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RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 765 AND RELATED BILLS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 has been introduced in the 2025 session of the North Carolina General Assembly and would change many aspects of local planning and zoning that would dramatically affect the ability of local governments to serve the will of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, which mandates comprehensive planning and zoning, would be severely eroded by the passage of House Bill 765 by diminishing the input and trust of citizens, including those who voluntarily serve on county and municipal advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, local governments, with input of their citizens, are best suited to address local matters and can best recognize and enforce the need for planning and zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 would eliminate the decision-making powers granted to locally elected leaders by their voters, subjecting those officials to legal penalties during routine land use planning decisions and creating unprecedented conflict-of-interest rules; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 would create a patchwork of state mandates and ban common-sense local land-use practices leading to unregulated and incompatible development, undermining housing affordability, and damaging existing property values; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 would remove the ability of the Piedmont Triad's residents and local officials to pursue our unique visions for our communities, which are critical to attracting new residents, new businesses, and maintaining our quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the executive board of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, a voluntary association of seventy-eight municipal and county governments, has unanimously voted to urge the North Carolina General Assembly to leave planning and zoning decisions to locally-elected Boards and their citizens, and that the General Assembly immediately terminate House Bill 765 and similar bills threatening to dismantle local land-use planning and regulation.

Adopted on this, the 7th day of May, 2025.

Mark Richardson
Executive Board Chair

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Executive Director