

1. **Concern:** Important decisions of the County will be put into the hands of non-elected individuals.

Realities: There are multiple controls that elected officials have, including:

- a. The County Commissioners, as the executive body of the county, will vote to select the five RDA board members for four (4) year terms. (IC 36-7.6-2-7)
- b. The legislation also provides an opportunity for the elected officials to remove the RDA Board members. (IC 36-7.6-2-9)
- c. The practice of elected officials making appointments to boards is not uncommon: Planning and Zoning Boards, Redevelopment Commissions, Airport Authorities, etc. are all made up of appointed members.
- d. The RDA board will operate as a separate body corporate and politic (IC 36-7.6-2-2) and will be subject to Indiana's Open Door laws as defined by IC 5-14-1.5.
- e. Each member of the RDA may appoint a local advisory committee to advise on issues related to the RDA. (IC 36-7.6-2-15)