

**TOWN OF DAVIDSON
RESOLUTION OPPOSING
HB 524 WITH REFERENDUM PROVISION**

WHEREAS, the House Judiciary II Committee recommended a committee substitute for HB 524 , a compromise that was developed to address the legitimate concerns of citizens while maintaining authority for annexation to manage rapid growth and pay for essential services; and

WHEREAS, the committee substitute version of HB 524 includes a significant number of annexation reforms and as a result, property owners will receive more protections, there will be substantially more stringent annexation standards, procedures and water and sewer extension requirements; and

WHEREAS, municipal officials are committed to reasonable reform of annexation laws to address legitimate concerns; and

WHEREAS, statewide business groups such as the N.C. Homebuilders Association and the North Carolina Chamber both are on record in support of reasonable and fair annexation authority and opposed to a referendum requirement and other drastic changes; and

WHEREAS, a referendum will become a vote on municipal taxes and will turn into a veto, thereby ignoring the broader good and health of the entire community and allowing nearby residents to avoid municipal taxes forever, even though they benefit from city services

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Davidson supports reasonable and fair annexation authority reform, but strongly will oppose House Bill 524 so long as any referendum provision remains a part of the bill.

Adopted this the 14th day of July, 2009.

John M. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy W. Smith, Town Clerk

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