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March 12, 2002

Senator Daniel Webster, Chairman
Distinguished Members of the Senate
Reapportionment Committee
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-1100

Ref: Development of Redistricting Plans

Dear Senator Webster and Distinguished Colleagues:

The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler would like to take this opportunity to share with you our thoughts relative to the impact of Redistricting on rural Florida.

As a rural community, we are obviously concerned about the needs of rural Florida not only being met, but being well represented in the new scheme of legislative representation. Senators Richard Mitchell and Rod Smith currently represent our County. As a Governing Body, we are fully aware of the gravity of the responsibility you have before you to align populations with minimal deviation by districts to the state average target populations for each district throughout this great state. We are also very much aware that each of you understands there is obviously more to consider than just distribution of statistical numbers of populous in order that specific vote patterns might be achieved. Those areas with commonality must be considered. Those areas with similar needs and problems must of necessity be given reasonable consideration in this decision making process in order that consistent, effective representation of areas result from this process. This is true whether it is an urban, metropolitan or rural area of Florida.

On the other hand, rural communities of Florida are not dissimilar of one another in need and economic difficulty. In the current plan, District 4, represented by Sen. Richard Mitchell is composed of, almost entirely, rural counties and cities of North Florida. Even much of the portions of the urban counties of Alachua and Marion that comprise part of District 4 are the rural portions of those counties. The needs of the populous in this district are very similar, whether the needs are found in Suwannee, Hamilton, Dixie, Taylor, Union or those rural areas of Alachua. Their road problems, their needs for sound economic development practices for rural areas, the lack of adequate housing, the infrastructure needs, drainage difficulties, agricultural and farming needs, the problems confronting maintenance of rural health care or education are very similar in town after town, city after city, county after county. Consideration must be given to provide these areas, whether in North Florida, or the central portion of the state in South Florida, with representation by individuals whose efforts are not forcibly divided by those voters

LeRoy Stalvey
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Senator Daniel Webster, Chrmn.

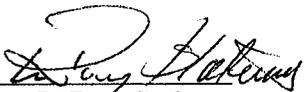
located between the high-growth metropolitan areas and the surrounding, slower growing rural communities. These communities face an entirely different set of needs and problems, and quite often require conflicting strategies to resolve effectively. Such a combination of these populations, in unequal proportions makes for inefficient representation and unnecessary conflict in the governing process. Resolving such issues lies in your capable hands.

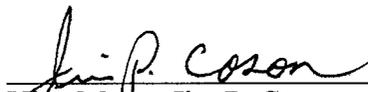
Within the past few days, you have received before you and have reviewed as late as yesterday, several plans, which have begun to reflect this wisdom of representing rural Florida effectively.

As a Commission, we encourage you to maintain this representation of District 4's rural population base collectively as close to its current form as possible in order to continue to assure effective representation of this important part of Florida.

We commend you for your work and ask your consideration of these suggestions as you proceed with your development of a new District Plan for our great state.

Sincerely,


Mayor LeRoy Stalvey


Vice-Mayor Jim P. Cason


Comm. Jimmy Beasley


Comm. Lynn C. Bishop


Comm. Fletcher Myers

Marion County

Board of County Commissioners



MARION COUNTY SENATE REDISTRICTING

The Marion County entities listed below have provided letters and/or resolutions indicating their position regarding proposed Senate Redistricting of Marion County

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

- Commission Chairman letter January 30, 2002
- Marion County Commission Resolution 02-R-27
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Property Appraiser
- Sheriff
- Marion County Tax Collector

MUNICIPALITIES

- City of Dunnellon
- City of Ocala
- City of Belleview

LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS/ASSOCIATIONS/COUNCILS/NEWSPAPER

- Marion County Republican Executive Committee
- Marion County Democratic Executive Committee
- Munroe Regional Medical Center
- Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Council
- Marion County Builders Association
- Marion County Road Builders Association
- Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce
- Marion County Senior Services
- Star Banner Editorial February 12, 2002
- Kurt Kelly Newspaper Guest Column
- Star Banner Article 12/5/02
- Marion County Farm Bureau
- Ocala Regional Medical Center
- Central Florida Community College (CFCC)
- Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce

Marion County
Board of County Commissioners



January 30, 2002

Honorable John F. Laurent
Chairman, Senate Redistricting Committee
Room 216, SOB
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-1100

Dear Senator Laurent:

There is nothing new under the sun. Reapportionment has taken place for years across our great nation. The difficulty is in satisfying everyone's concerns, especially when they range from reasonable to completely absurd.

It would be reasonable to suggest that any objective person reviewing the proposed maps which contain Marion County would admit that absurdity is an understatement.

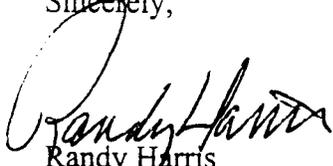
While testifying before your committee on Thursday, January 24, 2002, I reported that Marion County's population is 40% larger than surrounding counties who have resident Senators. The reason is clearly due to Marion County's population being carved up into multiple Senate districts.

The concept of using a county's population as the driving factor in designing legislative districts has been intentionally ignored. Instead, Marion County's population has been severely fragmented and is the most extreme example in the state of what is never supposed to take place. For example, in the current Senate proposals, the City of Ocala is divided into three Senate districts.

Marion County is a community of interest desiring to be kept whole because of its unique environmental, economical and sociological issues. These common concerns are shared by all Marion County citizens.

The enclosed article outlines a recent Colorado Supreme Court decision regarding precisely this issue. I will continue to provide you and the committee with all such information that may be of benefit to you in your deliberations. As of this writing, I remain confident that the committee will recognize the inappropriateness in the way Marion County is being handled in the proceedings and make adjustments accordingly.

Sincerely,



Randy Harris
County Commissioner
District 4

Enclosure: Colorado Supreme Court decision

cc: Senator Daniel Webster
Representative Bruce Kyle
Representative Johnnie Byrd

Florida Legislature

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Plan to redraw state legislative district rejected

Court returns plan to commission, orders fewer counties split

By Karen Abbott, News Staff Writer

A divided Colorado Supreme Court rejected a plan Monday to redraw legislative voting districts.

The court sent the plan back to the 11-member commission that produced it, with orders not to split so many counties.

But the court gave the commission until Feb. 15 to submit a new plan -- two days after the court's own legal deadline for getting a final plan approved, according to Colorado Secretary of State Donetta Davidson.

"That threw us," she said. "This will change a lot of dates."

For instance, she said, it may throw off a March 8 deadline for county clerks to give the political parties lists of all registered electors.

Commission Chairwoman Rosemary Rodriguez, who also is Denver's city clerk, said she wants Davidson to delay the April 9 precinct caucuses to give candidates more time to prepare.

Davidson said she has scheduled a meeting Thursday with state party leaders.

Changing the legal deadlines, the caucus date and other dates would require an emergency bill in the legislature, Davidson said.

If one is needed, it will be ready by Monday, she said.

"We really feel that we're going to have to do something," Davidson said.

Meanwhile, Rodriguez said the commission would meet at noon today to begin work on a new plan in the hope of winning quick Supreme Court approval.

The Supreme Court said Boulder, Douglas, Jefferson and Pueblo counties should have had their own whole state Senate districts instead of being divided and joined into districts with other counties.

The court also ordered the commission to re-examine its denial of whole Senate districts to Adams, Arapahoe and Mesa counties.

The court said keeping counties intact is vital unless the commission can adequately explain why keeping district populations equal makes that impossible.

It said the commission must first draw legislative voting districts for the state's most populous counties. The commission originally began with rural areas on Colorado's eastern border and worked west.

Republicans, who had objected to the original redistricting plan because they thought it would give an unfair advantage to Democrats, hailed the court's ruling as a victory.

RESOLUTION 02-R-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Marion County is currently represented by four Senators, none of whom reside in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has a population of nearly 265,000 and clearly deserves at least one resident Senator; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has been one of the fastest growing areas in the nation over the last 20 years and is expected to grow an additional 20% by 2010; and

WHEREAS, Marion County's population is 40% to 200% larger than surrounding counties but those surrounding counties have resident Senators; and

WHEREAS, Marion county is geographically the fifth largest county in Florida; and

WHEREAS Marion County is "one community of interest" with unique environmental, economical and sociological issues, which are concerns shared by all of its citizens and a common desire to resolve those issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, does hereby resolve that it is in the best interest of Marion County and all of its citizens to have at least one resident Senator and urges the Legislature of the State of Florida to provide for this occurrence in the current reapportionment process.

DULY RESOLVED this 22nd day of January, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA



RANDY HARRIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, CLERK



Clerk of the Circuit Court

Marion County

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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February 13, 2002

The Honorable Legislature of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members:

I support Marion County's efforts to obtain individual representation for a Marion County State Senate District. Marion County has unique economic, social and environmental issues that would best be addressed with at least one local Senator.

Sincerely,

David R. Ellspermann
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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VILLIE M. SMITH, CFA, ASA
PROPERTY APPRAISER
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

February 13, 2002

The Honorable Senators of the State of Florida
The Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Honorable Senators:

Many problems facing Marion County today are problems unique to this county. Whether it's conserving our water resources, administering to our diversified agricultural community or working with State and Federal Agencies with their vast land holdings and projects. These problems can best be addressed by someone who lives in Marion County.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Florida Legislature to consider providing for at least one resident Senator in the current reapportionment process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willie M. Smith".

Willie M. Smith, CFA, ASA
Marion County Property Appraiser



SHERIFF

Marion County

February 13, 2002

The Honorable Senators of the State of Florida
The Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Senator:

As a Constitutional Officer of Marion County, I strongly support the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners 02-R-27 which resolves that Marion County needs one resident Senator and urges the Legislature of the State of Florida to provide for this occurrence in the current reapportionment process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Dean".

Ed Dean, Sheriff

D/w

ED DEAN, SHERIFF

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Marion County Florida

Thomas "Mac" Olson
Tax Collector

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February 13, 2002

The Honorable Senators of the State of Florida
The Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-1100

Dear Honorable Senators:

As the Marion County Tax Collector, I strongly support the effort to provide for one resident Senator for Marion County. Our geographic location, importance to the horse industry and our growth seems to merit representation from a person who lives here.

Presently, we are represented by four Senators who live in smaller, distant counties. I respectfully ask the Florida Legislature to consider a reapportionment, which would allow for "local" representation.

Sincerely,



Thomas "Mac" Olson,
Marion County Tax Collector

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CITY OF DUNNELLON
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March 4, 2002

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Marion County
Board of County Commissioners
Randy Harris, Chairman
601 S.E. 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to your letter dated February 1, 2002, enclosed please find an original Proclamation #02-02, a proclamation of the City Council of the City of Dunnellon, Florida, urging Florida's lawmakers to make Marion County the majority representative in a State Senate District.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Amanda Roberts
Assistant City Clerk

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PROCLAMATION #02-02

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNNELLON, FLORIDA, URGING FLORIDA'S LAWMAKERS TO MAKE MARION COUNTY THE MAJORITY REPRESENTATIVE IN A STATE SENATE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Marion County School Board desires to lead the state in raising student performance; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is geographically the fifth largest county in Florida, creating large-scale transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS, Marion County's population continues to be among the fastest-growing counties in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County School Board desires a strong, primary voice for concerns of local importance; and

WHEREAS, Marion County needs to be the majority representative in a Senate District to advocate concerns for Marion County;

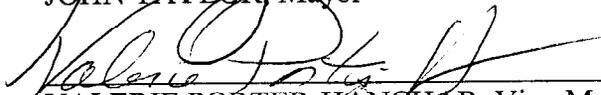
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Dunnellon, Florida urges Florida's lawmakers to make Marion County the majority representative in a State Senate district.

PASSED and PROCLAIMED this 25th day of February 2002.

DUNNELLON CITY COUNCIL



JOHN TAYLOR, Mayor



VALERIE PORTER-HANCHAR, Vice-Mayor

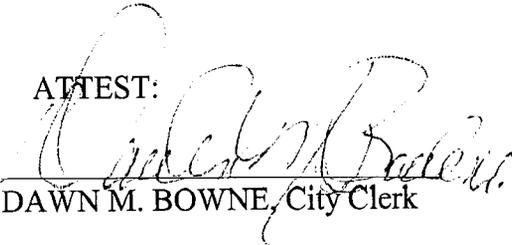


CHARLES GRANT, Councilman

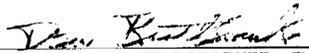


RICK HANCOCK, Councilman

ATTEST:



DAWN M. BOWNE, City Clerk



DAN RUTKOWSKI, Councilman



City of Ocala

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Ocala-Marion County



February 14, 2002

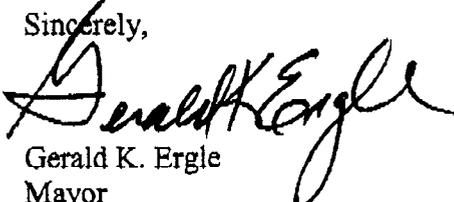
Honorable John F. Laurent
Chairman, Senate Redistricting Committee
Room 216, SOB
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Senator Laurent:

Marion County is represented by four Senators, none of whom reside in Marion County. Our population is at least 40% larger than surrounding counties who have resident Senators and our population is expected to grow an additional 20% by 2010. Marion County is geographically the fifth largest county in Florida.

The Mayor of Ocala and the Ocala City Council feel that it is in the best interest of Marion County and all of its citizens to have at least one resident Senator. We urge the Senate Redistricting Committee to consider our prominence in the State when deliberating on the reapportionment process.

Sincerely,


Gerald K. Engle
Mayor

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January 23, 2002

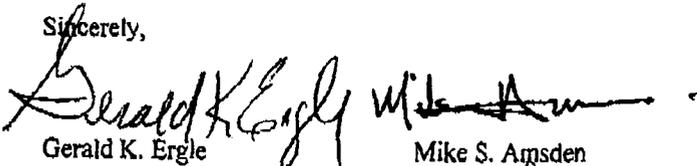
The Honorable Representatives of the State of Florida
Florida House of Representatives
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

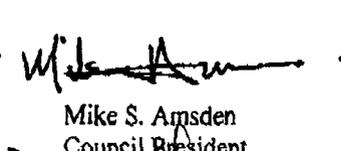
Dear Honorable Representatives of the State of Florida:

Currently Marion County is represented by four Senators, none of whom reside in Marion County. Marion County has a population of 265,000 and has been, over the last 20 years, one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. The population of Marion County is at least 40% larger than surrounding counties who have resident Senators. Marion County is expected to grow an additional 20% by 2010 and is geographically the fifth largest county in Florida.

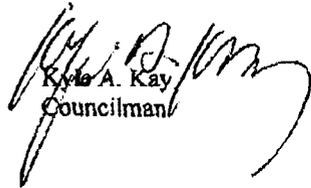
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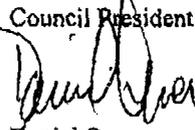
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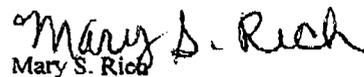

Gerald K. Ertle
Mayor


Mike S. Amsden
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Reuben Kent Gunn
President Pro-Tem


Kyle A. Kay
Councilman


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Councilman


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Councilwoman



CITY OF BELLEVIEW

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February 13, 2002

The Honorable Senators of the State of Florida
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Honorable Senators of the State of Florida:

I, Paul Anderson, Mayor of City of Belleview, Marion County, Florida, recommend that it would be in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County to have at least one resident senator. As it stands now, none of the present senators actually reside in Marion County.

I am sure you are aware that Marion County is growing at a rapid rate and is the fifth largest county in Florida. It seems not only advisable but also practical to have a resident senator for such a large populated area that will only continue to grow.

I urge the Legislature of the State of Florida to consider our request to have a resident senator in Marion County when discussions are held on the reapportionment process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul B. Anderson".

Paul B. Anderson
Mayor

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RESOLUTION 02-02

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND
CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVIEW
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Marion County currently has four Senators, none of whom reside in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has been one of the fastest growing populations in the nation over the last 20 years and is expected to continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is larger than surrounding counties of which have resident Senators; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is the fifth largest county in Florida which creates challenges and issues to the county for its resources; and

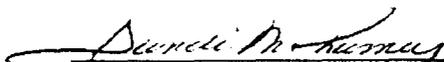
WHEREAS, Marion County, needs a strong voice for concerns of importance to its constituents.

Now, therefore, the Mayor and the Commissioners of the City of Belleview, of Marion County, Florida, do hereby resolve that it is in the best interest of Marion County and all of its citizens to have a resident Senator and would urge the Legislature of the State of Florida to provide for this request in the current reapportionment process. We have subscribed our names and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Belleview to be hereunto affixed on this 19th day of February, 2002.

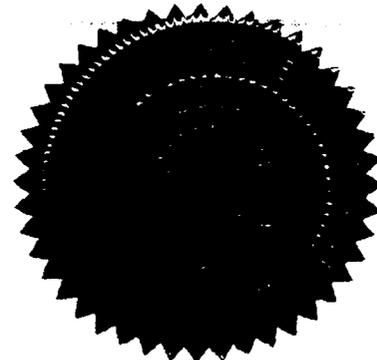


PAUL B. ANDERSON
Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:



SANDI MCKAMEY, CMC, CPM
City Clerk/Administrator



Marion County

Republican Executive Committee



Harvey Klein
State Committeeman

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February 13, 2001

Chairman and Committee Members
Reapportionment Committees

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I recognize that this is only one of many letters that have been written to you in addition to various resolutions pleading that in the reapportionment process Marion County will be once again after many years in the position to have a State Senator who is a resident of Marion County.

The purpose for this request is that Marion County is a community of interests with unusual environmental, economical and sociological issues which are a concern by all of our residents.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harvey Klein".

HARVEY KLEIN
STATE COMMITTEEMAN

HRK/sg

MARION COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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January 23, 2002

The Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL, 32399-1100

Dear Honorable Senators:

We speak for over sixty thousand Democrats in Marion County when we ask to have a voice in Tallahassee from our own community.

Marion County continues to grow and grow; yet for one of Florida's fifteen most populous counties, the proposed plan leaves our residents with little or no chance to elect a Marion Countian to the state Senate, giving in to interests in several smaller counties whose needs will be different than ours.

With issues such as protection of our water supply, the Rodman Reservoir, the equine industry, growth, and healthcare, Marion County's issues are as individual as the Senator that should speak to them in Tallahassee. We must not have our needs divided up among three or four senators who will place a higher priority on a larger block of voters.

On behalf our of committee, we strongly object to the current plan and ask that lines be re-drawn to provide Marion County with a voice in the State Senate.

Thank you,



Kenneth R. Nadeau, County Chairman



Your Community Owned Hospital Since 1898

Munroe Regional Medical Center

February 13, 2002

The Honorable Senators of the State of Florida
The Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Honorable Senators of the State of Florida:

Marion County, Florida, has been one of the fastest growing areas in our nation over the past 20 years and is expected to see its current population of 265,000 increase by 20% by the end of this decade. At the present time Marion County is represented by four Senators, none of whom reside within the county. This is particularly perplexing given that the population of Marion County is at least 40% larger than surrounding counties who have resident Senators.

Munroe Regional Health System and the citizens of Marion County have a common desire that we be represented by at least one resident Senator. We ask that in your Senate re-districting process during this legislative session the errors in this process by the Senate 10 years ago not be repeated; that population, as a driving factor in designing legislative districts, not be ignored this time as it was then. We believe it is in the best interest of the Health System and of Marion County as "one community of interest" with unique environmental, economic and sociological issues shared by all of our citizens, that our citizens be represented by at least one resident Senator so that this community of interest can be kept whole.

We urge the Senate of the State of Florida to deal fairly and responsibly with Marion County during your deliberations during this 2002 reapportionment process. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MUNROE REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
d/b/a Munroe Regional Medical Center

Dyer T. Michell,
President/C.E.O.



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February 13, 2002

Honorable John F. Laurent
Chairman, Senate Redistricting Committee
and Committee Members
Room 216, Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
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Chairman Laurent and members:

The Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Council is deeply interested in the issue recently raised by Randy Harris, our County Commission Chairman. In his letter of January 30, 2002, Commissioner Harris wrote about Marion County's need and desire to have a resident Senator.

As the agency responsible for promoting Marion County for economic growth and vitality we certainly understand the desirability of having one our County's residents in a position to speak for the whole county. Currently Marion County is divided into three separate districts, each encompassing a small piece of Marion County and a section of one or more neighboring counties. Commissioner Harris, as well as his fellow commissioners, is charged with the task of providing leadership and vision to the residents of Marion County. To do so they must have support from the State's legislative bodies. An important part of that support comes from having a resident Senator responsible to the people of Marion County.

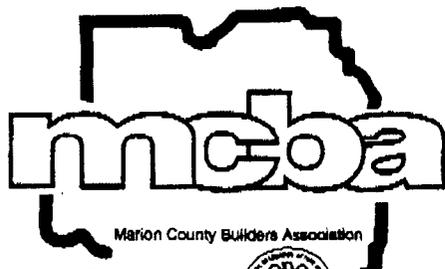
The existing apportionment causes Marion County's citizens to suffer from a lack of representation as it does citizens of those adjoining counties that currently share their Senator. With a 2000 Census of more than a quarter million people, (258,916) Marion County would seem to stand as a central location of representative redistricting rather than the out-skirts of some other area.

We hope you will consider Commissioner Harris' letter as well as ours when redistricting is considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Tesch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "T".

Peter Tesch
President/CEO

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February 14, 2002

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members:

On behalf of the 350 member firms of the Marion County Builders Association, we encourage you to use "common sense" and not "politics" in the Senate redistricting of Marion County.

It seems the Senate Redistricting Committee does not have the best interest, or any interest, in providing true representation for our County. Marion County is one of the fastest growing areas not only in Florida, but our nation. How do you justify that the fifth largest county in Florida with a population of 265,000 citizens, has no resident Senate representation?

Please reconsider and be fair in your decision. All that we ask is that we be treated fairly and equitably. The proposed Senate District Map for Marion County is unacceptable and if adopted most likely will end up in the judicial system for intervention. Lets save the taxpayer's dollar and do what is right!

Thank you for your time and consideration. The Marion County Builders Association looks forward to your response.

Sincerely,

David L. Craft, President

Mitzi G. Perry, Executive Officer



MARION COUNTY ROAD BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
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February 13,2002

Dear Chairperson & Committee Members,

As a way of introduction I would like to say that we are a very active association in Marion County.

We have 85 members which represent well over 2000 jobs in the county.

We are in total support of senate redistricting for Marion County. We are one of the fastest growing counties in the state and we feel that being represented by senators that reside in our county is imperative to our future growth.

Randy Harris's position has the full support of our entire membership.

Sincerely,



Allan Ward

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February 13, 2002

Marion County Board of County Commissioners
601 S.E. 25th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Harris,

The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports your efforts as Chairman of the Marion County Commissioners in the Commissioners recommendation to the Florida legislature that residency be a requirement for representation of Marion County in the final reapportionment of senate districts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Koppler'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and 'K'.

Don Koppler
Executive Director

Rural Community Award Winner and a Main Street Community

Marion County
Board of County Commissioners



January 30, 2002

Honorable John F. Laurent
Chairman, Senate Redistricting Committee
Room 216, SOB
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Senator Laurent:

There is nothing new under the sun. Reapportionment has taken place for years across our great nation. The difficulty is in satisfying everyone's concerns, especially when they range from reasonable to completely absurd.

It would be reasonable to suggest that any objective person reviewing the proposed maps which contain Marion County would admit that absurdity is an understatement.

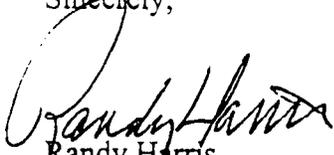
While testifying before your committee on Thursday, January 24, 2002, I reported that Marion County's population is 40% larger than surrounding counties who have resident Senators. The reason is clearly due to Marion County's population being carved up into multiple Senate districts.

The concept of using a county's population as the driving factor in designing legislative districts has been intentionally ignored. Instead, Marion County's population has been severely fragmented and is the most extreme example in the state of what is never supposed to take place. For example, in the current Senate proposals, the City of Ocala is divided into three Senate districts.

Marion County is a community of interest desiring to be kept whole because of its unique environmental, economical and sociological issues. These common concerns are shared by all Marion County citizens.

The enclosed article outlines a recent Colorado Supreme Court decision regarding precisely this issue. I will continue to provide you and the committee with all such information that may be of benefit to you in your deliberations. As of this writing, I remain confident that the committee will recognize the inappropriateness in the way Marion County is being handled in the proceedings and make adjustments accordingly.

Sincerely,



Randy Harris
County Commissioner
District 4

Enclosure: Colorado Supreme Court decision

cc: Senator Daniel Webster
Representative Bruce Kyle
Representative Johnnie Byrd

Florida Legislature

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OUR OPINION

No advocate in site when it counts

When hundreds of people from across North Central Florida packed a state reapportionment hearing in Ocala last August, lawmakers charged with redrawing Florida's legislative boundaries went away with a number of clear messages that state Sen. Rod Smith of Gainesville summarized rather succinctly.

"What I think we've heard is Alachua County wants to stay as it is, Marion County wants to be different, Levy County likes it just like it is and Citrus County wants its own senator," Smith, a member of the Senate Reapportionment Committee, told the gathering. "The only thing I can predict is everybody is not going to end up happy out of this process.

"But what I can say is I think all of us left here with a couple of messages, and that is for us to try as much as possible to respect natural boundaries, respect geography, respect community interest, respect the history of your particular counties."

What Marion Countians who spoke at that meeting wanted "to be different" was the make-up of its legislative delegation. Over the past 10 years, the county has been represented in the Legislature by eight House members and four senators — but only one of those lawmakers lives in Marion County. So local leaders made getting a

That Marion County could once again be left with no home senator is not only unfair, but illogical. No other Florida county of Marion's size is

second home House district and a home Senate district their top legislative priority this year and have repeatedly expressed

without a home-based senator.

that goal's importance since that August hearing.

The message, however clear it was that day last August, appears to have been lost on the reapportioners. New proposed reapportionment maps were approved in committee last week. And while Marion County appears to have garnered a new House seat (state Rep. Dennis Baxley of Ocala sits on the House committee), the Senate plan once again divvies up our county into three Senate districts. None of those districts sit predominately in Marion County, so once again Marion County faces going 10 years without a strong, vocal advocate in the Senate.

How important is such an advocate? Let's go back to the good Sen. Smith. Remember he said Alachua wanted to "stay as it is"? Currently Alachua County is served by two senators, though most of it falls in Smith's district. Under the proposed map, all of Alachua County (and its economic engine the University of Florida) would be served by Smith and only Smith.

And as for Smith's so-called representation of Marion County on this priority issue? Well, he was one of only two Democrats to join the Republican majority on the Senate committee in voting in favor of the latest reapportionment plan that arguably would strengthen Alachua County's — and Smith's — voice in the Senate and continue to keep Marion County weak-kneed at the Senate podium.

Two of Marion County's other senators, Republicans Anna Cowin of Leesburg and Jim King of Jacksonville, also sit on the Senate Reapportionment Committee and also voted for the plan that splits our county into three Senate seats. They, too, have more parochial interests than fighting for the Marion County cause. Cowin is most interested in maintaining all of Lake County as the core of her district and, if truth be told, would just as soon be rid of Marion County, where she has yet to install a local phone line. King is gearing up to be the next Senate president and is busy cutting partisan deals with legislative lines.

That Marion County could once again be left with no home senator is not only unfair, but illogical. No other Florida county of Marion's size is without a home-based senator.

When drawing new legislative districts, lawmakers like to refer to "communities of interest" as cities and counties with significant political, economic or population impact. Certainly, Marion County is a community of interest.

Too bad our senators "representing" us through the reapportionment process don't see it that way.

Sens. Smith, Cowin and King have all been lobbied hard and understand exactly what Marion County wants — and needs. But when it really counts — and it counts big right now — they don't really care about Marion County. They care about protecting their home base.

If only Marion County had such an opportunity.



ANNA COWIN - LEESBURG

By KURT KELLY

SPECIAL TO THE STAR-BANNER

The year 1982 seems so long ago. I had just graduated from Florida State University and had taken my first job as a legislative aide for Rep. Reid Moore, District 87. I was confident that my formal academic training and experience of intern-ing in the Florida House of Repre-sentatives would adequately pre-pare me for my first legislative session.

I had a great awakening. This was NO normal session. I'm not sure anything could have prepared me for what I was about to witness. You see, 1982 was the year estab-lished to address one of the most important and controversial issues of the decade - *reapportionment*.

Every decade, by edict of the Florida Constitution, the Legislature reviews the current Census data, population trends, and growth pro-jections to redefine the boundaries for Florida House, Florida Senate, and U.S. congressional districts

With no home-based state senator, Marion County lacks an important advocate

from Florida. It is the intent of the Legislature to redraw Senate and House seats to best represent geo-graphical contiguous areas and communities of interest.

The events and actions of 1982 were indelibly etched on my mind. Yet, little did I know how the deci-sions of that reapportionment ses-sion - 20 years ago - would impact us today.

Since 1982, through these years of explosive growth and major changes in our county, we have not had a senator who resides in and represents a majority of Marion County citizens.

Is it important to have a senator

that clearly understands the needs and concerns of our county? Absolu-tely! Is it important that person be accountable to the voters of our county? Absolutely! Should Marion County, which is dramatically larger than all but one of its contig-uous neighbors, have a majority representation in a Senate seat? Absolutely!

We have had 20 years of piece-meal and long-distance representa-tion. That is long enough.

It is not just representation, how-ever, that we long for. Some could argue (without much merit) that we are currently receiving greater rep-resentation because today we are

divided into four Senate seats and eight House seats. They state, "You have in your current delegation more people representing your con-cerns to the Legislature."

Yet the facts show that our county of nearly 300,000 people commands secondary and tertiary representation at best. Marion County residents have become second-class citizens in the political arena in Tallahassee. It is a fact of political life: the constituency that has the greatest influence at the poll receives the greatest representation.

What Marion County needs for our future is an *advocate* in the Senate, not just a long-distance ombudsman.

Testifying before the Senate Reap-portionment committee last week, I had the opportunity, along with my friend and School Board colleague Cheryl Appelquist and County Commissioners Randy Harris and Andy Kesslering, to address this issue. We pounded the message

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Marion needs advocate in Senate

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that Marion County deserves a resident senator who advocates our needs. The word "advocate" in classical Greek is *Parakletos* — one who pleads the cause of another. The advocate represents another openly, in times of trial or hardship, sympathizes with the afflicted and administers suitable direction and support. Yes, that accurately describes what we long for in the Senate.

An advocate would recognize the patchwork of people and ideas that make Marion County. We are a distinct community of interest, sharing unique cultural, environmental, economical and sociological concerns. The advocate would recognize the diverse nature of our newcomers and senior adult communities, as well as those of us who are life-long residents. This advocate would fight to remedy the needs of our many municipalities, as well as distinct county infrastructure problems.

Likewise, this advocate would understand the concerns and needs of the nearly 40,000 students and 5,200 employees in our school system. Many people from other states do not understand that county lines determine the school systems of Florida. There are 67 counties and 67 school districts. The advocate would understand how our county's schools are different from Alachua, Citrus, Levy, or Lake counties. The advocate would applaud our School Board and superintendent's commitment to leading the state in raising student performance and would join us in

Now is the time for all civic leaders, chambers of commerce, the Economic Development Council, local industry and professional trades associations, as well as civic, political and faith-based organizations, to become involved.

achieving this goal.

When virtually 70 percent of all school funds, as well as the rules and requirements on how to allocate those funds, are derived from Tallahassee, our advocate would work to provide fairness to funding formulas and insure our students receive their fair share. Being a resident of Marion County, he or she would understand that we are the fifth-largest county geographically in the state. This distance strains our limited resources in transporting approximately 27,000 students 50,000 miles per day on our buses.

Our Senate advocate would stop the unfunded legislative mandates that deplete our county and local government reserves, adversely affecting the needed services to our senior population and working-class citizens.

Finally, our Senate advocate would be vigilant in standing for and communicating our great community virtues to the marketplace of ideas that lead to laws, policies, rules, and regulations.

Oh yes, my friends, we need an advocate.

Unfortunately, if the Senate Reapportionment Committee adopts the latest plan being offered by the Sen. John Laurent, chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee, Marion County will face another 10 years of long-distance representation. Commissioner Harris, in a letter to Sen. Laurent, correctly stated, "The concept of using a county's population as a driving factor in designing legislative districts has been intentionally ignored. Instead, Marion County's population has been severely fragmented and is the most extreme example in the state of what is never supposed to take place. Under the current Senate proposals,

the City of Ocala is divided into three Senate districts."

The way this county is cut into insignificant pieces is absurd. For example, the two primary Ocala high school zones of Vanguard and Forest would be in three different Senate districts. One child in the same class could be represented by a senator from Madison or Leon county, while another student sitting next to them would be represented from Ormond Beach.

Mrs. Applequist pointed out that in one of the proposed districts, the senator that represents it would have direct and competing concerns. Several of the counties in this district have declining student enrollments while we are experiencing explosive enrollment. This directly impacts the advocacy process for the adjustment of student allocation funding formulas. When we have such antithetical concerns and needs, how could this possibly be consistent with the communities of interest clause of the law? It is not, by any stretch of the imagination, consistent.

How can you help let our legislators know our concerns?

First, recognize that this redistricting process is dynamic. It is not a done deal... we can still get our community advocate in the Senate.

Our School Board and superintendent have recognized this fact and are committed to making every effort to positively impact the redistricting process.

Now is the time for our teachers, aides, lunchroom workers, custodial staff, administrators, support personnel, parents, students, and concerned citizens to join the effort.

The county commissioners strongly support this effort and have worked side by side with the mayor and City Council of Ocala.

Now is the time for all civic leaders, chambers of commerce, the Economic Development Council, local industry and professional trades associations, as well as civic, political and faith-based organizations, to become involved. We are one community; let's let them hear one voice.

Second, contact them via phone, mail or e-mail, or better yet, go to Tallahassee, which will really get their attention. Send them this message: We're one community. We want our senator — one who resides in Marion County, advocating our concerns.

Third, contact the following: Sen. John Laurent, chairman; Sen. Lisa Carlton, Sen. Lee Constance, Sen. James King, Sen. Tom Lee, Sen. Durell Peadar, Sen. Ken Pruitt, Sen. Burt Saunderson, Sen. Alex Villalobos, Sen. Steven Geller, Sen. Betty Holzendorf, Sen. Al Larson, Sen. Kendrick Meeks, Sen. Rod Smith and Sen. Debbie Wasserman Schultz. If you need information on how to contact these senators, please consult www.onlinesunshine.com or you can contact me at my office at 861-6245.

You might be asking right about now, are we going to have greater representation in the House? I am pleased to say the answer is Yes. Based on the current maps being proposed in the House, Marion County looks to gain a second residing member. However, this too could change, therefore it is important to log your support for the current House redistricting plan with the House leadership and our delegation.

Bismarck, the great German statesman, said, "Two things you never want to see made — sausage and laws." However, my experience in 1982 revealed that unless you are in the battle, you will be left out.

Marion County citizens need fair representation. I ask you to help us seek only what we deserve.

Kurt Kelly, 42, is a native of Marion County, a graduate of Vanguard High School, Central Florida Community College and Florida State University. He is a local businessman and serves on the Marion County School Board representing District 3.

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County leaders want one of their own in Senate

By GARY FINEOUT
TALLAHASSEE BUREAU

TALLAHASSEE — The last State Senator who represented Marion County and actually lived in Ocala was Buddy MacKay. MacKay, a congressman and lieutenant governor, left the Legislature in 1980.

A group of Marion County officials told state legislators on Thursday night that needs to change. They are upset that current redistricting maps under consideration would carve Marion County into three separate Senate districts, making it unlikely that any resident would be elected.

"We've been cut up for the last 20 years," said Marion County School

Board member Cheryl Appelquist. "We just want one that lives there and knows the issues."

County Commissioner Randy Harris and School Board member Kurt Kelly shared the message from Appelquist. Harris, who is also chairman of the Marion County Republican Party, said the county is currently hurt by the fact that the county has a 12-member legislative delegation, most of whom live outside the county and do not pay as close attention to issues important to county residents.



Harris



Appelquist

"What we have in Marion County is long-distance representation," Harris said.

Every 10 years lawmakers are required to create new legislative and congressional districts based on new population figures. State Senate maps now under consideration would create 40 Senate districts, each having roughly 399,000 residents included in them.

Marion County currently has four senators that have part of the county in their districts: Rod Smith, D-Alachua, Richard Mitchell, D-Jasper, Jim King, R-Jacksonville and Anna

Cowin, R-Leesburg.

Under the latest Senate map — which is expected to be voted on at a subcommittee next week — not only would Marion County have three senators but the city of Ocala would also be divided into three districts.

The north part of the city would remain in a district that runs to Lake City, while the eastern part of the city and county would become part of a Senate district that runs from Green Cove Springs in Clay County and eastward to Ormond Beach in Volusia County. A third district would include western Marion County as well as all of Citrus County and would stretch northward to the outskirts of

Tallahassee. Sen. Smith said he understood the concerns of Marion residents and noted the current map reduces the number of senators representing Marion County. But he admitted he was unsure whether legislators will be able to fully comply with their wishes.

Sen. John Laurent, R-Bartow and chairman of the Senate subcommittee in charge of legislative redistricting, said the final map will "significantly change" from ones that have been made public so far.

"We have reduced the number of their senators from four to three, but I don't know if we can get to one (who represents Marion County)," Laurent said.



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February 13, 2002

Honorable Senators and Representatives
The Florida Legislature
404 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-1100

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Marion County has both the geographic and population size to deserve to rank high on the list of counties that should have resident representation. Additionally, of Marion County's population of nearly 265,000 citizens, nearly 32% are seniors—above the state average of 23% and well above the percentages of most of our surrounding Senate district counties. Such demographics truly define a unique "community of interest" in Marion County that deserves to be recognized with local representation.

Please consider the demographics of such a large constituency in your redistricting effort and create Senate district lines that will allow for a residential Senator from Marion County who can fully appreciate the interests of our citizens, including seniors, and represent those interests in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Cross".

Gail Cross, Executive Director



MARION COUNTY FARM BUREAU
5800 S.W. 20th Street, Ocala, FL 34474 Phone (352) 237-2124

Feb 15,2002

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members,

On February 11,2002, the Marion County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, representing over 4,200 members in Marion County, voted unanimously to support the efforts of the Republican and Democratic parties of Marion County and the Marion County commission to have a Senate seat for Marion County..

Under the present plan, Marion County has four senators and eight house members representing our citizens. District 24, currently held by Dennis Baxley, is the only seat which is represented by a resident of Marion County. Under the present plan only Dennis Baxley knows our needs for Marion County as he lives here and knows his constituency. Marion County should not be fragmented like we are.

Over 260,000 people live in our county with many rural and urban problems that need a resident senate seat representing Marion County in Tallahassee.

Marion County Farm Bureau believes we have not been treated fairly in the past and recommends that in the new districting plan we should have a senate district for Marion County with a resident senator living and representing our citizens in Tallahassee.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard Barber'.

Richard Barber
Legislative Chairman
Marion County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

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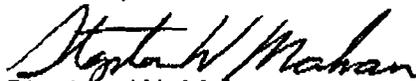
Dear Senators:

I feel it is in the best interest of Marion County to have at least one resident Senator. Currently four Senators, none of whom live in Marion County, represent this county.

With a population of approximately 265,000 and one of the fastest growing areas in the nation, Marion County is deserving of a resident Senator in Tallahassee. The population of Marion County is at least 40 percent larger than surrounding counties who have resident Senators. In addition, Marion County is expected to grow an additional 20 percent by 2010 and is geographically the fifth largest county in Florida.

I encourage you to ensure at least one resident Senator for Marion County as you deliberate on reapportionment.

Sincerely,



Stephen W. Mahan
Chief Executive Officer



Central Florida Community College
Office of the President

February 14, 2002

The Honorable Senators of the State of Florida
The Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee FL 32399-1100

Dear Honorable Senators of the State of Florida:

While the four Senators who have part of their district in Marion County do their best to represent the county, we have no Senator whose primary concern is for Marion County. Marion County has grown dramatically during the past decade, and will continue to do so.

On behalf of Central Florida Community College, I encourage you to redistrict the State in a way that provides at least one resident Senator for Marion County. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Charles R. Dassance
President

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The Chamber
OCALA/MARION COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 13, 2002

Mr. Randy Harris
Marion County Commission
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Subject: Marion County Reapportionment

Dear Commissioner Harris:

The Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce appreciates and acknowledges the efforts and work of our delegation in meeting a wide variety of interests from such a large population. We thank them for their diligence in meeting the many needs of our area.

As our community grows, the strain on our delegates increases. The Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce has expressed concern for the allocation of representatives and senators to the Florida Legislature. To facilitate and assist our delegation, the Chamber has expressed the need for a majority of the constituent base of our representatives be from Marion County. Such an allocation will allow for a stronger Marion County voice in the positions offered by these representatives.

With a growing population approaching 300,000, it appears to be prudent and apparent that Marion County is qualified as its own Senatorial District. Our community is a dynamic and growing area in citizen residency and economic development. We do not expect this trend to be reduced in the near future.

The Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce has shared this position with our delegates at community and reapportionment meetings. As always, the Chamber is here to assist the positive development of the Marion County community.

Sincerely,


Michael D. Malone
President

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February 22, 2002

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Honorable Randy Harris, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
603 SE 25th Ave
Ocala, Fl 34471

Dear Chairman Harris:

I would like to share with you additional information regarding Senate reapportionment in regards to Marion County.

The following chart clearly shows the magnitude of Marion County in relation to our surrounding counties.

COUNTY	REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY PARCELS	TAG TRANS- ACTIONS	VESSEL TRANS- ACTIONS	TOTAL
ALACHUA	96,776	239,621	14,029	350,426
PUTNAM	101,088	84,071	11,284	196,443
LEVY	47,489	44,043	4,808	96,440
LAKE	153,674	273,680	29,335	456,689
MARION	253,086	354,493	26,906	634,485

Marion County is the fifth largest county in Florida in area. We have five major highways merging in Ocala. This alone contributes to our infrastructure challenges by the number of persons transported to our hospitals because of wrecks on said highways. This county supports a great deal of expense in this case.

We are blessed with Rainbow Springs and Rainbow River and Silver Springs and the Silver River the head waters of precious underground pure water.

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The Marion County Tax Rolls contain 253,086 parcels of both real and personal property. The bills are sent to 14 countries as well as the US and its possessions. We are presented with the task of explaining to our taxpayers how government impacts their ownership of property.

It seems the contents of this letter would tend to show why this county should have a Senator. Our current Senate President feels the sales tax laws need revision and I feel the reapportionment process needs to be revisited.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this letter. If you find it worthy I would appreciate you sharing it with our Senators.

Sincerely,

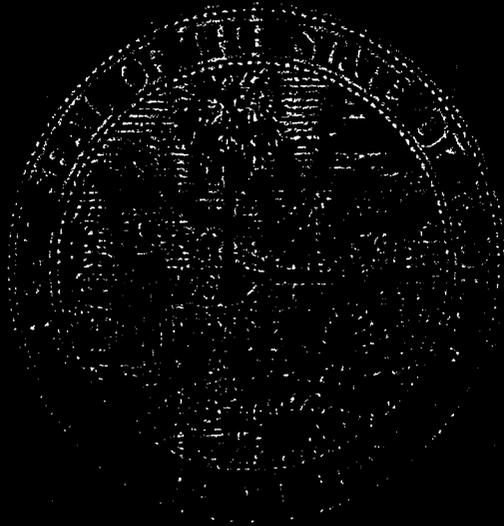
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Thomas "Mac" Olson
Marion County Tax Collector

Enclosures:

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CLASS CODE	DESCRIPTION	ALACHUA		BAKER		BAY	
		TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE
PARKING PERMITS							
47	PERMANENT PARKING PERMIT	2,216	\$ 24,015.76	317	\$ 3,539.00	1,780	\$ 19,972.76
48	PERMANENT ADDITIONAL PERMI	449	448.00	8	8.00	254	253.00
89	TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT	574	1,395.00	35	85.00	176	435.00
108	DV APPROVED BY VET ADMIN.	29	0.00	0	0.00	30	2.00
141	DV APPRVD DEPT OF DEFENSE	21	0.00	2	0.00	25	2.00
142	RECPT SUPPLEMENT SECURITY	49	272.25	4	21.25	33	188.25
GROUP TOTALS		3,338	\$ 26,131.01	366	\$ 3,653.25	2,298	\$ 20,853.01
MISCELLANEOUS							
04	AR LEASE	1	\$ 66.00	0	\$ 0.00	1	\$ 49.00
24	STREET RODS	8	88.00	0	0.00	5	55.00
37	PRISONERS OF WAR	32	13.00	5	2.50	39	20.00
70	TRANSPORTER PLATES	32	2,625.80	4	310.00	1	77.50
79	MOTORIZED BICYCLES	1	10.10	0	0.00	0	0.00
81	DISABLED VETERAN	183	130.60	17	10.00	362	280.90
86	REAL PROPERTY	533	161.75	329	82.50	780	704.65
93	GOAT TAGS	7	63.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
94	TRACTOR CRANE	78	2,427.27	11	363.00	59	1,890.99
96	BOY SCOUTS & CHURCHES	158	544.45	27	96.90	171	582.70
97	PERMANENT TAG GOV'T	481	1,574.50	26	87.50	152	507.50
100	TRANSFER FEES	31,311	18,966.64	2,802	1,904.00	25,956	16,430.42
105	MAIL & HANDLING FEE	1,300	0.00	282	0.00	1,031	0.00
111	BATCH OVERAGE	1	42.10	1	19.10	0	0.00
115	TEMPORARY TT	23,219	23,204.70	1,579	1,566.00	8,232	9,812.90
122	COMMERCIAL VEH SURCHARGE	0	7,649.00	0	1,869.50	0	6,972.30
125	DELINQUENT FEES	0	72,060.00	0	1,120.00	0	50,888.00
127	LOST IN TRANSIT	294	0.00	6	0.00	256	0.00
129	TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
130	DECAL & TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	1	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.00
131	STOLEN REPLACEMENT	521	0.00	64	0.00	161	0.00
135	IRP TEMP OPR PERMITS	48	144.00	34	99.00	44	132.00
GROUP TOTALS		58,209	\$ 129,771.41	5,187	\$ 7,530.00	37,253	\$ 88,403.86
TRUCK TRACTORS							
05	PERS TRKTRAC 5001- UP	67	\$ 8,254.71	5	\$ 207.00	49	\$ 6,330.35
39	TRKTRAC FORESTRY ONLY	24	5,952.50	70	16,333.40	44	10,111.30
41	TRKTRAC 5001- UP	3,186	490,926.63	547	61,228.39	2,686	459,507.45
46	1/2 YR TRK 5001- UP	94	31,636.11	78	29,728.55	37	10,131.14
57	TRKTRAC FORESTRY,1/2YR	11	1,333.00	6	598.00	1	103.00
GROUP TOTALS		3,382	\$ 538,102.95	706	\$ 108,095.34	2,817	\$ 486,183.24
RECREATION VEHICLES							
29	AR MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	3	\$ 111.00	1	\$ 37.00	0	\$ 0.00
42	MOTOR COACH THRU 4499	0	(39.60)	0	0.00	0	0.00
43	MOTOR COACH 4500 - UP	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	71.00
58	AR 5TH WHEEL TRAILER	0	0.00	1	20.50	1	20.50
60	5TH WHEEL TRAV TRLR THRU 35'	841	17,919.40	312	6,567.51	1,373	31,681.83
61	TRLR RIGID WALL THRU 35'	29	574.50	20	359.50	31	636.00
62	CAMPER FOLDING WALL	402	4,456.86	54	605.40	350	3,880.93
63	REC VEH MTRCH THRU 4499	70	1,497.50	6	123.50	59	1,322.80
64	REC VEH MTRCH 4500 UP	910	33,774.83	203	7,380.83	1,280	48,455.61
67	PERS MOTOR HOME THRU 4499	7	193.40	0	0.00	2	65.00
68	PERS MOTOR HOME 4500 -UP	32	1,284.60	2	95.00	26	1,099.00
GROUP TOTALS		2,294	\$ 59,772.49	599	\$ 15,189.24	3,124	\$ 87,232.67
OVERALL COUNTY TOTALS		239,621	\$ 4,882,546.75	27,980	\$ 627,670.20	184,469	\$ 3,993,529.96

TRANSACTIONS & REVENUE BY COUNTY & CLASS CODE FY 99/00

CLASS CODE	DESCRIPTION	LAFAYETTE		LAKE		LEE	
		TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE
PARKING PERMITS							
47	PERMANENT PARKING PERMIT	73	\$ 898.00	3,124	\$ 38,054.96	5,251	\$ 60,162.76
48	PERMANENT ADDITIONAL PERMI	37	37.00	448	447.00	568	565.00
89	TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT	9	22.50	456	1,110.00	1,001	2,475.00
108	DV APPROVED BY VET ADMIN.	0	0.00	11	1.00	22	1.00
141	DV APPRVD DEPT OF DEFENSE	0	0.00	20	0.00	41	1.00
142	RECPT SUPPLEMENT SECURITY	3	14.50	18	115.75	19	105.25
GROUP TOTALS		122	\$ 972.00	4,077	\$ 39,728.71	6,902	\$ 63,310.01
MISCELLANEOUS							
04	AR LEASE	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 54.57	6	\$ 285.34
24	STREET RODS	0	0.00	20	210.14	9	94.50
37	PRISONERS OF WAR	0	0.00	101	57.50	122	33.15
70	TRANSPORTER PLATES	0	0.00	34	2,705.40	178	14,202.40
79	MOTORIZED BICYCLES	0	0.00	1	10.10	8	75.80
81	DISABLED VETERAN	5	3.00	190	116.97	315	190.90
85	WHEEL CHAIR-PREFIX(DV)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	(0.50)
86	REAL PROPERTY	64	15.25	843	340.50	625	391.65
93	GOAT TAGS	0	0.00	68	501.79	3	24.00
94	TRACTOR CRANE	4	132.00	131	4,187.79	177	5,766.60
96	BOY SCOUTS & CHURCHES	3	8.50	194	734.35	313	1,282.50
97	PERMANENT TAG GOV'T	14	45.50	362	1,125.00	558	1,886.50
100	TRANSFER FEES	519	549.00	32,313	25,468.47	63,098	46,160.13
105	MAIL & HANDLING FEE	258	0.00	1,254	0.00	2,734	0.00
111	BATCH OVERAGE	0	0.00	7	180.90	3	157.50
113	BATCH SHORTAGE	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	(98.30)
115	TEMPORARY TT	237	236.00	18,431	18,364.30	63,083	62,323.83
122	COMMERCIAL VEH SURCHARGE	0	579.50	0	15,007.50	0	34,876.50
125	DELINQUENT FEES	0	185.00	0	62,695.00	0	191,513.00
127	LOST IN TRANSIT	15	0.00	421	0.00	1,700	0.00
128	DECAL ISSUANCE ERROR	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
129	TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	0	0.00	1	0.00	0	0.00
130	DECAL & TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
131	STOLEN REPLACEMENT	13	0.00	282	0.00	1,129	0.00
135	IRP TEMP OPR PERMITS	22	66.00	666	1,989.00	59	177.00
GROUP TOTALS		1,154	\$ 1,819.75	55,319	\$ 133,749.28	134,123	\$ 359,342.50
TRUCK TRACTORS							
05	PERS TRKTRAC 5001- UP	4	\$ 1,365.17	101	\$ 14,628.03	312	\$ 48,623.26
39	TRKTRAC FORESTRY ONLY	33	7,496.50	14	2,967.00	0	0.00
41	TRKTRAC 5001- UP	181	29,001.57	5,063	803,032.86	10,116	1,822,273.58
46	1/2 YR TRK 5001- UP	11	2,772.76	612	234,967.26	1,012	385,837.03
57	TRKTRAC FORESTRY,1/2YR	1	123.00	5	615.00	0	0.00
GROUP TOTALS		230	\$ 40,759.00	5,795	\$ 1,056,210.15	11,440	\$ 2,256,733.87
RECREATION VEHICLES							
06	PERS MTRCH THRU 4499	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ (29.77)
07	PERS MTRCH 4500 - UP	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	47.50
29	AR MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	0	0.00	10	262.35	1	37.00
42	MOTOR COACH THRU 4499	0	0.00	1	(216.10)	1	(199.17)
43	MOTOR COACH 4500 - UP	0	0.00	184	6,257.50	4	142.00
58	AR 5TH WHEEL TRAILER	0	0.00	9	184.50	8	182.33
59	AR CAMP TRLR FOLD WALL	1	12.00	1	12.00	0	0.00
60	5TH WHEEL TRAV TRLR THRU 35'	84	1,710.32	2,954	64,750.59	3,580	79,603.94
61	TRLR RIGID WALL THRU 35'	2	21.00	138	2,777.00	300	5,879.00
62	CAMPER FOLDING WALL	11	115.50	560	6,236.60	733	8,222.61
63	REC VEH MTRCH THRU 4499	0	0.00	93	2,016.54	155	3,266.00
64	REC VEH MTRCH 4500 UP	39	1,424.75	2,769	104,155.68	3,526	131,514.10
67	PERS MOTOR HOME THRU 4499	0	0.00	3	77.50	4	170.50
68	PERS MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	2	47.50	48	1,991.06	91	3,854.09
GROUP TOTALS		139	\$ 3,331.07	6,770	\$ 188,505.22	8,404	\$ 232,690.13
OVERALL COUNTY TOTALS		7,100	\$ 176,199.96	273,680	\$ 6,017,266.92	558,966	\$ 12,684,802.41

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CLASS CODE	DESCRIPTION	MADISON		MANATEE		MARION	
		TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE
PARKING PERMITS							
47	PERMANENT PARKING PERMIT	203	\$ 2,327.00	3,176	\$ 38,548.00	4,550	\$ 54,926.76
48	PERMANENT ADDITIONAL PERMI	5	5.00	493	491.00	555	554.00
89	TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT	14	35.00	649	1,592.50	487	1,200.00
108	DV APPROVED BY VET ADMIN.	1	0.00	21	1.00	23	0.00
141	DV APPRVD DEPT OF DEFENSE	2	0.00	28	1.00	34	1.00
142	RECPNT SUPPLEMENT SECURITY	1	6.75	18	92.75	34	189.25
GROUP TOTALS		226	\$ 2,373.75	4,385	\$ 40,726.25	5,683	\$ 56,871.01
MISCELLANEOUS							
04	AR LEASE	0	\$ 0.00	10	\$ 700.46	2	\$ 41.50
24	STREET RODS	1	12.88	1	11.00	12	135.76
37	PRISONERS OF WAR	1	0.50	120	60.00	110	49.50
70	TRANSPORTER PLATES	0	0.00	95	7,352.30	69	5,935.00
79	MOTORIZED BICYCLES	0	0.00	2	20.20	1	10.10
81	DISABLED VETERAN	16	8.50	184	101.00	422	287.70
82	HORSELESS CARRIAGE	0	0.00	0	0.00	8	64.00
86	REAL PROPERTY	221	131.35	1,426	347.50	1,945	5,476.65
93	GOAT TAGS	0	0.00	13	106.51	6	53.90
94	TRACTOR CRANE	8	264.00	93	3,069.28	138	4,515.59
96	BOY SCOUTS & CHURCHES	13	59.50	281	933.50	278	1,027.75
97	PERMANENT TAG GOV'T	37	126.00	356	1,165.00	304	1,016.00
100	TRANSFER FEES	1,739	1,540.00	194,729	655,001.23	49,223	41,496.18
105	MAIL & HANDLING FEE	253	0.00	2,506	0.00	1,450	0.00
111	BATCH OVERAGE	1	19.10	5	282.08	0	0.00
115	TEMPORARY TT	554	547.10	58,543	58,103.60	33,382	33,229.30
122	COMMERCIAL VEH SURCHARGE	0	1,565.00	0	44,277.50	0	22,010.00
125	DELINQUENT FEES	0	4,326.00	0	123,305.00	0	90,294.00
127	LOST IN TRANSIT	2	0.00	787	0.00	189	0.00
128	DECAL ISSUANCE ERROR	0	0.00	1	0.00	1	0.00
129	TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	0	0.00	1	0.00	0	0.00
131	STOLEN REPLACEMENT	34	0.00	640	0.00	384	0.00
135	IRP TEMP OPR PERMITS	7	21.00	72	213.00	422	1,260.00
GROUP TOTALS		2,887	\$ 8,620.93	259,865	\$ 895,049.16	88,346	\$ 206,902.93
TRUCK TRACTORS							
05	PERS TRKTRAC 5001- UP	1	\$ 200.50	208	\$ 29,907.24	144	\$ 21,939.69
39	TRKTRAC FORESTRY ONLY	43	10,039.90	0	0.00	80	14,436.52
41	TRKTRAC 5001- UP	498	60,699.11	12,374	1,844,134.73	7,635	1,308,784.19
46	1/2 YR TRK 5001- UP	29	4,665.30	607	165,408.37	702	268,755.78
57	TRKTRAC FORESTRY,1/2YR	9	947.00	0	0.00	38	4,296.90
GROUP TOTALS		580	\$ 76,551.81	13,189	\$ 2,039,450.34	8,599	\$ 1,618,213.08
RECREATION VEHICLES							
29	AR MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	0	\$ 0.00	2	\$ 74.00	0	\$ 2.50
42	MOTOR COACH THRU 4499	0	0.00	0	(25.58)	0	(323.20)
43	MOTOR COACH 4500 - UP	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	35.50
58	AR 5TH WHEEL TRAILER	0	0.00	2	27.40	1	20.50
60	5TH WHEEL TRAV TRLR THRU 35'	150	3,228.00	2,588	56,176.56	3,463	78,350.88
61	TRLR RIGID WALL THRU 35'	0	0.00	53	1,072.00	14	247.00
62	CAMPER FOLDING WALL	36	378.00	704	7,888.22	843	9,558.39
63	REC VEH MTRCH THRU 4499	8	164.00	84	1,756.50	124	2,810.36
64	REC VEH MTRCH 4500 UP	99	3,499.58	1,746	63,977.25	2,907	112,690.16
67	PERS MOTOR HOME THRU 4499	0	0.00	5	114.90	4	132.00
68	PERS MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	0	0.00	40	1,978.63	45	2,000.93
GROUP TOTALS		293	\$ 7,269.58	5,224	\$ 133,039.88	7,402	\$ 205,525.02
OVERALL COUNTY TOTALS		18,532	\$ 419,930.45	717,747	\$ 19,240,703.25	354,493	\$ 7,736,474.68

TRANSACTIONS & REVENUE BY COUNTY & CLASS CODE FY 99/00

CLASS CODE	DESCRIPTION	LEON		LEVY		LIBERTY	
		TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE
PARKING PERMITS							
47	PERMANENT PARKING PERMIT	1,610	\$ 18,318.80	542	\$ 6,387.26	69	\$ 769.00
48	PERMANENT ADDITIONAL PERMI	205	203.00	52	52.00	37	37.00
89	TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT	624	1,530.00	46	115.00	9	22.50
108	DV APPROVED BY VET ADMIN.	5	0.00	9	0.00	1	0.00
141	DV APRVD DEPT OF DEFENSE	7	2.00	1	0.00	5	0.00
142	RECPNT SUPPLEMENT SECURITY	9	49.25	12	51.25	4	15.50
GROUP TOTALS		2,460	\$ 20,103.05	662	\$ 6,605.51	125	\$ 844.00
MISCELLANEOUS							
24	STREET RODS	8	\$ 88.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
37	PRISONERS OF WAR	19	7.50	12	6.00	1	0.00
70	TRANSPORTER PLATES	12	930.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
81	DISABLED VETERAN	81	51.10	76	6.32	10	5.50
85	WHEEL CHAIR-PREFIX(DV)	0	0.00	1	0.50	0	0.00
86	REAL PROPERTY	749	1,340.50	1,155	284.25	54	15.10
93	GOAT TAGS	2	16.00	1	13.00	0	0.00
94	TRACTOR CRANE	77	2,427.05	13	429.51	0	0.00
96	BOY SCOUTS & CHURCHES	274	985.10	32	143.25	5	17.75
97	PERMANENT TAG GOV'T	266	901.50	53	183.50	9	31.50
100	TRANSFER FEES	29,816	18,125.34	5,084	4,445.40	614	557.00
105	MAIL & HANDLING FEE	1,759	0.00	506	0.00	333	0.00
111	BATCH OVERAGE	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	42.10
115	TEMPORARY TT	28,291	28,049.40	1,985	1,958.00	251	248.10
122	COMMERCIAL VEH SURCHARGE	0	9,064.50	0	4,454.50	0	1,024.50
125	DELINQUENT FEES	0	120,515.00	0	8,975.00	0	3,545.00
127	LOST IN TRANSIT	285	0.00	64	0.00	17	0.00
128	DECAL ISSUANCE ERROR	6	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
130	DECAL & TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	4	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
131	STOLEN REPLACEMENT	440	0.00	72	0.00	21	0.00
135	IRP TEMP OPR PERMITS	17	51.00	30	87.00	2	6.00
GROUP TOTALS		62,106	\$ 182,551.99	9,084	\$ 20,986.23	1,318	\$ 5,492.55
TRUCK TRACTORS							
05	PERS TRKTRAC 5001- UP	111	\$ 21,694.17	34	\$ 10,641.50	1	\$ 87.50
39	TRKTRAC FORESTRY ONLY	14	2,985.40	73	16,966.50	68	14,086.40
41	TRKTRAC 5001- UP	3,445	520,843.94	1,418	280,674.85	171	21,720.35
46	1/2 YR TRK 5001- UP	97	26,284.97	157	47,388.73	32	14,601.98
57	TRKTRAC FORESTRY,1/2YR	1	123.00	21	2,243.00	39	4,557.00
GROUP TOTALS		3,668	\$ 571,931.48	1,703	\$ 357,914.58	311	\$ 55,053.23
RECREATION VEHICLES							
60	5TH WHEEL TRAV TRLR THRU 35'	937	\$ 20,838.97	485	\$ 10,713.53	85	\$ 1,879.17
61	TRLR RIGID WALL THRU 35'	12	151.60	2	41.00	2	41.00
62	CAMPER FOLDING WALL	402	4,479.33	90	944.50	15	157.50
63	REC VEH MTRCH THRU 4499	68	1,425.54	23	472.00	4	100.83
64	REC VEH MTRCH 4500 UP	777	28,598.57	393	14,546.87	31	1,197.65
67	PERS MOTOR HOME THRU 4499	1	32.50	0	49.50	0	0.00
68	PERS MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	23	1,046.50	6	260.20	0	0.00
GROUP TOTALS		2,220	\$ 56,573.01	999	\$ 27,027.60	137	\$ 3,376.15
OVERALL COUNTY TOTALS		259,082	\$ 5,320,055.87	44,043	\$ 1,135,760.10	6,945	\$ 183,220.99

TRANSACTIONS & REVENUE BY COUNTY & CLASS CODE FY 99/00

CLASS CODE	DESCRIPTION	PINELLAS		POLK		PUTNAM	
		TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE	TRANS	REVENUE
PARKING PERMITS							
47	PERMANENT PARKING PERMIT	11,164	\$ 132,615.96	6,342	\$ 73,785.04	1,085	\$ 12,815.50
48	PERMANENT ADDITIONAL PERMI	1,799	1,788.00	2,012	2,003.00	54	54.00
89	TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT	1,566	3,795.00	662	1,590.00	118	290.00
108	DV APPROVED BY VET ADMIN.	119	1.00	53	1.00	1	0.00
141	DV APPRVD DEPT OF DEFENSE	134	2.00	41	2.00	9	1.00
142	RECPT SUPPLEMENT SECURITY	104	534.25	66	353.50	3	14.50
GROUP TOTALS		14,886	\$ 138,736.21	9,176	\$ 77,734.54	1,270	\$ 13,175.00
MISCELLANEOUS							
04	AR LEASE	11	\$ 479.40	11	\$ 751.87	0	\$ 0.00
24	STREET RODS	34	370.13	21	251.51	1	11.00
37	PRISONERS OF WAR	334	120.50	130	(55.80)	15	(30.50)
49	MOTORIZED DISABILITY VEH	2	21.00	1	10.50	0	0.00
70	TRANSPORTER PLATES	872	68,171.40	140	10,608.90	8	620.00
79	MOTORIZED BICYCLES	4	40.40	3	30.30	0	0.00
81	DISABLED VETERAN	1,169	710.73	415	260.60	103	68.00
85	WHEEL CHAIR-PREFIX(DV)	3	2.00	1	0.50	0	0.00
86	REAL PROPERTY	663	459.00	2,003	922.25	922	706.85
93	GOAT TAGS	0	0.00	455	3,668.92	58	462.40
94	TRACTOR CRANE	197	6,309.25	368	11,937.14	30	965.29
96	BOY SCOUTS & CHURCHES	767	3,031.60	391	1,387.65	67	254.65
97	PERMANENT TAG GOV'T	810	2,701.98	607	2,055.00	60	211.50
100	TRANSFER FEES	122,055	85,901.80	75,305	56,692.41	10,388	7,375.27
105	MAIL & HANDLING FEE	2,163	0.00	1,942	0.00	831	0.00
111	BATCH OVRAGE	13	339.85	2	86.30	1	38.20
115	TEMPORARY TT	138,446	137,599.70	53,060	52,757.40	5,615	5,569.10
122	COMMERCIAL VEH SURCHARGE	0	48,009.00	0	53,467.37	0	3,934.50
125	DELINQUENT FEES	0	333,937.00	0	124,936.00	0	29,155.00
127	LOST IN TRANSIT	1,691	0.00	1,381	0.00	35	0.00
128	DECAL ISSUANCE ERROR	11	0.00	5	0.00	0	0.00
129	TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	5	0.00	1	0.00	0	0.00
130	DECAL & TAG ISSUANCE ERROR	4	0.00	5	0.00	0	0.00
131	STOLEN REPLACEMENT	2,267	0.00	1,444	0.00	137	0.00
135	IRP TEMP OPR PERMITS	162	477.00	1,761	5,217.00	30	90.00
140	TEMPORARILY EMPLOYED TAGS	1	40.00	4	160.00	0	0.00
GROUP TOTALS		271,684	\$ 688,721.74	139,456	\$ 325,145.82	18,301	\$ 49,431.26
TRUCK TRACTORS							
05	PERS TRKTRAC 5001- UP	358	\$ 58,184.61	258	\$ 58,361.57	18	\$ 1,665.40
39	TRKTRAC FORESTRY ONLY	1	240.50	4	539.90	91	20,363.40
41	TRKTRAC 5001- UP	12,465	1,948,888.43	14,238	3,336,775.33	1,489	210,788.28
46	1/2 YR TRK 5001- UP	364	134,769.13	2,205	928,988.01	77	30,560.54
57	TRKTRAC FORESTRY,1/2YR	0	0.00	2	123.00	13	807.00
GROUP TOTALS		13,188	\$ 2,142,082.67	16,707	\$ 4,324,787.81	1,688	\$ 264,184.62
RECREATION VEHICLES							
28	AR MOTOR HOME THRU 4499	2	\$ 20.50	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
29	AR MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	7	247.79	7	220.50	1	37.00
30	AR TRAVEL TRAILER	0	0.00	1	27.00	0	0.00
42	MOTOR COACH THRU 4499	1	(57.70)	0	(214.17)	0	0.00
43	MOTOR COACH 4500 - UP	1	70.50	1	35.50	1	35.50
58	AR 5TH WHEEL TRAILER	3	62.00	2	41.00	0	0.00
59	AR CAMP TRLR FOLD WALL	0	0.00	1	12.00	0	0.00
60	5TH WHEEL TRAV TRLR THRU 35'	3,675	80,949.72	4,851	105,287.64	842	17,962.90
61	TRLR RIGID WALL THRU 35'	203	4,102.30	252	5,028.66	10	225.50
62	CAMPER FOLDING WALL	2,019	22,391.62	1,317	14,581.01	186	2,066.63
63	REC VEH MTRCH THRU 4499	415	8,889.32	195	4,112.24	43	940.17
64	REC VEH MTRCH 4500 UP	3,954	149,590.27	4,286	159,802.01	745	27,486.69
67	PERS MOTOR HOME THRU 4499	14	386.90	4	109.90	1	32.50
68	PERS MOTOR HOME 4500 - UP	100	4,261.23	88	3,830.10	15	790.45
GROUP TOTALS		10,394	\$ 270,914.45	11,005	\$ 292,873.39	1,844	\$ 49,577.34
OVERALL COUNTY TOTALS		1,045,159	\$ 21,423,281.27	609,162	\$ 14,882,252.94	84,071	\$ 1,776,260.52

VESSEL REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS BY COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 1999/00

COUNTY	CANOES		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	GRAND
	Pleas	Comm'l	DEALERS	PLEASURE	COMM'L	TOTAL
ALACHUA	439	8	50	13,687	292	14,029
BAKER	8	0	0	2,087	2	2,089
BAY	94	1	64	25,699	2,165	27,928
BRADFORD	15	1	3	2,257	18	2,278
BREVARD	853	4	319	41,811	1,398	43,528
BROWARD	329	24	574	61,453	2,770	64,797
CALHOUN	0	0	1	1,103	11	1,115
CHARLOTTE	157	0	135	26,897	1,158	28,190
CITRUS	260	2	68	20,519	1,341	21,928
CLAY	97	0	17	13,154	314	13,485
COLLIER	265	3	89	29,946	1,970	32,005
COLUMBIA	67	0	13	5,755	32	5,800
DADE	146	0	297	68,082	3,135	71,514
DESOTO	56	5	2	2,997	63	3,062
DIXIE	13	2	4	2,532	383	2,919
DUVAL	250	0	111	31,159	741	32,011
ESCAMBIA	66	0	92	24,099	616	24,807
FLAGLER	33	0	15	4,849	87	4,951
FRANKLIN	6	0	5	2,772	1,252	4,029
GADSDEN	21	0	5	3,352	84	3,441
GILCHRIST	24	0	0	1,940	44	1,984
GLADES	10	2	3	1,785	194	1,982
GULF	2	0	4	3,485	427	3,916
HAMILTON	1	0	0	582	1	583
HARDEE	17	0	1	2,030	15	2,046
HENDRY	26	1	16	4,782	340	5,138
HERNANDO	175	5	10	9,790	340	10,140
HIGHLANDS	110	0	22	14,643	214	14,879
HILLSBOROUGH	877	3	129	57,066	1,524	58,719
HOLMES	0	0	2	2,379	10	2,391
INDIAN RIVER	169	0	49	11,321	528	11,898
JACKSON	24	0	2	6,204	31	6,237
JEFFERSON	13	0	0	1,196	21	1,217
LAFAYETTE	0	0	0	824	8	832
LAKE	188	0	63	28,884	388	29,335
LEE	314	25	170	55,619	2,728	58,517
LEON	170	0	22	14,886	214	15,122
LEVY	34	9	0	4,238	570	4,808
LIBERTY	2	0	1	1,266	6	1,273
MADISON	6	0	0	826	3	829
MANATEE	214	3	195	23,981	1,044	25,220
MARION	423	1	32	26,337	537	26,906
MARTIN	133	0	293	22,952	1,147	24,392
MONROE	74	1	70	26,638	5,173	31,881
NASSAU	29	0	2	6,544	308	6,854
OKALOOSA	53	0	72	25,020	1,401	26,493
OKEECHOBEE	16	1	10	7,293	320	7,623
ORANGE	405	1	191	38,068	440	38,699
OSCEOLA	95	1	21	11,165	368	11,554
PALM BEACH	571	6	216	57,495	1,739	59,450
PASCO	343	0	65	29,055	859	29,979
PINELLAS	1,068	6	442	74,773	3,188	78,403
POLK	276	4	90	41,141	652	41,883
PUTNAM	83	0	24	10,762	498	11,284
SANTA ROSA	32	0	27	16,191	553	16,771
SARASOTA	363	3	111	29,606	1,082	30,799
SEMINOLE	273	6	93	27,730	516	28,339
ST. JOHNS	79	0	43	12,729	585	13,357
ST. LUCIE	135	3	52	15,533	674	16,259
SUMTER	76	3	6	4,435	165	4,606
SUWANNEE	16	0	4	2,603	32	2,639
TAYLOR	5	0	12	2,751	125	2,888
UNION	4	0	0	675	2	677
VOLUSIA	272	0	136	35,767	1,337	37,240
WAKULLA	53	0	6	5,353	485	5,844
WALTON	20	0	2	5,388	95	5,485
WASHINGTON	14	0	0	2,751	13	2,764
DHSMV / VTR	3	0	0	292	8	300
*TOTAL	10,465	134	4,573	1,170,984	48,784	1,224,341

* Data represents the number of registration transactions for 99/00. Prior to 99/00, the number of vessel registrations was provided.



Florida

Property Valuations & Tax Data

December 2000

2000 PARCEL COUNT BY CATEGORY

COUNTY NAME	IMPROVED INDUSTRIAL	AGRICULTURAL	INSTITUTIONAL	GOVERNMENT	LEASEHOLD INTEREST	MISC.	NON - AG	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY	PERSONAL PROP ACCTS	TOTAL REAL + PRSNL
ALACHUA	568	7,229	710	761	0	562	276	83,449	13,327	96,776
BAKER	35	2,327	111	363	33	73	102	9,406	1,499	10,905
BAY	500	1,581	626	1,015	1	148	1,473	89,363	8,344	97,707
BRADFORD	62	2,198	236	201	7	58	276	13,009	1,819	14,828
BREVARD	1,537	1,445	838	4,651	1	1,849	6,021	290,536	44,475	335,011
BROWARD	5,268	1,150	2,160	9,508	1	1,404	1,146	651,267	98,877	750,144
CALHOUN	51	2,809	146	191	0	1,511	462	10,663	483	11,146
CHARLOTTE	310	1,731	204	738	26	699	929	215,361	20,686	236,047
CITRUS	148	1,243	314	1,942	0	951	1,383	141,325	9,241	150,566
CLAY	155	1,208	393	743	0	842	252	66,492	4,885	71,377
COLLIER	824	1,683	690	27,203	34	4,321	8,213	216,590	25,078	241,668
COLUMBIA	178	4,672	313	676	1	310	2,858	30,863	2,460	33,323
DADE	10,628	7,788	2,478	14,782	43	922	15,969	725,835	106,613	832,448
DESOTO	74	4,964	133	296	0	1,118	435	19,752	3,444	23,196
DIXIE	21	1,947	99	374	13	476	1,183	15,372	260	15,632
DUVAL	2,869	1,955	3,193	3,540	110	4,305	2,254	285,490	26,212	311,702
ESCAMBIA	738	2,637	962	1,704	3,142	9,901	1,183	142,665	21,095	163,760
FLAGLER	72	1,323	98	474	2	504	860	68,719	4,011	72,730
FRANKLIN	124	306	110	1,030	0	11	110	14,407	428	14,835
GADSDEN	119	3,706	443	737	0	747	103	23,977	1,759	25,736
GILCHRIST	27	2,916	68	180	0	706	118	12,677	681	13,358
GLADES	19	1,632	89	391	1	458	338	10,577	1,607	12,184
GULF	32	833	118	245	3	719	249	13,392	473	13,865
HAMILTON	210	2,748	164	374	0	343	93	12,090	1,050	13,140
HARDEE	58	4,291	172	198	0	630	374	13,212	3,233	16,445
HENDRY	123	2,738	144	1,048	10	436	264	34,562	2,985	37,547
HERNANDO	167	2,849	405	2,563	76	952	3,306	105,907	8,248	114,155
HIGHLANDS	366	4,088	1,024	2,098	96	147	900	107,715	14,039	121,754
HILLSBOROUGH	3,137	8,732	7,301	7,896	229	1,028	1,462	364,431	48,386	412,817
HOLMES	30	4,703	188	214	2	83	145	12,094	1,623	13,717
INDIAN RIVER	409	1,917	488	1,093	63	493	44	72,816	13,866	86,682
JACKSON	144	7,658	416	665	0	145	320	35,195	2,547	37,742
JEFFERSON	39	4,709	225	230	0	491	856	10,576	1,147	11,723
LAFAYETTE	12	2,355	92	183	0	189	64	5,794	338	6,132

2000 PARCEL COUNT BY CATEGORY

COUNTY NAME	IMPROVED : INDUSTRIAL :	AGRICULTURAL :	INSTITUTIONAL :	GOVERNMENT :	LEASEHOLD : INTEREST :	MISC. :	NON - AG :	TOTAL REAL : PROPERTY :	PERSONAL : PROP ACCTS :	TOTAL REAL + PRSNL
LAKE	586	6,349	809	2,638	0	1,734	5,919	126,985	26,689	153,674
LEE	1,440	3,886	1,837	4,833	25	1,509	424	445,808	58,246	504,054
LEON	700	1,371	821	1,798	0	19	671	93,235	9,855	103,090
LEVY	111	4,574	228	808	1	113	2,017	45,169	2,420	47,589
LIBERTY	7	1,129	67	365	1	8	187	4,637	168	4,805
MADISON	52	4,713	191	257	0	92	331	13,097	1,543	14,640
MANATEE	769	2,715	713	1,421	41	610	2,133	124,666	35,654	160,320
MARION	819	9,183	873	2,479	128	612	5,718	232,894	20,192	253,086
MARTIN	498	1,922	266	804	10	1,992	11,487	83,460	14,646	98,106
MONROE	256	3	483	22,922	1	1,641	108	89,298	13,690	102,988
NASSAU	99	3,517	324	693	3	527	108	36,154	3,503	39,657
OKALOOSA	400	2,805	566	1,187	44	125	646	87,590	8,012	95,602
OKEECHOBEE	83	2,198	134	699	29	115	723	30,573	4,162	34,735
ORANGE	2,641	3,335	1,918	5,436	323	2,563	3,867	318,594	54,037	372,631
OSCEOLA	235	4,194	405	1,881	5	416	574	94,308	49,435	143,743
PALM BEACH	2,623	4,768	1,594	5,025	64	8,088	963	537,700	59,412	597,112
PASCO	497	3,869	717	6,464	0	20,976	1,157	213,589	40,441	254,030
PINELLAS	3,033	167	2,748	4,240	357	2,352	105	403,029	97,278	500,307
POLK	1,619	13,179	3,236	4,547	0	2,405	49,260	294,698	56,551	351,249
PUTNAM	148	2,770	461	777	3	823	11,881	97,630	3,458	101,088
ST. JOHNS	262	1,722	366	1,127	10	670	516	76,426	9,565	85,991
ST. LUCIE	457	2,057	408	1,463	22	2,377	3,035	143,982	19,300	163,282
SANTA ROSA	225	4,004	397	1,409	4	9,710	283	87,841	5,151	92,992
SARASOTA	1,100	867	895	647	35	1,389	174	240,665	37,351	278,016
SEMINOLE	1,093	1,468	585	1,609	4	1,057	1,594	140,448	17,545	157,993
SUMTER	85	4,474	276	591	0	267	699	30,324	3,599	33,923
SUWANNEE	60	5,953	246	337	2	5,158	541	32,225	2,226	34,451
TAYLOR	64	2,647	156	674	0	971	446	17,051	1,059	18,110
UNION	16	2,005	85	93	0	81	9	4,953	538	5,491
VOLUSIA	1,060	6,548	1,165	3,783	184	2,627	891	255,349	42,963	298,312
WAKULLA	72	1,843	153	712	0	314	485	21,313	667	21,980
WALTON	159	4,922	287	628	0	2,610	734	53,432	6,056	59,488
WASHINGTON	35	4,682	209	1,152	0	2,679	2,612	43,187	1,412	44,599
TOTALS	50,358	225,910	48,770	171,806	5,190	114,162	164,319	8,445,889	1,202,043	9,647,932
PCNT TO TOTAL	0.60	2.67	0.58	2.03	0.06	1.35	1.95			