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June 26, 2001

Sen. Daniel Webster
315 S. Dillard Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Dear Sen. Daniel Webster:

The South Lake Chamber of Commerce, which represents the five cities of Clermont, Groveland, Mascotte, Minneola, Montverde and the surrounding unincorporated areas, is very concerned with reapportionment coming before your committee.

We would be pleased to retain our current representatives: Cliff Stearns in the U.S. House, Randy Johnson in the Florida House and Anna Cowin in the Florida Senate. If that is not possible, we want South Lake County to be represented by legislators who have their base in West Orange County or at least in the Metro-Orlando area. We do not wish to be an outlying area that has its base in Brooksville or Lakeland.

We plan to be represented at all future public reapportionment hearings. Our representatives will attend the July 12th hearing in Tallahassee and the August 20th meeting in Orlando. We would appreciate notification of additional hearing dates as they become available.

Respectfully yours,

Howard Stockton

Executive Director

-----Original Message-----

From: Christopher Moore [mailto:Chris@mail.co.leon.fl.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2001 4:21 PM
To: chester.jennifer@leg.state.fl.us
Cc: House.redistricting.web@leg.state.fl.us;
senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us
Subject: link to maps

Here is a link to the maps that we provided to the Senators and Representatives during the first meeting today. We did not have enough time during the four minute interval to share everything that we wanted, but the maps should be fairly self-explanatory. Hopefully these may provide other county/municipal agencies with some type of example for what may be useful materials to bring to the future meetings. We tried to point out specifics and show some deficiencies from the last redistricting effort in our materials. If any of the staff or elected officials have any questions about our materials or things relating to Leon County, please direct questions to me.

I do have to say that I was disappointed that we were only allowed 4 minutes for our presentation. I realize that if you gave everyone more time that the meeting would be too long and that you also don't want to get into treating people separately either, but agencies that are involved in depth with Census Data and redistricting like local Supervisors of Elections and relevant county/city agencies should be allocated more time. We brought handouts for all of the present members and not one question was asked about any of our materials. Maybe there should be another type of forum that promotes more of a dialog instead of a presentation atmosphere can be accommodated.

Thank you for your time and effort that you have put into this project, we look forward to the results.

<http://www.leonfl.org/elect/legislmaps.htm>

Sincerely,

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From: C. Henry Depew [mailto:sisu26@nettally.com]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2001 8:04 AM
To: senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us
Subject: Cost & Size

Greetings!

Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for a \$1.00 CD, 10 minutes burn time, a label, and mailer (\$2.00 postage?)?

Three (3) gigabytes (3GB) storage? The entire 2000 census file for Florida might make that size; but, three population characteristics by block group?

Perhaps a little more explanation to the public is in order?'

C. Henry Depew
Tallahassee

-----Original Message-----

From: Victor Alvarado [mailto:Victor_Alvarado@hud.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2001 12:08 PM

To: senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us

Subject: Congrats

I wish to thank you for having the insight and diligence in making the Redistricting Mapping Program available to the community. I have been involve in redistricting over thirty years and it is very difficult to this by hand. Many national organizations are contacting local groups and making the redistricting mapping program available but my question is why and what interest do they have. Please Thank the Senator for me. My home E-Mail is vicalva@att.net. Again Thank You

From: Jharden179@aol.com [mailto:Jharden179@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2001 6:26 PM

To: senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us; floridaredistricting@leg.state.fl.us; ross.dennis@leg.state.fl.us; dockery.paula@leg.state.fl.us; bowen.marty@leg.state.fl.us; russell.dave@leg.state.fl.us; brown-waite.g.web@leg.state.fl.us; LAURENT@aol.com; john.web@leg.state.fl.us; lee.tom.web@leg.state.fl.us

Subject: Public Hearings on Redistricting

July 30, 2001

Editor:

The redistricting process to draw congressional and legislative district boundaries, to remain in place until the year 2012, begins this summer. Of the twenty public hearings scheduled around the state, none is scheduled in Polk County. Polk County citizens are expected to travel to Hardee, Hillsborough or Orange Counties. I call upon Polk's Legislative Delegation to demand the scheduling of additional public hearings to allow Polk County's 483,924 citizens an equal opportunity to participate in this process.

Senate Redistricting Chair, Daniel Webster states, " Our goal is to make this the most open and accessible redistricting ever," and, "We welcome citizen input and involvement." Input and involvement from which citizens?

Holding public hearings at a time when many people are at work, and requiring travel to locations with limited seating and nearly non-existent parking, does not meet the promise of open and accessible hearings. The Hillsborough County Commission Chamber seats 182, Hardee County Commission Chamber seats 50, and the Orlando City Council Chambers seats 200. With the population of Hillsborough and Orange counties at 998,984 and 896,344, respectively, it is ludicrous to schedule public hearings in such facilities.

Senator Webster states, "It is my intention that the maps considered later in the (redistricting) process will be based on what we learn at the hearings about how citizens believe they can best be represented." If this is the intent, then I call on Senator Webster and Speaker Tom Feeney to schedule additional public meetings in open, accessible locations with adequate seating and parking.

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