this 1st day of October, 2018 does hereby support voting rights, and ensuring that voting is accessible and all votes are secure and counted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albion City Council supports the Promote the Vote proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution, which will appear on the statewide November 2018 ballot as Proposal 3;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the office of the Mayor and City Manager, all elected city officials, and all elected officials representing the City of Albion at state and federal levels of government.

Date: October 1, 2018

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (French)

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Albion on October 1, 2018.

Jill Domingo
Jill Domingo
City Clerk