

Sept. 2001

Dear Honorable senator
Webster:

Please consider the
census and fairness to
all when drawing districts.

Districts should be compact
not gerrymandered. Public
hearings should be held
after proposing districts.

Districts should be
designed not to favor
any one race, ethnic
group, or political
party. Sincerely,
Amy Abrams

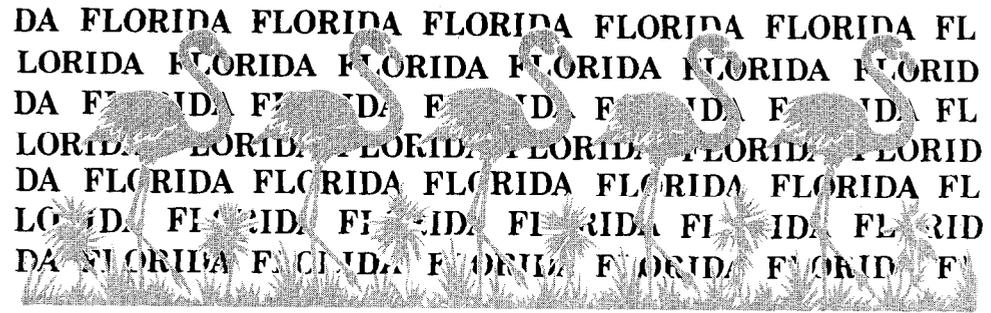
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South TAMPA Needs TO BALANCE
The population FOR District
90 better yet South Tampa
needs a district in Hillsborough
County with a district seat
Senator Daniel Webster

Jose A. Borders
4418 Palmetto Ave.
Tampa, FL 33605

Sept. 2001



THE Honorable DAN Webster, chair
SENATE Committee on Reapportionment
103 SENATE Office Building
Tallahassee

Dear Senator Webster:

I am writing you about the important issue that will shape the elections for the next ten years. What would best benefit all of us is a fair open procedure. We must respect fairness in deciding the outlines for Districts, one that respects the fairness of one vote. That enables the members to take part. Please make sure that this is a fair process and that everyone's rights are protected.

Merschel Abrams
6750 38th Ave. N
St Petersburg, FL 33710

WITH ALMOST A QUARTER MILLION PEOPLE, ST. PETERSBURG IS THE FOURTH LARGEST CITY IN FLORIDA. WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF ST. PETERSBURG, HEREBY REQUEST THAT THE FLORIDA SENATE AND FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JOINT COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING, WHICH IS CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS AROUND THE STATE, ADD ST. PETERSBURG TO THE LIST OF CITIES WHERE IT INTENDS TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
9-9-01	LONELL HARP	1701 53 rd S.
9-9-01	Dorothy D. Barber	1431 - 13 th Ave. S.
9/9/01	Kate W. Andrews	P.O. Box 10084 (33733)
9-9-01	IDA LUE Johnson	415 Juneau
" "	Steven Wilson	P.O. Box 10012 (33733)
9/9/01	David Lewis	PO Box 47544 St Pete. FL 33743
9/9/01	Monelle Young	2600 41 st St S St Pete 33705
9/9/01	DYONNE COLLINS	2762 BURLINGTON ST PETE 33713
9/9/01	Deborah Holmes	3860 Kingfish DR. SE ST PETE FL 33705
9/9/01	Joy @ Jimin	2645-65 th Av. S. 33712
9/9/01	Cynthia Randle	118 19 th AVE So St Pete
9/9/01	Eric Green	118 6 th ave. N St Pete 33701
9/9/01	MARY E WALKER	1952-24 th St S 33712
9/9/01	Rhonda Roberts	300 50 th St. S. 33701
9-9-01	Emilia Fagan	P.O. Box 10562

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9/9/01	Patricia Young	2608 4th St. So. St. Pete
sept 9.01	Keith	3801 Kcep Blvd Dr. S.E.
sept 9/01	Rejo	380 Kingfish Dr. S.E.
9/9/01	Gilbert Monroe	500 - 10th Ave Sd. St. Pete FLA
9/9/01	Andrada Hosey	515 46th Ave South St. Pete FL
9/9/01	Laura Tongue	391 1/2 9th Ave N
9-9-01	Wm. Sheffield	963-26 Ave Sd
9-9-01	John D. Price	2645 68th Ave. Sd.
9-9-01	Columia W. Price	" " "
9-9-01	James Randle	118 19th St S 6092 28th St. S
9-9-01	Ala & Brady	
9-9-01	Ramy S. Young	3048 Melrose Ave S.
9/9/01	Katherine Jones	2490 Queenslane Ave. So. 33712
9/9/01	JAMES Edwards Jr.	5990 8 Street South 33705
9/9/01	Jerome Telles	1843-58th Circle So. St. Pete, FL 33712

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9/9/01	Ijathanthorn	10600 46 th Street N
9/9/01	RLS Plunary	3074 15 th A/S A/Pete 33112
9/9/01	Brian Johnson	2037 64 th Ave. N. Pk 33110
9/9/01	Jula McFarley	501-18 St S. 33712
9/9/01	April Evans	1810 7 th Ave So 33712
9/9/01	Barbara Williams	3106 37 th Pine S #B 33711
9/9/01	Anne Jones	2318- 41 st St So
9/9/01	Evelia Yates Hopkins	2218 8 St So 700 112 Ave So
9/9/01	Violet M. Davis	St. Petersburg 33201
9/9/01	Kelly Gaslin	3037 Emerson A/S
9/9/01	Diane Haynes	4462 3rd Ave S
9/9/01	Leonard Summers	1214- 26 Ave. So 33205
9/9/01	Constance D. Hill	1419 37 th St. 33711
9/9/01	Albert Corbis	6724 Sherrillwood, TH 33611
9-9-01	Joyce W. Spence	5437 27 th St S. 33712

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9/9/01	GRANDY TERRELL, III	6445 29th St. So. St. Pete
9/9/01	Alvina Jones	3626-2 nd Ave. So. ST. PETE
9/9/01	Jermaine Brasley	914 Alcazar Way S St. Pete
9/9/01	George Ha Wartin	2450 Madrid City S St. Pete
	59 Gomez Whitford	- 3 Ave. So
9/9/01	Gayle Sims	4336 Fairfield Av. S. St. Pete
9/9/01	Cynthia Huber	426 Kingston St. A. 33711
9/9	Dwayne Clines	460 48 th St. S. St. Pete 33711
9/9	Gussie Hooper	600-48th St. S. St. Pete 33711
9/9	Kelly Williams	1817- Bayshore Blvd. S. 33712
9/9	Cynthia Grant	1002-15 th Ave. So. St. Pete 33712
9/9	JENNIFER GIBBS	1325 26 th Ave. So. St. Pete. 33705
9/9	Robert & Tiffani Vinson	5200 Casfile Way. So. City 33712
9/9	Manuel Sykes	831 Bay Vista Blvd So 33705
9/9	ZEKE SIMS	4336 Fairfield Av. So. 33711

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Date	Name	Address
9/9	SHAVON Gonzalez	3015 14TH South ST. PETE 33712
9/9/01	Brent Brown	6800 16th Way So. 33705
9/9/01	Ana M. Satter-Clines	4600 48th St. So. 33711
9/9/01	Nancy Walker	220-20th Ave S. St Pet 33705
9/9/01	Mary McBarak	1508 28th Ave. So. St. Pete
9/9/01	Boyzor Hosen	515, 96th Ave. S St. Pete 33705
9-9-01	Mami Sturmer	1900 66 ave so St. Pete 33712
9-10-01	Rose Elliott	2420 - 21st Ave S.
9-10-01	Janette Wells	2735 65th SO ST PETE 33705
9-10-01	Michael Riley	4520 Columbus Way So.
9-10-01	Larry Colke	832 Newken Avenue

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Senator Daniel Webster
Chair, Senate Committee on Reapportionment
103 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Representative Johnnie Byrd, Chair
House Procedural & Redistricting Council
203 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Sirs:

I am a resident of St. Petersburg, Florida. Given that St. Petersburg is the fourth largest city in the State, I am disappointed that the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives Joint Committee on Redistricting, which is conducting public hearings around the State, did not schedule a hearing in St. Petersburg. I respectfully ask that you reconsider that decision, and add St. Petersburg to the list of cities where you intend to conduct public hearings.

Thank you to your prompt attention to this request. I look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,



389 5th St. N.
St. Petersburg, Fl. 33701

Robert H. Hart
c/o Gandy Civic Assoc.
4206 Wyoming Ave.
Tampa, FL 33616

09/03/01

Senator Daniel Webster
Senate Redistricting Committee
103 Senate Office Bldg.
404 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL. 32399-1100

RE: State Senate Redistricting - District 20.

Dear Senator Webster

It is exceedingly unfair - - exceptionally unfair - - blatantly unfair that the citizens of south Tampa in State Senate District 20 do not have state political representation that truly represents Hillsborough County and specifically one that is responsive the south Tampa residents. Lopsided Districts lines drawn where 80% of constituents are in a separate county divided by a bay equals no representation at all for the County with the remaining 20%. Ms. Pam Iorio was more right than she probably imagines when she was quoted in the "Tampa Tribune" as saying, "Fix the mess that was created in 1992".

Political party affiliation and hidden or politician special agendas aside, south Tampa has a critical need to balance the population between Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties for Senate District 20. Better yet, south Tampa needs a District in Hillsborough County with a District line and representation (and integrity) that is not dancing to the tune of the influential and special interests located in a neighboring County, particularly when there is a lopsided 80/20 constituency represented. Is that taxation without representation or what?

Do the right thing for the people of south Tampa. Please "fix this mess," and let's be fair this time. Fair and equal representation is supposed to be the American way - or is that just some pipe dream concept that we lost sight of somewhere in antiquity?

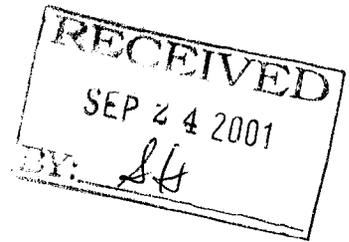
Sincerely,


ROBERT H. HART

CC: B. C. Manion
Tampa Tribune

September 5, 2001

726 19th Place, S.W.
Vero Beach, FL 32962



To Whom It May Concern:

While I am not current on the proposed re-districting of the State, I still feel qualified to offer a comment or two.

Common sense would dictate that the needs of Indian River County would be better served if the entire county remained in the same district rather than being split up. How are we to have our concerns as a county given the proper amount of consideration if we are split up and shared with other, probably larger districts.

Also, although I personally would like Indian River County to become more of a city, offering more jobs to not only our young people, but people of all ages, in the twenty years in the county, nothing much has changed. I don't remember back to 1981, but I do know that for some time now, we have aligned with counties north of Indian River County, or at least a portion of the county has been. Again, it seems unlikely that the concerns of our County can be taken as seriously as they should by representatives who are more familiar with more densely populated, more industrialized areas. We need to be grouped with counties who have concerns similar to those of our community members. It seems to me that not only will being grouped with other citizens in similar communities would not only make it easier on the citizens, but would make it easier for the representatives we elect as their knowledge base probably will not have to be as diverse.

I sure that with more time, I could find other reasons for asking you to exercise good judgment when considering re-districting. But, I would only ask that you remember that in districting, you are supposed to be attempting to find the best ways to meet the needs of the citizens, not the political parties. Your job should not be to re-district in order to eliminate the impact of any particular group(s) of voters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tana Rae Oropeza".

Tana Rae Oropeza

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

From: Suma, Charles M. [mailto:Charles.Suma@newpiper.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2001 12:56 PM

To: 'senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us'

Subject: Indian River County

The purpose of this communication is to show my support for keeping Indian River County within the existing Congressional District 15 boundaries. As the President and CEO of a general aviation manufacturing company, it would be in our company's best interests to remain aligned with our neighboring county to the North (the Space Coast) since we share many of the same resources insofar as aviation is concerned. Further, if Indian River County were to become realigned with a Congressional district to the south, it would then become the most northern boundary of the district. Hence, Indian River County's overall impact in district decisions would be minimal. Thank you for your consideration.

September 6, 2001

348 Eastwood Terrace
Boca Raton, FL 33431-8264

Florida State Reapportionment Committee
South County Civic Center
Delray Beach, FL

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Roslyn Rudolph of Boca Raton. I have been a resident of Florida since October 1991. I arrived here when the State was involved with reapportionment and redistricting based on the 1990 census. At that time I had no knowledge of the process and the procedures for the reapportionment of Palm Beach County and the State. As a political activist I systematically studied this year's process and procedures.

I am here to ask the members of the Florida State Reapportionment Committee to be guided by being a role model for our forty nine other States of our Union by demonstrating the ability to plan and implement "Fairness" in their deliberations.

As I see it "Fairness" means addressing the needs of the whole community, including minorities, so that communities of interests will not be destroyed. The planning of districts would enhance community pride when compactness, contiguity, natural and non-natural boundaries are part of the "Fairness" process and procedures. What you do will tell all Floridians and the world that your concerns reflect our concerns. Fairness will impact on our schools, students and teachers; senior citizens, veterans, the homeless and the handicapped.

"Fairness" will give all Floridians an opportunity to review your plans as you submit them and as they are revised. "Fairness" will give all Floridians an opportunity to comment on your plans in each step of the way in each of the State's nine media markets.

To: The Honorable Daniel Webster, Chairman Senate Committee on Reapportionment

From: Gerald & Janet Goen *Gerald Goen Janet R Goen*
1104 Clippers Way
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
727/937-8590

Date: September 6, 2001

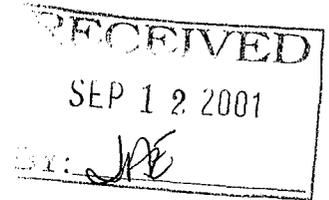
Redrawing the political boundaries for Florida's governmental units must be completed in a fair manner.

The new districts must be fair to all citizens (i.e. racial groups; all communities of interests; and all residents of all parts of the state regardless of party affiliation).

The new districts must be geographically compact, economically and politically cohesive, and not "gerrymandered" to benefit a person, group, or political party.

Most important, public hearings easily accessible to all must be held after the maps are drawn so that the public can react to the actual proposals. In the Sunshine State, let the sun shine on this matter.

Thanks for your consideration.



To: The Honorable Dan Webster, Chair
Senate Committee on Reapportionment
103 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, Fl 32399

From: Agnes Sinniger Kuhn, Ph.D. 
810 Anchors Way
Tarpon Springs, Fl 34689
Telephone: 727 937 0277

Date: September 7, 2001

After reading about the efforts towards redistricting, I am increasingly concerned that the redrawing of political boundaries for Florida's governmental entities be done in a fair manner. An unbiased reapportionment based upon the new census data is a most important civic duty that your committee has undertaken.

Any new districts must be drawn in such a way as to be fair to all of our state's racial and ethnic groups, all communities of similar interests; and to all residents regardless of party affiliation.

It is gratifying to see that public hearings are being held in Pinellas County. However, It is also disappointing to see that no hearing has been scheduled to be held in St. Petersburg, so that residents from that city can easily attend.

Your committee has an awesome job: the new districts must be geographically compact, as well as economically and politically cohesive . In light of the distrust engendered in many of us by the last election, it is also imperative the new districts are not, and do not appear to be, "gerrymandered" to benefit a person, group, or political party.

Thank you for your consideration and good luck on your endeavors.

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

From: michelle j fedak [mailto:mjfedak@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2001 9:29 PM

To: senatorredistricting@leg.state.fl.us

Subject: district 20 -- SOS

Dear Senator Webster,

I'm asking you to support the redistricting of state district 20. It encompasses 80% of Pinellas county and 20% of Hillsborough county. Unfortunately, I live in South Tampa in Hillsborough county. I say "unfortunately" because my interest are not represented. The first and foremost example is the Gandy By-Pass to be built by FL. DOT (The area civic associations and citizens have voiced their opposition for the past 10 years -- we do not want it nor is it needed; Our state senator sees it as a express route for St Petersburg residents. We view it as the destruction of our neighborhoods.) So you see the bay is not the only thing that divides us ... economic, political, and social-demographics differences abound.

I hope you take an interest in the redistricting of district 20. I will have a keen interest since I intend to live here until I die. I'm retired military, have lived here for the past 11 years, and am every so thankful that I've found a home in South Tampa.

Respectfully submitted,

Miki Fedak



LEE COUNTY

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Writer's Direct Dial Number: (941) 335-2227

Bob Janes
District One

September 10, 2001

Douglas R. St. Cerny
District Two

Honorable Daniel Webster, Chairman
Senate Committee on Reapportionment
103 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Ray Judah
District Three

Andrew W. Coy
District Four

RE: Redistricting – Lee County

John E. Albion
District Five

Dear Senator Webster:

Donald D. Stilwell
County Manager

James G. Yaeger
County Attorney

Diana M. Parker
County Hearing Examiner

Every 10 years, after the Census has been completed and data has been delivered to the Governor, the majority and minority leaders of the state legislature, the process of redrawing federal, state and local legislative districts can begin. The census data allow state officials to realign congressional and state legislative districts in their states, taking into account population shifts since the last census (in 1990) and assuring equal representation for their constituents in compliance with the "one-person, one-vote" principle of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

From the census data compiled, Florida will increase from 23 seats to 25 in Congress. Florida's Constitution authorizes a maximum of 40 State Senate Districts and 120 House of Representatives Districts. Where will the two additional seats be drawn? How will the State Senate and House of Representatives' districts be carved out? We don't know, but as leaders of this community we are gravely concerned about this process.

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously on September 7, 2001, to send to you and the members of the Florida Legislature a strong message, "**Keep Lee County Intact**" when establishing new legislative and congressional district boundaries. Lee County has a population of 440,888 citizens. Congressional guidelines call for districts to have 630,000 to 650,000 inhabitants. We strongly oppose Lee County being divided. It is essential to the future success of our community that we have local representation in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

It is the expressed desire of the members of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners that you support our efforts and "**Keep Lee County Intact!**" It is important to our citizens and our community that we remain as one to ensure that we have a voice in Congress and Tallahassee for the next decade and beyond.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. St. Cerny, Chairman
Lee County Board of County Commissioners

DSC/ns

- cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Reapportionment
- Honorable Andrew W. Coy, Vice Chairman, District #4
- Honorable Bob Janes, District #1
- Honorable Ray Judah, District #3
- Honorable John Albion, District #5
- Donald D. Stilwell, County Manager
- James G. Yaeger, County Attorney



CITY OF

LAKE WORTH

7 NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY
LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA 33460

BARBARA A. FORSYTHE, CMC
CITY CLERK

TELEPHONE (561) 586-1662
FAX (561) 586-1750

MEMORANDUM

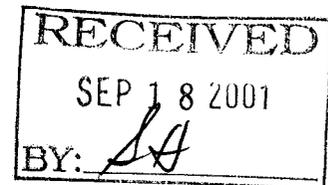
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TO: Florida Reapportionment Committee
Florida Procedural and Redistricting Council

FROM: City Clerk Barbara A. Forsythe *BAF*

DATE: September 10, 2001

SUBJECT: Redistricting to Provide Most Effective Representation



In regular meeting held September 4, 2001, the Lake Worth City Commission adopted Resolution No. 57-2001, to the Florida Legislative Redistricting Committee, requesting that the City of Lake Worth be redistricted so as to be represented by only one State Senator and one or two State representatives.

Resolution No. 57-2001 is enclosed for your favorable consideration.

BAF/ble

Encl. (1)

cc: Mayor and Commissioners
City Manager
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2001 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE, REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BE REDISTRICTED SO AS TO BE REPRESENTED BY ONLY ONE STATE SENATOR AND ONE OR TWO STATE REPRESENTATIVES; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION.

WHEREAS, Lake Worth is an urban community on Florida's east coast, lying immediately south of West Palm Beach, the county seat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth is arguably the county's most culturally diverse community, but united in purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City is only 5.5 square miles and its population exceeds 35,000; and

WHEREAS, Lake Worth's current state representation is parceled out among three Senators, Muriel Dawson (30), Ron Klein (28), and Ken Pruitt (27) and among three Representatives, Susan Bucher (86), Jeff Atwater (83), and Bill Andrews (87); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the community's interest can be more fairly represented if the City was not spread out among so many elected state officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission feel that the City's senator and representative would be more sensitive to the particular needs of the City and County if he or she were a resident of Palm Beach County. Currently, one of the City's senators lives in Broward County and another senator lives in St. Lucie County (two counties away!); and

WHEREAS, although the senators may try to spend time with the City, the senators' busy schedules and the expansive geography of their districts make it difficult for them to give the City's issues the attention they would like to give;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Lake Worth, Florida, hereby requests that the City be redistricted so as to be represented by only one State Senator and one or two State Representatives.

Section 2. Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the Florida Legislative Redistricting Committee.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

The passage of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner Maxwell, seconded by Commissioner Egly, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Rodney G. Romano	AYE
Commissioner Scott Maxwell	AYE
Commissioner Colburn H. McKinnon	AYE
Commissioner Gary Bo Allen	AYE
Commissioner Joe Egly	AYE

The Mayor there upon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted on this 4th day of September, 2001.

LAKE WORTH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____

Rodney G. Romano, Mayor



ATTEST:

Barbara A. Forsythe
Barbara A. Forsythe, City Clerk

ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

Kenneth L. Jones
2550 63rd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 866-2116

September 11, 2001

Senator Daniel Webster, Chairman
Senate Committee on Reapportionment
103 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am a native Floridian and a lifelong resident of St. Petersburg. While there have previously been numerous political happenings that have disturbed me, neither have compelled me to write an elected official as I am now compelled to do. The matter that so disturbs me is the stance taken by the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives' Joint Committee on Redistricting regarding their process to receive community input and support.

While public hearings have been scheduled and/or held throughout the State, to date none have been held in the City of St. Petersburg. A City which, ranks as the 4th largest in the State, contributes extensively to our State's economy, and has a significant minority population that will undoubtedly be impacted by redistricting.

While I am aware of a public hearing held earlier in the City of Clearwater, I would submit to you that the Clearwater meeting was not adequately publicized and was held in the early morning at a time that working citizens were unable to attend. One may conclude that this early begin time was either intentional and served the purpose of being convenient for those required to attend or was scheduled in an effort to minimize the attendance of working class citizens. However, I choose to believe that it was simply an oversight on the part of the scheduler(s) who did not think this time was too inconvenient for most citizens.

Mr. Webster, I respectfully urge you and your committee to reconsider the decision to not hold a public hearing in the City of St. Petersburg. I urge you and your committee to schedule a public hearing to be held in St. Petersburg in the immediate future. Additionally, please schedule this meeting to be held in the evening at a time more convenient for working citizens.

Because an evening meeting may require an overnight stay, creating an unexpected and unbudgeted expense for you, please accept my invitation to host you and your committee co-chair, Representative Johnnie Byrd, on the night of this meeting. I will, at no expense to either of you, ensure that you both are housed, fed and allowed one phone call home to your family.

I assure you that this is not a prank letter and am serious about my request for your committee to hold a public hearing in St. Petersburg. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this letter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Jones

Citrus County needs to
be in a single district where
our votes count.

Sincerely,
John A. Schief

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

2001 SEP 18 AM 11:44

RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 218

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
SARASOTA COUNTY, FL

RE: REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution defines the obligation to reapportion the United States House of Representatives following each decennial census "according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free person;" and,

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution establishes that "each decennial census of the state taken by the United States shall be the official census of the state;" and,

WHEREAS, the primary federal statutes which must be considered in redistricting are the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 United States Code, 1973, and Public Law 94-171, providing for the uses of decennial-census population data in reapportioning and redistricting United States House of Representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has been in receipt of Public Law 94-171 population data from the 2000 United States Census since March 27, 2001, and has begun the process of drawing new boundaries for Florida's 25 U.S. House congressional districts; and,

WHEREAS, Sarasota and neighboring Manatee County have been included in Congressional District 13 and have been well served by representatives elected to serve the District; and,

WHEREAS, Congressional District 13 has demonstrated that it is geographically compact, and economically and politically cohesive with no history of thwarting minority-group interests; and,

WHEREAS, existing District 13 respects existing political boundaries and shared topographical features designed with strict adherence to the equal population one person-one vote rule; and,

WHEREAS, Sarasota and Manatee counties are located in southwest Florida with communities of interest shared commonly with their neighboring west-coast counties; and,

WHEREAS, including Sarasota County in a new congressional district with southeast Florida counties would create an asymmetric District inconsistent with standards of compactness important to the existing district's citizens,

R 2001-218

Celeste Cooper Bush
412 Farmers Market Road
Ft. Pierce, Fl 34982

561-464-0500 voice
cooperbush@aol.com

Reapportionment Hearing
September 5th, Vero Beach

I have come to challenge the Reapportionment Committee to develop a plan for Florida that will insure representation for the small and medium size counties that is meaningful. Meaningful in that these counties are insured of having the interest of their representative, single or plural. No community should be divided so that their potential votes are meaningless to a campaign effort. There should be enough votes in a community to garner the attention of a candidate.

A great deal of national attention continues to be focused on Florida and you could lead the way to redefining Fairness in the Reapportionment process, nationally. You have an opportunity to make a difference in the future of our State. Please continue to engage the public in this process by circulating possible plans for comment. Develop policies for your decisions that are defensible and good plans will follow. Consider marketing your efforts through broadcasting with public access, government access or educational television stations.

Involving the public is always a good idea, but I understand many in positions of authority and power do not believe so. These individuals have told me, "involving the public takes too long and is cumbersome". I recognize that the elected officials before me know more about the issues facing Florida. You must, it's your job! Reach out to the people of Florida and continue to educate and involve us in this process that implicates the "future of our influence".

We are at the beginning of a great debate, Power Vs Fair Play. I beg you to exert your power fairly. Do not abuse it by giving more power to the population bases at the expense of the smaller counties.

Thank You

Sept. 13, 2002

The Honorable Daniel Webster,
Chairman
Senate Committee on Reapportion-
ment
103 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399

Dear Sir,

We live in Palm Beach
County & feel as Senior
Citizens, all other residents
of Palm Beach County, that we
should have enough
resident State Senators
to represent us on all
matters pertaining to our
needs.

(continued)

The way the situation
is now our needs will
not be met. We need
state senators to work
for the county + represent
each and every one of us
in Palm Beach County.

Please give this
matter your prompt
attention. Thank you!
Sincerely,

Reuel + Jordan Finkelstein
15108 Ashland Dr.
Apt. F. 200
Delray Beach, Fl. 33484

P.S. One or two State
Representatives to work
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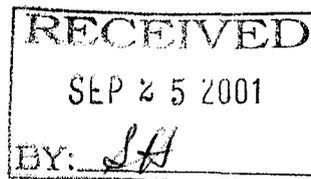


SARASOTA COUNTY
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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September 19, 2001



Senate Committee on Reapportionment
404 So. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: Redistricting

Dear Committee Members:

At the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners Meeting of September 11, 2001, the Board passed Resolution No. 2001-218, copy attached, expressing their position that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Sarasota County and of southwest Florida to establish legislative and congressional Districts that keep southwest Florida counties aligned together with their contiguous west-coast counties and communities of interest and not be included in Congressional Districts that extend across Florida from Florida's southeast counties.

We sincerely hope you will take the wishes of the Board into consideration as you make decisions regarding Sarasota County in the future.

With regards,

William E. Broughton
Sarasota County Lobbyist

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2001-1191

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF AN APPORTIONMENT PLAN IN WHICH PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENTS COMPRISE A MAJORITY OF THE CONSTITUENCY IN THE SENATORIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS CREATED; DIRECTING THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE PROCEDURAL AND REDISTRICTING COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in the second year following each decennial census, the Florida Constitution Art. III, sec. 16, requires the legislature to apportion the state into specified senatorial and representative districts in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, since the United States Decennial Census of 1990, Palm Beach County has evolved into an intensely populated area of unique, well-defined interests; and

WHEREAS, the senatorial and representative districts established in 1992 and based upon United States Decennial Census of 1990 do not uniformly provide equal representation for the citizens of Palm Beach County based upon current census data; and

WHEREAS, respecting the boundaries of political subdivisions such as Palm Beach County is a traditional districting principle recognized by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, based on the community of interest established in Palm Beach County, the need to provide County residents equal representation, and respect for the County's geographic boundaries, the Board of County of Commissioners hereby urges the Florida Legislature to adopt an apportionment plan that minimizes overlap of senatorial and representative districts into counties adjacent to Palm Beach County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and form a part of this Resolution.
2. The Board of County of Commissioners hereby requests the Florida Legislature to adopt an apportionment plan in which Palm Beach County residents comprise a majority of the constituency in the senatorial and representative districts created.

3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby directs that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Senate Reapportionment Committee and the House Procedural and Redistricting Council.
4. The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Marcus, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

WARREN H. NEWELL, CHAIRMAN	Aye <u> </u>
CAROL A. ROBERTS, VICE CHAIR	Aye <u> </u>
BURT AARONSON	Aye <u> </u>
ADDIE L. GREENE	Aye <u> </u>
KAREN T. MARCUS	Aye <u> </u>
TONY MASILOTTI	Aye <u> </u>
MARY McCARTY	Aye <u> </u>

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of July, 2001.

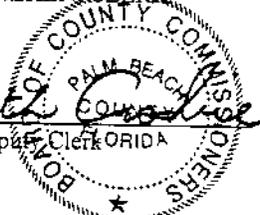
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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK

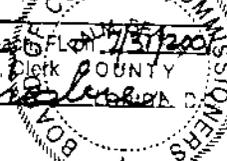
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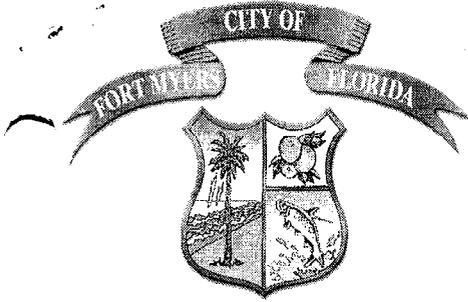
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Deputy Clerk



STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original filed in my office on JUL 24 2001

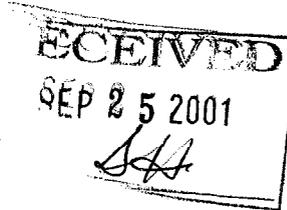
DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 7/31/2001
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk COUNTY
By: *[Signature]*





CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

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September 20, 2001

The Honorable Jeb Bush
Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Bush:

Attached is a certified copy of Resolution No. 2001-50 that was unanimously approved by the City Council of the City of Fort Myers, Florida on September 17, 2001. This resolution supports the position that the City of Fort Myers and Lee County should remain in a congressional district solely within the west coast of the State of Florida. It is important that the representation of the citizens of Fort Myers as part of Southwest Florida be preserved and enhanced by retaining a compact and cohesive district.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Yours truly,

CITY OF FORT MYERS

Marie Adams

Marie Adams, CMC
City Clerk

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Enclosure

c: The Honorable Tom Feeney, Speaker of the House of Representatives
✓The Honorable John McKay, President, Florida Senate
Florida Senate Reapportionment Committee
Florida House Procedural and Redistricting Council

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**Office of
The Senate President**

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE POSITION THAT THE CITY OF FORT MYERS AND LEE COUNTY REMAIN IN A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SOLELY WITHIN THE WEST COAST OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; REQUESTING THAT THE REPRESENTATION OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BE PRESERVED AND ENHANCED AND NOT DIMINISHED BY HAVING ANY PORTION OF LEE COUNTY INCLUDED IN AN EAST COAST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT; DIRECTING A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION BE SENT TO GOVERNOR JEB BUSH, THE FLORIDA SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE FLORIDA HOUSE PROCEDURAL AND REDISTRICTING COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEGISLATURES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS: Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution defines the obligation to reapportion the United States House of Representatives following each decennial census "according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons;" and

WHEREAS: Article X, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution establishes that "each decennial census of the state taken by the United States shall be the official census of the state;" and

WHEREAS: The primary federal statutes which must be considered in redistricting are the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 United States Code, 1973, and Public Law 94-171, providing for the uses of decennial-census population data in reapportioning and redistricting United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: The Florida Legislature has been in receipt of Public Law 94-171 population data from the 2000 United States Census since March 27, 2001 and has begun the process of drawing new boundaries for Florida's 25 United States House congressional districts; and

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WHEREAS: Redistricting is the process of redrawing district lines every ten years for Congress, state House and state Senate based upon the latest census counts; and

WHEREAS: The population the State of Florida has increased to nearly 16 million people; and

WHEREAS: Florida will send two (2) additional Congress representatives to Washington, D.C. in 2003 and state House and Senate districts will be redrawn within the state; and

WHEREAS: The population in the State of Florida increased twenty-three percent (23%) while the population in Southwest Florida increased at a much higher percentage; and

WHEREAS: The population of Lee County increased by thirty-one percent (31%) and Collier County increased by sixty-five (65%) and

WHEREAS: Since 1992, Lee County and neighboring Collier County have been included in Congressional District 14 and have been well served by Congressman Porter Goss, a representative familiar with the common needs and economic interests of both counties; and

WHEREAS: Congressional District 14 has demonstrated that it is geographically compact, and economically and politically cohesive with no history of thwarting minority-group interests; and

WHEREAS: Existing District 14 respects existing political boundaries and shared topographical features designed with strict adherence to the equal population, one person-one vote rule; and

WHEREAS: Lee and Collier Counties are located in southwest Florida with communities of interest shared commonly with their neighboring west coast counties; and

WHEREAS: New Congressional and Legislative Districts for Southwest Florida must be geographically cohesive and compact; and

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-50

WHEREAS: Including Lee County in a new congressional district with southeast Florida's Broward, Miami/Dade, and/or Monroe Counties would create an asymmetric district inconsistent with standards important to the citizens in the existing district; and

WHEREAS: The communities of Lee and Collier Counties are geographically separated from the communities of the east coast by the Everglades National Park and Big Cypress Basin; and

WHEREAS: Infrastructure issues to include transportation network, affordable housing, water supply, water management, flood protection and environmental resource protection in the west coast counties are interrelated but are separate from those infrastructure issues in east coast counties; and

WHEREAS: The City of Fort Myers, a community in Lee County and Southwest Florida, supports redistricting that preserves and enhances its Southwest Florida governmental representation as a part of a compact contiguous district that remains with its neighboring west coast counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, that:

1. That Fort Myers and Lee County remain in a congressional district solely within the west coast counties of the State of Florida resulting in a compact and cohesive district.
2. That the representation of the citizens of Fort Myers as part of Southwest Florida be preserved and enhanced and not diminished by having any portion of Lee County included in an east coast congressional district.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be mailed to Governor Jeb Bush, Speaker of the House of Representatives Tom Feeney, President of the Florida Senate John McKay, the Florida Senate

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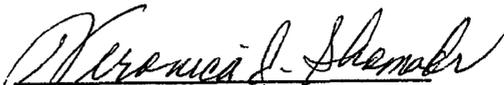
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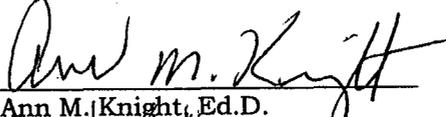
4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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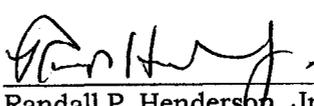
PASSED IN PUBLIC SESSION of the City Council of the City of
Fort Myers, Florida, this 17th day of September, A.D., 2001.

YEA 
Tammara Hall

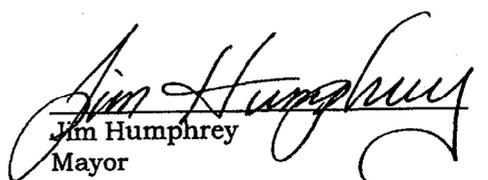
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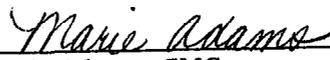
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Michael Flanders

YEA 
Randall P. Henderson, Jr.
Council Members

APPROVED this 17th day of September, A.D., 2001, at
8:03 o'clock p.m.

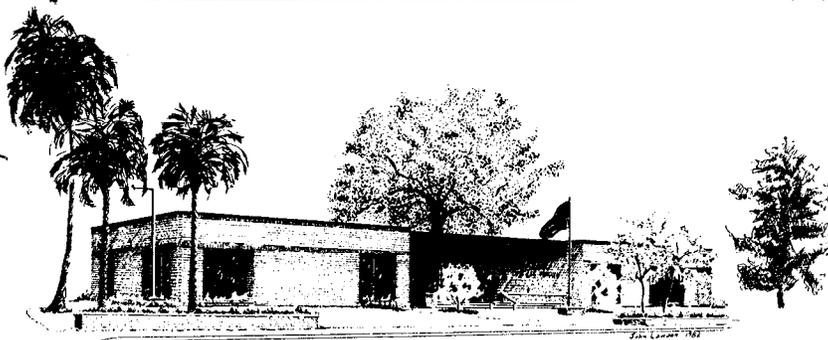

Jim Humphrey
Mayor

FILED in the Office of the City Clerk this 17th day of September,
A.D., 2001.


Marie Adams, CMC
City Clerk

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE
AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF THE ORIGINAL THEREOF ON FILE
IN MY OFFICE. WITNESS MY HAND AND
SEAL OF SAID CITY THIS 19TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2001


CITY CLERK, CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA



CITY OF LIVE OAK

101 SOUTH EAST WHITE AVE.
LIVE OAK, FLORIDA 32060

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"Part of the original Florida"

September 20, 2001

Senator Daniel Webster, Chairman
Florida Redistricting
103 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

RE: 2001-2002 Congressional Redistricting

Dear Senator Webster:

Currently, the Second Congressional District of Florida spans nineteen counties, from Panama City through Tallahassee, almost reaching Jacksonville. This area of North Florida is distinctly rural, yet surprisingly diverse. There are a number of distinct communities of interest. These include: the agricultural community, a military base, our elderly, state employees, education interests, and many others.

Specifically, I feel the Legislature should focus on four issues in regard to Congressional redistricting in North Florida. First, the Legislature should avoid partisan or racial gerrymandering. Oddly shaped districts are often drawn to accomplish political gains by the party controlling the redistricting process. These political considerations may be given more emphasis than sensible geographic, economic or regional boundaries.

A Congressional District for North Florida should be as compact as possible. Because of our relatively sparse population, it is inevitable that any district in North Florida will be geographically large. However, this does not mean it should be spread thinly across multiple regions of the state or have outreaching arms like an octopus. If the Legislature strings out the district, there is a risk of tearing apart communities that were traditionally in the same district.

COUNCILMEN

GEORGE BLAKE
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DON BOYETTE
325 LEE AVE., N.E.
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BENNIE L. THOMAS
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The Legislature should be careful not to split communities of interest. Over the years certain communities have developed special bonds, either out of convenience or necessity. These communities rely upon each other for support because of their common interests. In North Florida we have everything from formal multi-county partnership to informal cultural or family bonds that should be preserved in the redistricting process.

Finally, an objective tool in determining the fairness of the Congressional District boundaries will be whether the lines run North to South. Logically, the western boundary of a North Florida District should run from the Alabama state line to the Gulf of Mexico, and the eastern boundary should also be as near vertical as possible. If there is an attempt to gerrymander the boundary in other directions, we will be at risk of jeopardizing one or more of the previous three issues of focus.

If these four areas of focus are addressed fairly by the Legislature, North Florida should maintain representational Congressional District. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns about the redistricting process, and trust the procedures will be fair and open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Holmes', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Myron Holmes
City Manager

cc: Representative Mario Diaz-Balart, Chairman
Congressional Redistricting Committee
402 S. Monroe Street
203 House Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

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CITY OF SANIBEL

RESOLUTION NO. 01-70

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE POSITION THAT THE CITY OF SANIBEL REMAIN IN A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SOLELY WITHIN THE WEST COAST OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; REQUESTING THAT THE REPRESENTATION OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BE PRESERVED AND ENHANCED AND NOT DIMINISHED BY HAVING ANY PORTION OF LEE COUNTY INCLUDED IN AN EAST COAST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT; DIRECTING A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION BE SENT TO GOVERNOR JEB BUSH, THE FLORIDA SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE FLORIDA HOUSE PROCEDURAL AND REDISTRICTING COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND LEE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution defines the obligation to reapportion the United States House of Representatives following each decennial census "according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons;" and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution establishes that "each decennial census of the state taken by the United States shall be the official census of the state"; and

WHEREAS, the federal statutes which must be considered in redistricting are the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 United States Code, Section 1973, and Public Law 94-171, providing for the use of decennial census population data in reapportioning and redistricting the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has been in receipt of Public Law 94-171 population data from the 2000 United States Census since March 27, 2001 and has begun the process of drawing new boundaries for Florida's 25 U.S. House Congressional Districts; and

WHEREAS, redistricting is the process of redrawing district lines every ten (10) years for Congress, State House and State Senate based upon the latest census counts; and

WHEREAS, the population of the State of Florida has increased to nearly 16 million people; and

WHEREAS, Florida will send two (2) additional Congressmen to Washington, D.C. in 2003 and State House and Senate Districts will be redrawn within the state; and

WHEREAS, the population in the State of Florida increased 23% while the population in Southwest Florida has increased at a much higher percentage; and

WHEREAS, the population of Lee County has increased by 31%; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, Lee County has been included in Congressional District 14 and has been well served by Congressman Porter Goss, a representative familiar with the common needs and economic interests of Lee County; and

WHEREAS, Congressional District 14 has demonstrated that it is geographically compact, and economically and politically cohesive with no history of thwarting minority-group interests; and

WHEREAS, existing Congressional District 14 respects existing political boundaries and shared topographical features designed with strict adherence to the equal population, one person-one vote rule; and

WHEREAS, Lee County is located in Southwest Florida with communities of interest shared commonly with its neighboring west coast counties; and

WHEREAS, new Congressional and Legislative Districts for Southwest Florida must be geographically cohesive and compact; and

WHEREAS, including Lee County in a new congressional district with Southeast Florida's Broward, Miami/Dade, and/or Monroe Counties would create an asymmetric district inconsistent with standards important to the existing district's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lee County is geographically separated from the communities of the east coast by the Everglades and Big Cypress Basin; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure issues including transportation network, affordable housing, water supply, water management, flood protection and environmental resource protection in the west coast counties are interrelated but are separate from those infrastructure issues in east coast counties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sanibel, a community in Lee County and Southwest Florida, supports redistricting that preserves and enhances its Southwest Florida governmental representation as a part of a compact contiguous district that remains with its neighboring west coast counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Lee County, Florida:

SECTION 1. That Lee County should remain in a congressional district solely within the west coast counties of the State of Florida resulting in a compact and cohesive district.

SECTION 2. That the representation of the citizens of the City of Sanibel as part of Southwest Florida be preserved and enhanced and not diminished by having any portion of Lee County included in an east coast congressional district.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution be delivered to Governor Jeb Bush, the Florida Senate Reapportionment Committee, the Florida House Procedural Redistricting Council in the Southwest Florida Legislature, Lee County and all municipalities in Lee County .

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Lee County,

Florida, this 18th day of September, 2001.

AUTHENTICATION:

Wolfe Theiss
Mayor

[Signature]
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
City Attorney

9/21/01
Date

Vote of Council members:

- Theiss aye
- Walsh aye
- Harrity aye
- Brown aye
- Workman aye

Date filed with City Clerk: 09/19/01

PORTER GOSS
14TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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September 24, 2001

The Honorable Daniel Webster
Chairman
Committee on Reapportionment
103 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Mr. Chairman,

For the past 30-some years, Southwest Florida has been my home. In that time, the area has seen amazing growth. While Florida experienced a 23% growth rate in the last census, Charlotte County has grown by 27.62%, Lee County by 31.56%, and Collier County by 65.27 %, making it the second fastest growing county in the United States. As you probably know, this makes the 14th Congressional District the second fastest growing in the state.

This rapid growth on the west coast of Florida dictates that there will need to be some minor shifting of congressional boundaries; however, it is **imperative that you retain the integrity of Southwest Florida**. I believe you well understand that Southwest Florida is a community with regional networks in the areas of transportation, economics, education and planning. Florida's newest university - Florida Gulf Coast University, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, and Southwest Florida International Airport are just a few examples of initiatives around which the area has coalesced.

When I first moved here, Southwest Florida was fractioned among many separate entities. Serving in local government as a mayor and county commissioner before representing this area in Washington, D.C., I have watched the development of regional purpose through cooperation. I am proud of Southwest Floridians for living and working together to achieve common goals. This achievement, coupled with the significant growth, should be rewarded with stronger west coast congressional representation.

On another note, my congressional office handles between 5000 and 6000 cases a year, which is significantly higher than many offices in Florida and throughout the United States. Of these cases, approximately 57% are walk-in and 30% are received by mail with the remainder being a combination of phone, e-mail and fax. Regardless of how the cases arrive in our offices, many of the individuals eventually sit down with me or my staff during the duration of their case. It would be tremendously unfair to deprive my constituents of this face-to face contact and impose on them a far-reaching district that would necessitate additional time and money for travel and long distance telephone calls in order to reach out to their congressional office.

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Further, as I am sure you know, Collier County is one of the five counties named in the Voters Rights Act of 1965. This puts an additional burden on you to be sure that nothing is done to disenfranchise those who do not consider English their first language. Many of the cases, grants and special projects handled by my office serve these groups and it would be unfortunate for them to be put in a position of unfair competition in order to be heard and get their fair share.

It is definitely a challenge for you and the other committee members to be mindful of our sense of community and resist the temptation to develop districts that run east-west across the state. Southwest Florida has too long been the step-child of our state. We have grown up, so attempting to assimilate us into the east coast of Florida would be a travesty and would destroy the identity we have worked so hard to achieve. Therefore, I implore you to do what is necessary to keep Southwest Florida's identity intact.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. I wish you well in your most difficult undertaking.

Kindest regards,



Porter Goss
Member of Congress

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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-185

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA SUPPORTING REDISTRICTING OF THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND STATE SENATE SO THAT THE ENTIRE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH LIE WITHIN A SINGLE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE DISTRICT; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESOLUTION TO THE STATE HOUSE AND STATE SENATE STAFF; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City of Dania Beach's boundaries lie wholly within a single district within the Florida State House of Representatives and the Florida Senate.

Section 2. That the City of Dania Beach, being the oldest city in Broward County, incorporated in 1904, has a population of approximately 26,000 residents and prides itself in being a small town community within the large urban area of South Florida.

Section 3. That the City of Dania Beach is a community with common interests in growth management, urban infill, marine industry, marine development and environmental preservation.

Section 4. That the City Commission of the City of Dania Beach hereby supports and urges the Florida Legislature to draw district lines in the State House of Representatives and State Senate in a manner placing the entire City of Dania Beach within one State House District and one Senate District to advance the interest of the Dania Beach community and the political influence

of Dania Beach residents.

Section 5. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the redistricting staff of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate.

Section 6. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

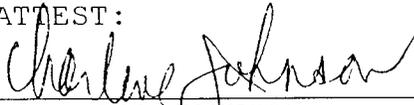
Section 7. That this resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2001.



PATRICIA FLURY
MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

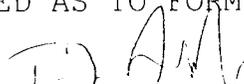


CHARLENE JOHNSON
ACTING CITY CLERK

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONER BERTINO-YES
COMMISSIONER MCELYEA-YES
COMMISSIONER MIKES-YES
VICE-MAYOR CHUNN-YES
MAYOR FLURY-YES

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

BY: 

THOMAS J. ANSBRO
CITY ATTORNEY

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

From: Cmpjr@aol.com [mailto:Cmpjr@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2001 6:29 PM
To: senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us
Subject: Proposed Redistricting in Southwest Florida

I want to express my strong disagreement with the proposed redistricting for Southwest Florida and ask that you take action to make sure we continue to be properly represented in the Senate. I do not think that any of Collier County should be aligned with Southeast Florida counties. Southwest Florida's interest are quite different than Southeast Florida and realignment with Southeast Florida would result in our interest not being properly represented in the Senate. Our community of interest is strongly aligned with Lee County and we should stay in alignment with Lee County so that the interest of Southwest Florida continue to be understood and closely coordinated by people from this area of Florida. Failure to keep Southwest Florida areas aligned would result in us losing proper representation in the Senate due to the vast differences in the two areas and the geographic separation caused by nearly one hundred miles of Everglades.

I appeal to the committee to do the right thing and see that Southwest Florida continues to be represented by residents of Southwest Florida who understand the needs of the area. Please see that the counties of Southwest Florida remain aligned together.

Charlie Paulk
4419 Crayton Rd.
Naples, FL 34103