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Florida Congressional Redistricting Suggestion Form

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Yes No

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*If you are submitting a drawn map, was the map drawn solely by you? Yes No

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Please provide detailed comments regarding your suggestion, including why you feel your suggestion is a lawful change to the Florida Congressional District Map. Comments should be able to provide a non-partisan and incumbent-neutral justification for the proposed configuration of each district and how the proposal satisfies all of the constitutional and statutory criteria applicable to a Congressional redistricting plan.

This map does several things that improve the base map in North Florida. First, Lake County is split between between one fewer district. Second, most of St John's County is now in District 6 rather than in the Jacksonville-dominated District 4. This gives St.

St. John's voters, including all of St Augustine, more of a chance to influence the district. Fourth, Districts 2 and 5 are more compact, as the eastern boundary of District 2 makes use of the major road I-75 in Marion, and the finger into Tallahassee is eliminated and the City of Tallahassee is made whole in District 5 (an uninhabited part of Tallahassee is in District 2). This city is made whole while maintaining the ability of African-Americans to elect a candidate of choice in District 5. District 5 has a Black Voting Age Population of 42.3% in this map, and African-Americans are 62.6% of the Democratic registered voters and 63.4% of the Democratic voters in the 2012 November election. These figures are more than some of the past districts the Florida Supreme Court cited in its opinion that they mentioned did have the ability to elect an African-American candidate of choice.

In sum, this plan improves compactness, county splits, and city splits from the base map, all the while not violating the minority-protection and anti-gerrymandering rules of Florida law. I respectfully submit it for your consideration.