



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: September 1, 2017

RE: **Resolution 2017-037; Deadline for Ratification of NOACA Resolution 2016-030**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to set a deadline of December 31, 2017 for the ratification of Resolution 2016-030.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

After more than a year of discussion, the Board of Directors passed Resolution 2016-030 that would result in the best possible approximation of proportional Board representation without costing any member county seats. Resolution 2016-030 also established the methodology for establishing membership following future Censuses. At this time, the counties of Medina, Lake and Lorain have ratified the resolution. Geauga County tabled discussion of ratification at its January 31, 2017 meeting. Cuyahoga County indicates that because of the complexity of its ratification process which includes both the County Executive and the County Council, that it will await Geauga's action before proceeding, although Cuyahoga County's intention is to ratify it.

The resolution allowed for the Governance Committee to keep the ratification period open. At the request of the Executive Committee and in the interest of bringing this item to closure, the Governance Committee at its August meeting, set a deadline of December 31, 2017 for ratification of Resolution 2016-030. Upon expiration of that date, the matter will be considered closed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no known financial impacts from this action.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

With Board approval and a successful ratification, Board membership will be adjusted beginning with calendar year 2018. Alternatively, if the matter is not ratified by the deadline, the opportunity to do so will cease.

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2016 the NOACA Board of Directors passed Resolution 2016-030, "Code of Regulation Amendment-Board of Directors Composition."

WHEREAS, this item would provide an additional two seats to the City of Cleveland and adopt a methodology for identifying seats after the next census without costing any member county seats; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires unanimity amongst the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina for ratification.

WHEREAS, Medina, Lake, Lorain counties have approved the resolution. Moreover, Cuyahoga County has stated it's support for the item contingent upon the approval of Geauga County.

WHEREAS, this items has been under consideration for more than a year and requires due diligence to being implementation and/or closure to consider other NOACA matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1. a deadline has been set of December 31, 2017 to dispose of the matter by the NOACA member counties or the issue is considered closed and the resolution expires.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 8 day of September 8, 2017.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 