

RESOLUTION**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT TO DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

WHEREAS, Licking County is undergoing significant change as one of the fastest developing counties within the State of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners participated in a multi-jurisdictional planning effort to study various needs relative to recent and anticipated growth in the western half of Licking County associated with the development of Intel and related growth; and,

WHEREAS, beginning planning efforts for the western portion of the county impacted directly by Intel, known as *Framework: Shaping Tomorrow Together*, provided initial planning work to address the immediate concerns of the Intel development and associated growth; and,

WHEREAS, continued growth pressure throughout Licking County underscores the need to conduct comprehensive planning for all of Licking County that considers the general welfare of its cities, villages, and townships and utilizes a collaborative process to manage growth; and,

WHEREAS, Licking County has not had an adopted county-wide plan since the 1970s, and planning is necessary to provide for the coordinated provision of land uses, transportation, public water and sewer, and other key public utilities and infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, Comprehensive planning is necessary to manage growth while protecting the agricultural heritage, rural character, and identity of each of Licking County's 25 townships;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Licking, State of Ohio:

- SECTION 1. That the Board hereby declares the importance of establishing a County-wide Comprehensive Plan for the future of Licking County's many cities, villages and townships.
- SECTION 2. That the Board fully supports the completion of a robust public participation process that incorporates assistance and collaboration from a broad range of jurisdictions and organizations to effectively study issues associated with growth and to establish areas of common agreement for the future.
- SECTION 3. That the Board is committed to the planning process and has approved a scope of services to begin a public process utilizing the firm of Planning NEXT to study land uses, economic vitality, housing needs, infrastructure, agriculture, natural resources and other factors essential to Licking County's future success as a place to live and work.
- SECTION 4. That the Board directs its staff to actively work toward the acquisition of funding sources of all types, including grants and contributions, to ensure the success of this long-awaited and necessary planning effort that will shape the future for Licking County.

**LICKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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Supporting County-Wide Comprehensive Plan

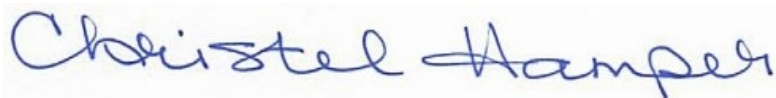
Upon the motion of Duane H. Flowers, seconded by Rick Black.

VOTE:

Rick Black	Aye
Timothy E. Bubb	Aye
Duane H. Flowers	Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Licking County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Christel Hamper, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Licking County, Ohio