

Resolution #00/01-157

WHEREAS, the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners has a strong interest in an effective Osceola County Legislative Delegation; and

WHEREAS, the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners believes it is important to preserve the integrity of Osceola County's borders in the legislative redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel Webster, a resident of the City of Ocoee in Orange County, has effectively and consciously served Osceola County both in the House and Senate for over 9 years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Randy Johnson, a resident of the Town of Celebration in Osceola County, has provided superb representation for the people of Osceola County and, as an Osceola resident, is well informed on the needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Frank Attkisson, a resident of the City of Kissimmee in Osceola County, has provided excellent representation for the people of Osceola County and, as an Osceola resident, is well informed on the needs of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners:

1. Osceola County should have no more than two State Senate districts within its borders.
2. The Senate District encompassing the City of Ocoee should continue to include Osceola County precincts.
3. Osceola County should have no fewer than two and no more than three State House districts within its borders.
4. The Town of Celebration and the City of Kissimmee should be placed in two separate State House districts.
5. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County this 13th day of August, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Ken Shipley
Chairman/Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Sammy Rose
Clerk/Deputy Clerk 8-13-01



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2001-1881

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF OSCEOLA COUNTY'S BORDERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING PROCESS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, reapportionment is one of the 2002 legislative priorities as established by the government entities of the Osceola Legislative Effort, and

WHEREAS, the St. Cloud City Council has a strong interest in an effective Osceola County Legislative delegation, and

WHEREAS, we believe it is important to preserve the integrity of Osceola County's borders in Legislative Redistricting process, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida as follows:

SECTION I. Osceola County should have no more than two State Senate districts within its borders.

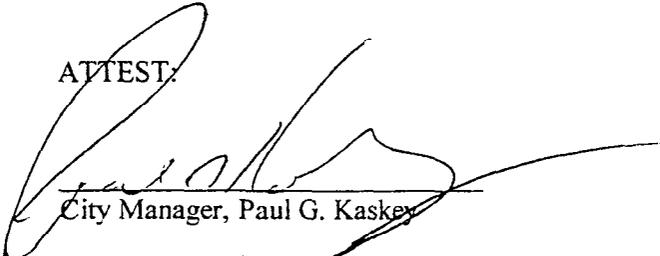
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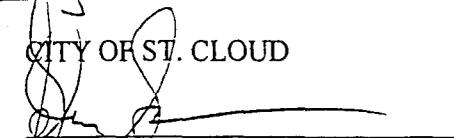
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SECTION IV. The Town of Celebration and the City of Kissimmee should be placed in two separate State House districts.

SECTION V. This resolution shall take effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of August, 2001.

ATTEST:

City Manager, Paul G. Kaskey

CITY OF ST. CLOUD

Mayor, Glenn Sangiovanni

LEGAL IN FORM AND VALID IF ADOPTED.


City Attorney, Daniel F. Mantzaris

RESOLUTION # 21-2001

RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the City of Kissimmee has a strong interest in an effective Legislative delegation, and;

WHEREAS, we believe it is important to preserve the integrity of Osceola County's borders in Legislative Redistricting process, and;

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel Webster, a resident of the City of Ocoee in Orange County, has effectively and conscientiously served Osceola County both in the House and Senate for over 11 years, and;

WHEREAS, Representative Randy Johnson, a resident of the Town of Celebration in Osceola County, has provided superb representation for the people of Osceola County and as an Osceola resident is well informed on the needs of our community, and;

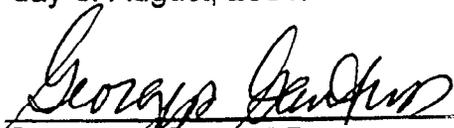
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Kissimmee:

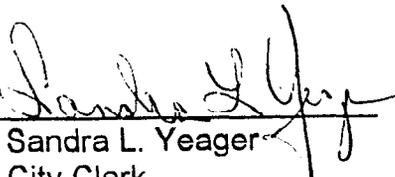
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PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the City Commission of the City of Kissimmee this 14th day of August, 2001.

By:


George A. Gant, M.D.
Mayor

Attest:


Sandra L. Yeager
City Clerk

Resolution on Legislative Redistricting

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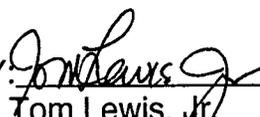
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PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Directors of the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber this 13th day of July 2001.

BY: 
Tom Lewis, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

BY: 
Mike Horner
President



...building bridges to Membership, Community, and the Region...

Resolution on Legislative Redistricting

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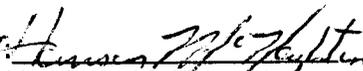
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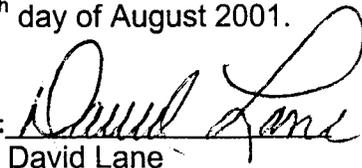
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PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Directors of the St. Cloud Greater Osceola County Chamber this 15th day of August 2001.

BY: 
Harrison McNaughton
Chairman of the Board

BY: 
David Lane
President

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STATEMENT AT PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is George D. Jordan. I am the President of the Isle of Catalina Homeowner Association.

It is a pleasure to be here today to lean my voice to the chorus of people who have come to talk about the special bond that has developed between the people of this Congressional District and our elected representative.

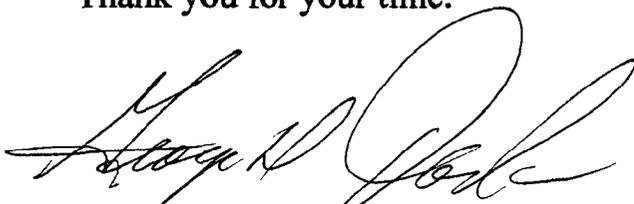
I sincerely hope that you are guided by one overriding principle in this process and that principle is "Fairness". We know that one party controls the legislature and governorship in this state, but the people of Florida do not want this process to be simple a partisan exercise. Please consider what is best for each community. We do not want you to draw lines or chop up our district which include district 3, 14 and 39 to fit some agenda. We just want a fair process and a fair outcome.

This community is primarily concerned with "minority issues". In this respect, we share a community of interest with Richard Heights, Richard Estate and Washington Shores who share these concerns. Our district (3, 14, &39) is currently configured in a way that has resulted in effective representation of our concerns in Tallahassee and Washington, DC. We are all able to work together. Our legislator understands the needs of our cities, schools, and seniors. We have benefited from having them represent our districts.

Please do not undermine the progress we have made by enacting unnecessary changes to the district lines. Putting politics above the interest of the people in this district, would not be in our best interest.

In short, our district is configured in a way that has maximized effective representation of our district's most important issues. You should not do anything to change that.

Thank you for your time.



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Lucia Gomez, Speaker #76
Puerto Rican Legal Defense &
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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA'S JOINT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING**

Lucia Gomez
Civic Participation Program Coordinator
Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund

Monday, August 20, 2001
Expo Center
500 W. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you this evening on the concerns of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund on the current state redistricting process and its impact on the Latino community. My name is Lucia Gomez, I am the Civic Participation Program Coordinator of the Fund, where I also direct the Latino Voting Rights Project of the East Coast and the Caribbean.

As you may be aware, PRLDEF has been involved in protecting the voting rights of the Latino community since our establishment in the early 1970s. As such, we will be closely monitoring the work of this Committee as it impacts on our community to assure compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act and other civil rights laws. This is a process that our organization is undertaking in seven other states and is part of our nonpartisan Latino Voting Rights Project and our participation in the Latino Voting Rights Network, which consists of statewide and local Latino Voting Rights Committees as well as National non-profit, non-partisan, Latino organizations working throughout the East Coast and the Caribbean.

With the dramatic growth of Florida State's total population by over 3 million people, it is no surprise that one-third of that increase is attributed to the over 1 million Latinos that now call Florida their home state. This 70% increase for the decade, now make Latinos close to 17% of the state's population (up from 12.2% in 1990). The big question for us is how the redistricting process and the work of your Legislative Committee will reflect this dramatic growth in the Latino population in terms of our community's ability to elect representatives of their choice.

Unlike many of the other states we work in, where the battle is who will lose their Congressional seat, in Florida you are fortunate to see an increase of two seats, and therefore, an increase in National representation. The challenges before the Latino community in our struggle for social and economic equality in this country, and in this State, remain formidable in this new century. Within this context, we consider the decision of where these seats will be created as one that will have an important impact on the voting rights and civil rights of the Latino communities throughout the State.

Therefore, in order to avoid the unforeseen possibility of diluting our communities' vote either in drawing state or federal districts, it is important to understand two very important redistricting principles that have been clarified by the U.S. Supreme Court in both *Cromartie v. Hunt* and *Shaw v. Reno*: One, that race can be a factor in redistricting and; two, that states can create, and in fact may be required to create, majority-minority districts or districts designed to provide the protected class with the ability to elect representatives of their choice.

The courts have acknowledged that it is a reality when drawing district lines, that those undertaking the task know where people live and what their race and ethnicity are. Thus, where the elections process has always involved race, e.g., where there is racially polarized voting, the consciousness of race in redistricting is not necessarily a violation of the law.¹ In fact, it is only when "traditional districting criteria are neglected and that neglect is predominantly due to the misuse of race...[that] strict scrutiny [would] apply"² Consequently, race can legitimately be one of many factors that can be considered when drawing districts for purpose of redistricting.

The avoidance of any dilution of minority voter strength permits and may require states to draw majority-minority districts, under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended ("Section 2"). The Supreme Court assumed, in *Shaw v. Hunt*, that Section 2 could compellingly justify a districting plan drawn on a predominantly racial basis.³ It is stated in *Bush v. Vera* that, "strict scrutiny does not apply merely because redistricting is performed with consciousness of race...Nor does it apply to all cases of intentional creation of majority-minority districts."⁴ Justice O'Connor made the point in *Bush v. Vera*, that neither *Shaw* nor its progeny should be interpreted as undercutting the importance of complying with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.⁵ Therefore, states are

¹ See *United States v. Hays*, 515 U.S. 737, 745 (1995) ("We recognized in *Shaw*...that the 'legislature always is aware of race when it draws district lines, just as it is aware of age, economic status, religious and political persuasion, and a variety of other demographic factors. That sort of races consciousness does not lead inevitably to impermissible race discrimination'") (citation omitted) (emphasis in original).

² *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952, 958 (1996) (citation omitted).

³ See *Shaw v. Hunt*, 517 U.S. 899, 914 (1995).

⁴ *Bush*, 517 U.S. at 958 (citations omitted).

⁵ See *id.* at 990-992 (O'Connor, J. concurring).

permitted to create majority-minority districts and "influence districts" and should do so in order to avoid dilution of minority voter strengths.

As was the case a decade ago, our interest is in assuring that the Latino community can fully participate in the redistricting process and that their voting rights are protected in the final plans. Toward that end, we see the need for a process that is open, transparent and representative to assure fairness. We, therefore, strongly urge the Committee to consider the following recommendations:

1. Develop and publish the criteria you plan to follow in redistricting in terms that are accessible to the general public and in languages other than English, including informing the public in a timely manner of such relevant things as any decisions to change the number of State Senate districts and/or House districts.

2. Make all the data, software, maps and map assignments you will be using for redistricting available to the public (with appropriate training), including the use of public access terminals in

public libraries and other accessible sites, through the Internet and in electronic formats upon request and at no or little cost to the public. FREDS 2000 and your current website is a step in the right direction, and we urge you to continue to maintain such a site with up-to-date information, including the posting of proposed plans submitted by the public, elected officials, and this Committee.

3. Develop and fund a multi-lingual public education program on redistricting that would involve nonpartisan civic groups, the schools, the media and other sectors in a significant way.

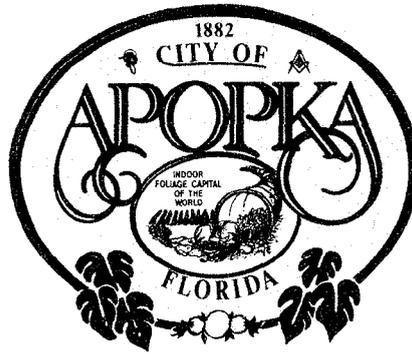
4. Develop a series of public hearings, once proposed maps are developed, to allow for broad public comment and input, including hearings in accessible sites, such as within the Latino community, and providing appropriate language services such as interpreters and notices in the Spanish-language media.

5. Allow the public to submit their own proposed plans and develop a process for their serious consideration, including their wide dissemination.

As we move ahead to formally establish the Latino Voting Rights Committee of Florida, and the local committees of Central and Southern Florida, we look forward to working with the community and this Redistricting Committee in assuring full Latino participation in the redistricting process. We hope that all of you will help make this an open and user-friendly process for all Floridians. Thank You.

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John Land, Mayor
City of Apopka



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August 17, 2001

Honorable Senator Daniel Webster and Honorable Representative Johnnie B. Byrd
Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee on Reapportionment
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Senator Webster and Representative Byrd:

This letter is to express my recommendation to the current reapportionment process that District 38 be extended to the east to include more of the city of Apopka's area , as well as some unincorporated area of Orange County.

We appreciate the complexity of the reapportionment process and will appreciate any consideration you can give to my request.

Sincerely,

John H. Land
Mayor
City of Apopka

JHL/hjh

Statement to FL House & FL Senate Redistricting Hearing, August 20, 2001

My name is **James B. Callahan**, I live at 1927 Grand Isle Circle, # 723-B, Orlando, FL.

I would like to welcome the Committee to **Orlando and Orange County, Florida** and I'd like to thank the Committee for the FREDS software.

Orange County had two significant electoral milestones in 2000. First, for the first time in decades, there were **more Democrats than Republicans** registered in Orange County and second, for the first time since Roosevelt, **more county voters voted for the Democratic Presidential Candidate than the Republican.**

I am a citizen of and registered voter in Orange County, Florida and a constituent of the current **FL House District 38** and **Congressional District #3**. Congressional District #3 runs from Orlando to Jacksonville and is currently represented by Congresswoman Corrine Brown.

Briefly, about **US Congressional District 3**. My **first choice** is that it be **maintained intact**. Rep. Corrine Brown has done a fantastic job of being visible and available in Orange County.

My **second choice**, if a Jacksonville based Congressional District 3 is not an option, is that **Orange County** becomes the **center of two Congressional Districts: one Republican and one Democratic**. The Democratic Congressional district, would, by nature include substantial Democratic African-American and Democratic Hispanic populations.

I am also a constituent of **FL House District 38**. For identification purposes, **FL House District 38** is immediately north of Florida House District 39 and is currently represented by Representative Fred Brummer.

Back in 1991, **District 38** was promised as a minority influence district uniting the African-American Communities of South Apopka, Pine Hills, Eatonville, West Winter Park and East Winter Garden.

Ironically, for a minority influence district, **District 38** also spans the historic territories of the Apopka, Winter Garden and Orlando chapters of the **Ku Klux Klan (KKK)**. Here in Central Florida voting has both a violent and litigious history that includes both the Ocoee Riot with the lynching of July Perry on Election Day in 1920 and the assassination of Harry T. Moore on Christmas Day in 1951. In 1920, **Julius Perry** of Ocoee was **lynched** on day of the presidential election in November 1920, for participating in election activities, such as voting. In 1951, **Harry T. Moore**, of Brevard County was assassinated in a Christmas Day bombing for participation in NAACP and election activities. The resulting FBI investigation, of the Assassination of Harry T. Moore, documented extensive Klan infiltration of government – including the Orange County Sheriff, Dave Starr.

But, Orange County and District 38 have had a remarkable turn-around.

Legal action and referendums during the 1980s and 1990s resulted in single member districts first in the City of Orlando and then in Orange County and just recently at the Orange County

School Board. Single-member districts brought back true African-American representation – often for the first time since Reconstruction.

The Town of Eatonville is considered by its residents to be the oldest continuously incorporated African American town in the United States. Eatonville is the historic home of Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neal Hurston – a fact that is celebrated each year in a Zora Neal Hurston festival

In 2000, **Rev. Jerry Girley, an African-American Democrat**, received **48.5%** of the vote in **District 38**.

With this success story in mind, I am concerned there is talk of dismantling District 38.

I am concerned that that there are proposals at the local level to unite the **Pine Hills Census Designated Place (CDP)** in FL House District 39. Moving Pine Hills to the already African American majority District 39, **packs African American voters in District 39 and harms the African-Americans, Hispanics and Democrats like myself who are left behind in District 38**. That is, **packing helps the district that is packed, but hurts the surrounding districts** – packing acts to suck the political oxygen out of surrounding districts.

DON'T PACK 39.

KEEP 38 AS AN INFLUENCE DISTRICT.

Otherwise, the voters of District 38 will have even less chance of electing the Democratic representative of our choice. African-Americans and language minorities are protected under the Voting Rights Act – even if they live in “Influence Disticts” and not minority majority disticts – see ***Armour v. Ohio, 775 F. Supp. 1044, 1050-52.***

.Thank you Mr. Chairman.

With 34 Out of 34 Precincts Reporting
November 2000

STATE REP DISTRICT 38

Frederick C. BRUMMER	(REP)	17,134	51.49 %
Jerry GIRLEY	(DEM)	16,141	48.51 %



Florida House of Representatives
Representative Bob Allen
District 32

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House Designate

Florida Spaceport Authority

Committees

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Health Promotion
Tourism

August 20, 2001

To the Redistricting Committee:

Thank you for holding your hearing in the Central Florida region.

Attached are letters from community leaders and elected officials in the Orange County portion of House District 32. These leaders represent the various constituencies of the Orange County portion of my district.

Chairman Richard Crotty- *Orange County Government*

Mayor Glenda Hood- *City of Orlando*

Mayor William G. Brooks- *City of Belle Isle*

Mr. Jeff Fuqua- *Community leader and Chairman of Orlando International Airport Authority*

Mr. R. Randolph Lyon, Jr.- *President CEO Lake Nona Community*

Mr. Marcos R. Marchena- *Community leader and Chairman of Valencia Community College Board of Trustees*

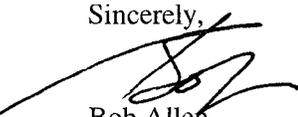
Mr. Lew Oliver- *Chairman of Orange County Republican Executive Committee*

Each of these leaders recognizes the importance of having a Legislative Seat, which connects and reflects Orange County's link to the Central Florida Region. House District 32 has matured into that seat.

I am pleased that the following letters have been submitted to support House Seat 32 remaining in Orange County and serving the citizens of Southeast Orange County and the economic development areas of the Orlando International Airport.

With Kind Regards, I remain,

Sincerely,


Bob Allen
State Representative, District 32

BA/rl

Reply to:

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Richard Crotty, Orange County Chairman



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RICHARD T. CROTTY
CHAIRMAN

August 17, 2001

To the Members of the State of Florida Redistricting Committee:

Central Florida has grown to be a dynamic region and Orange County serves as the hub for many functions culturally, economically and logistically.

Having a State Legislative Seat that reflects Orange County's connection to the region is very important. Florida House Seat #32 links Orange County and the Orlando International Airport with Central Florida's Seaport and Spaceport. House Seat #32 also reflects our planning region in regards to water, transportation and social services. District #32 connects our communities throughout the region for good representation in Tallahassee.

Please allow House Seat #32 to continue its representative connection of Orange, Brevard, and Indian River Counties.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Crotty
Orange County Chairman

Glenda Hood, Mayor
City of Orlando



CITY OF ORLANDO

OFFICE OF
GLEND A. HOOD
MAYOR

August 17, 2001

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Sincerely,

Glenda E. Hood
Mayor

William Brooks, Mayor
City of Belle Isle



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE,
FLORIDA**

1600 Nela Avenue
P.O. Box 593135 • Belle Isle, Florida 32859
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This seat has represented Belle Isle very well

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Sincerely,

15/ *William G. Brooks*

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August 17, 2001

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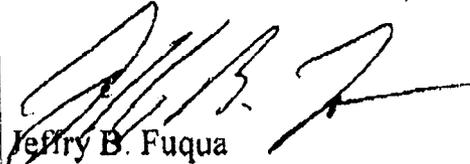
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Very truly yours,

AMICK CONSTRUCTION, LTD.



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President

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R. Randolph Lyon, Jr., President & CEO
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LAKE NONA

August 17, 2001

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Very truly yours,

LAKE NONA PROPERTY HOLDINGS, INC.



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President and Chief Executive Officer

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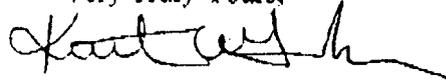
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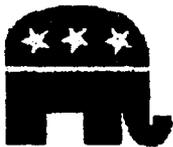
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Very Truly Yours,



Keith A. Graham

Lew Oliver, Speaker #31, Chairman
Orange County Republican Committee



ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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August 17, 2001

To the Members of the State of Florida Redistricting Committee:

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We are delighted with our entire delegation to Tallahassee and wish to keep all our friends and supporters in tact, continuing to represent the people of Orange County. Having a State Legislative Seat that reflects Orange County's connection to the region is very important.

As a notable example, Florida House Seat #32 links Orange County and the Orlando International Airport with Central Florida's Seaport and Spaceport. House Seat #32 also reflects our planning region in regards to water, transportation and social services. District #32 connects our communities throughout the region for good representation in Tallahassee.

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Sincerely,

Lew Oliver, Chairman
Orange County Republican Executive Committee

J. William Arrowsmith

August 15, 2001

**Honorable Senator Daniel Webster and Honorable Representative Johnnie B. Byrd
Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee on Reapportionment
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399**

Dear Senator Webster and Rep. Byrd:

Please understand that it is the desire of the community of Apopka to be included in a single State House District during the current reapportionment process. All of Apopka is a single community with common interests. It is appropriate for a community of common interest to be in a single House District.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



**J. William Arrowsmith
Vice-Mayor**

Frank Cox

Frank Cox
2009 Hidden Pine Lane
Apopka, FL 32712

August 16, 2001

Honorable Senator Daniel Webster and Honorable Representative
Johnnie B. Byrd
Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee on Reapportionment
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL. 32399

Dear Senator Webster and Rep. Byrd:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the community of Apopka be united in a single State House District in the reapportionment of the Florida legislature. We are a community of common interests and feel it is only appropriate that the interests of the community be represented in a single House District.

I would appreciate your consideration of this request as you study reapportionment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Cox". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Frank Cox

Harley Lindquist

August 18, 2001

To: Honorable Senator Daniel Webster
Honorable Representative Johnny Byrd
Co-chairmen, Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee

Dear Sirs:

During the current reapportionment process, please be aware that Apopka is not a huge area but is a community of common interest. I believe that the size of this community should dictate that a single House District in the State Legislature would best serve our community.

Your kind consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harley D. Lindquist, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

Harley D. Lindquist, M.D.
1013 Golf Valley Drive
Apopka, Florida 32712-2593



William Morris
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AGENT • BILL MORRIS, CLU, ChFC

August 14, 2001

The Honorable Representative Johnny Byrd
State of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: Reapportionment

Dear Representative Byrd:

I urge you to consider the Apopka Community as a single "community of interest" in reapportionment of State House Districts. I feel very strongly that East Apopka should be in the same house district as the remainder of Apopka. This would provide a more effective representation of the local community.

Thank you for your time and efforts to make reapportionment a fair and equitable representation of community interests.

Sincerely yours,

William M. Morris

William M. Morris
909 Ustler Road
P.O. Box 930
Apopka, FL 32704-0930

ALIANZA CIVICA HISPANA DE LA FLORIDA CENTRAL INC.

6220 S. Orange Blossom Trail / Suite # 142 / Orlando, FL 32809 / Tel. (407) 856-1906 / Fax (407) 856-1909

Armando Payas, President, Aliana Civica
Hispana De la Florida Central, Inc.

August 20, 2001

The Florida House of Representatives
and the Florida Senate

Re: Redistricting

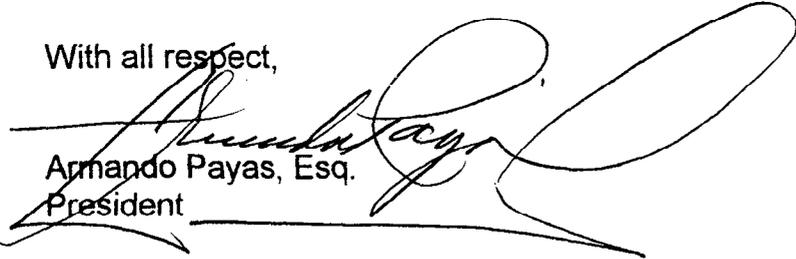
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Central Florida Hispanic Alliance, we would like to take this opportunity to express our thoughts with regard to the forthcoming redistricting. The Alliance has for the past ten years been working on politically educating the Hispanic Community and encouraging participation at the polls. Our group, which is non-partisan, received no monies from parties other than their members. Our sole interest is the betterment of Central Florida's Hispanic Community.

As everyone is aware, the increase in Hispanic population in Central Florida has been very large. As you debate where to draw the district lines, we would request that you consider the Hispanic population of South Orange and North Osceola so that by combining them into one district their numbers should ensure that they be provided proper representation at the state level.

The needs and desires of the Hispanic Community of Central Florida are not necessarily the same as those of South Florida or Tampa. The needs of the Central Florida Hispanic Community are unique to this area and they deserve their own representation.

With all respect,


Armando Payas, Esq.
President

Lowell Swanberg

Lowell E. Swanberg
1903 Lost Pine Lane
Apopka, FL 32712

August 15, 2001

Honorable Senator Daniel Webster and Honorable Representative Johnnie B. Byrd
Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee on Reapportionment
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Senator Webster and Rep. Byrd:

This letter is to request that the community of Apopka be united in a single State House District in the reapportionment of the Florida legislature. There are many common interests in the Apopka community and it is only appropriate that the same individual represent these interests.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lowell E. Swanberg

**STEVEN R. PRESTON
& SUSAN PRESTON**
2640 Spring Glen Lane
Apopka, Florida 32703
(407) 880-2656

August 14, 2001

Honorable Representative Johnnie B. Byrd
Co- Chair, Legislative Committee on Reapportionment
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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We are currently in district 37, which is the east side of Apopka, but often feel like we are not represented in unison with what is in the best interest of the Apopka community as a whole.

Your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Preston', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven R. Preston



Florida House of Representatives
Representative Frederick C. Brummer
District 38

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23 August 2001

Honorable Senator Daniel Webster and Honorable Representative Johnnie B. Byrd
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Procedural & Redistricting Council
418 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Re: Single House District for the City of Apopka

Dear Senator Webster & Representative Byrd:

Enclosed are letters from Apopka residents requesting a single House District for the City of Apopka, which were not included in the letters submitted at the 20 August Redistricting Public Hearing held in Orlando. Please include these letters with the previously submitted letters on this subject matter.

Once again, I would like to take this time to thank both of you for the hard work and effort you are giving to the difficult and time consuming issue of redistricting.

Sincerely,

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Representative Frederick C. Brummer

August 20, 2001

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The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Senator Webster and Rep. Byrd,

As a registered voter and a resident of the City of Apopka, I would like to request that in the reapportionment of the Florida legislature, the community of Apopka be united in a single State House District. All of Apopka is a single community with common interests and I feel it is appropriate for our community to be in a single House District.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Debra Adams
846 Lake Jackson Circle
Apopka, FL 32703

August 20, 2001

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The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Sincerely,



Donna Bender
9877 Montclair Circle
Apopka, FL 32703

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Sincerely,



Lee Yarborough
2120 Majestic Wood Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32712

August 20, 2001

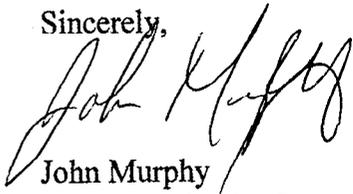
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Sincerely,

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John Murphy
10 W. Bob White Street
Apopka, FL 32712

August 20, 2001

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Mike Kidd
13 W. Nightingale Street
Apopka, FL 32712

August 20, 2001

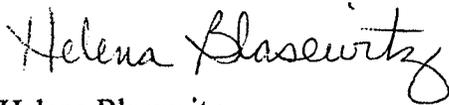
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Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helena Blasewitz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Helena Blasewitz
505 Burnt Tree Lane
Apopka, FL 32712

August 20, 2001

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Dan Lovejoy
1761 Country Terrace Lane
Apopka, FL 32703

August 20, 2001

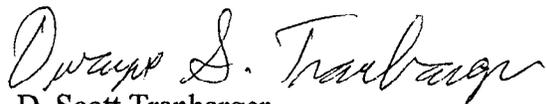
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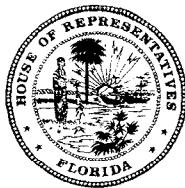
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Sincerely,



D. Scott Tranbarger
28 Skylark Street
Apopka, FL 32712



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30 August 2001

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August 14, 2001

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Dear Senator Webster and Rep. Byrd:

The purpose of this letter is to request that during the decennial reapportionment of the Florida legislature, the community of Apopka be united in a single State House District. All of Apopka is a single community with common interests. It is appropriate for a community of common interest to be in a single House District.

In the 1992 redistricting, the eastern part of Apopka was drawn into a House district separate from the balance of the community for partisan political purposes.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Sumner
432 Sandpiper St.
Apopka, FL 32712

Mail:
P.O. Box 507
Plymouth, FL 32768