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July 31, 2015

Florida Select Committee on Redistricting  
 418 The Capitol  
 402 South Monroe Street  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

On behalf of the Palm Beach Civic Association—an active community organization of more than 2,300 town of Palm Beach residents—I urge you **not** to significantly change the boundaries of US House of Representatives District 22. Our current voting district, as it is drawn from north to south, allows our elected representative to effectively address key issues that matter to residents of coastal communities:

- Coastal communities share common interests and issues like shore protection, beach erosion, and coastal flooding. These are regional issues that cross city and county boundaries and are best represented by one elected representative.
- Western communities don't care much about ports, inlets, waterways, and shipping but these issues directly impact coastal residents and voters.
- Taxes and government spending priorities differ between coastal communities and western communities, and coastal communities deserve a strong cohesive voice when it comes to funding issues.
- Urban planning, zoning, population growth and density, development and redevelopment, and water resources are significantly different for coastal communities vs. western communities. Coastal communities care more about redevelopment while Western communities care about development. Each should be represented by their own elected representative.
- Finally, recreation and tourism are a vital aspect of coastal communities and deserve the single focus of one elected representative.

With these points in mind, please keep District 22 boundaries close to the way they are now. The current configuration favors cohesive issue management and gives an effective voice to Florida's coastal population.



Ned Barnes  
 President

cc: The Honorable Bill Galvano  
 The Honorable Jose R. Oliva

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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TO BE NON-PARTISAN, CHANGES TO THE FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL MAP SHOULD BE DONE BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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OR ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT GROUP NOT COMPRISED  
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THE PEOPLE SA

"THE VOTERS SHOULD SELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES,  
REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD NOT SELECT THEIR VOTERS."

Edon Fowler



# WEST PALM BEACH

Mayor's Office

**Jeri Muoio, Ph.D.**  
**Mayor**

August 6, 2015

The Honorable Jose Oliva  
Florida House of Representatives  
418 The Capitol  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chair Oliva,

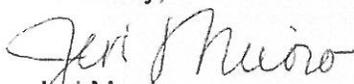
As Mayor for the City of West Palm Beach, I write today to ask that you amend the base map and restore the current political boundaries for Congressional Districts 21 and 22 to protect the area's unique characteristics and needs. The base map has created east/west districts for each of the Palm Beach and Broward Counties in direct opposition of the coastal communities' interest. These districts have remained largely north/south for decades.

The natural geographic boundary of the Atlantic Ocean in the 22<sup>nd</sup> district and many of the cities, including West Palm Beach, border the intercostal and ocean. Issues such as environmental and shore protections of the waterways, coastal flooding, and salt-water intrusion into the Lake Worth Lagoon are important issues to the residents living in West Palm Beach and are shared with the many coastal cities currently in District 22. West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Pompano Beach are all growing communities that rely on the condition of our beach and waterfronts to attract tourists and maintain the region's coastal lifestyle and economy.

A key segment of Florida's multi-billion dollar marine and tourist industries are located in West Palm Beach and other areas in the 22<sup>nd</sup> district. District 22 also contains the Port of Palm Beaches and Port Everglades, two international airports and rail systems. The district has benefitted from having one Congressional representative that understands and can advocate for the central transportation needs of the community.

Given how well the constituents and the State of Florida have been served by the structure of these districts, I urge you to amend the base map and reinstate the north/south boundaries of Districts 21 and 22.

Sincerely,

  
Jeri Muoio  
Mayor

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Mindy S <mdoss169@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** House Select Committee on Redistricting  
**Subject:** In favor of redrawing lines

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

To whom it may concern:

My name is Mendy Doss and I am a resident of north Jacksonville, Florida. I am in favor of the proposed district lines. I realize the current ones were important when implemented years ago but times and populations have changed. I hope the people being represented voice their opinions and are heard.

Thank you,  
Mendy Doss

**Takacs, Jeff**

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**From:** Richardson, Bob <BRichardson@admin.fsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:46 PM  
**To:** House Select Committee on Redistricting  
**Cc:** Rehwinkel.Michelle; bill.montford@myfloridasenate.gov  
**Subject:** Congressional District Maps

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Legislators,

I am a resident of Tallahassee and Leon county and have been reviewing the proposed congressional maps and I am very disturbed to see that I will be in a district that includes much of Jacksonville.

I feel that this would leave me without representation where I could make my voice heard.

I believe it is vital to make every effort to keep Tallahassee and Leon county as a whole, in the same district.

Thank you,

Robert Richardson  
3394-B Bear Creek Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Jim King <skizyks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 7:42 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Dear Folks, As a resident and voter of Leon County since 1971 I encourage you to keep our county whole for purposes of redistricting. We are not two of three counties. We are one and we deserve to be represented as a whole - not in pieces as a part of some political scheme. Do the right thing!

James Henry King III

**Takacs, Jeff**

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**From:** Brian Durham <passionatemusic@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 7:58 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff  
**Subject:** Leon County

Please keep Leon County in the Congressional re-districting and don't let it slip.  
Thank you,

Brian Durham

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Jim Vanriper <jim.vanriper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 8:08 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff; redistrictingrecords@flsenate.gov  
**Subject:** Keep Leon County whole

I am writing you today to express that I am completely opposed to splitting Leon County in the upcoming special session to reapportion Florida's voting districts. In the spirit of following the reapportionment process fairly and equitably, the process calls for following existing political boundaries where possible. Leon County is certainly an existing boundary.

Please do not split Leon County.

Sincerely

Jim VanRiper  
2025 Ted Hines Dr.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
850-445-2375

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Bruce Minnick <bammab1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 8:33 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff  
**Subject:** Keep Leon County together

Sent from my iPhone

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** clients@minnicklaw.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 8:55 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff  
**Cc:** redistrictingrecords@flsenate.gov  
**Subject:** Florida needs to keep Leon County together for all federal elections...

Please:

Regardless of which political party is in control, IMO the Florida Legislature needs to keep Leon County--the seat of Florida Government--together forever. No knee jerking allowed

This very stupid separation effort has been advanced and defeated--over and over and over for decades--including way back in the mid-1970s when (from my own personal memory as the House Rules Committee Staff Director) the Honorable Donald L Tucker was House Speaker; House Dean Gus Craig (St. Augustine) was Chair of the House Rules Committee; Senate Dean Dempsy Barron was Senate President; and Senator W.D. Childers (Pensacola) chaired the Senate Rules Committee.

The separation idea was stupid then-- and is still stupid today.

Thank you very much,  
Bruce Alexander Minnick, Esq.  
The Minnick Law Firm  
9017 Eagles Ridge Drive  
Post Office Box 15588  
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5588  
Land Line: 850.893.6091  
Voice Mail: 850.297.2803

ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATION

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Monroe Marty <martybooks@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:45 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff; redistrictingreocrds@flsenate.gov  
**Subject:** Leon County - one Congressional District please

I am writing this morning to ask that Leon County remain whole, in one Congressional district.

I am very proud of Leon County's voting record of electing people of quality to public office. Over the last 30 years, Leon County has done an outstanding job of electing folks who represent all demographic and geographical aspects of our county.

Marty Monroe  
cell 850 228-8882

**Takacs, Jeff**

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**From:** Bob Rackleff <bob.rackleff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:36 PM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff  
**Subject:** Keep Leon County whole

Citizens of Leon County deserve full representation in Congress, which can come only from being wholly included in a new district. I urge you to reject any plans that would divide my county and thus hamper the ability to have our interests heard.

Bob Rackleff  
502-D Hillcrest Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Takacs, Jeff**

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**From:** i potts <imp.shop@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 4:15 PM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff; redistrictingreocrds@flsenate.gov  
**Subject:** Redistricting and Leon County

Hello.

I saw proposed redistricting maps that would split Leon County in two. My understanding of the constitutional amendment that the Florida voters passed is that it requires that existing jurisdictions be maintained whole to the extent possible. I don't see that splitting Leon County and Tallahassee meets that requirement and see no justification for this action to be taken.

I entreat you to respect the wishes of the Florida voters and to protect the integrity of all local governments, including Leon County and the City of Tallahassee in your new maps. If not, I would not be surprised to see another lawsuit and another costly special session to force compliance with our State's constitution.

Thank you.

Isabelle Potts  
Tallahassee/Leon County Resident



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\*Your Address 317 Oaks Will Court \*City Tallahassee \*State FL \*Zip 32312

Your County Leon Your Email kelley@psy.fsu.edu

\*May we follow up with you if we have questions about your suggestion? NOTE: In accordance with the Florida Supreme Court's ruling regarding political intent, answering NO may prevent your suggestion from be considered by the House.

Yes  No

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Do not split up Leon County, it is a community with common interests.

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Dianne Cox <dwmscox@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 8:07 PM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff; redistrictingrecords@flsenate.gov  
**Subject:** Congressional Redistricting

I disagree with driving a wedge through Leon County that would weaken the representation needed in such an important state. This plan all but silences the voices of Leon and Gadsden voters in the halls of Congress...

Dianne Williams-Cox  
Candidate, Florida House of Representatives District 8

**Takacs, Jeff**

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**From:** 1959sa@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:36 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff; redistrictingreocrds@flsenate.gov  
**Subject:** Opposition to Dividing Leon County in proposed redistricting plan

I would like to register my opposition to dividing Leon County in the Legislature's proposed Congressional redistricting map. Dividing a community is prohibited by both the FL Constitution and the Leon Circuit Court's order. Tallahassee, for example, extends beyond it's borders to include the surrounding locales.

Sincerely,  
Sheryl Grossman

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Susan Doker <suedoker@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:38 AM  
**To:** Takacs, Jeff; redistrictingreocrds@flsenate.gov  
**Subject:** Leon County

To whom it may concern:

I am a long time resident of Leon county and a retired public school teacher. It concerns me that the legislature is considering plans to draw redistricting lines that will divide Leon county. This is not a good idea. Leon county is an economically and racially diverse community of citizens that share many common interests , needs, and concerns that are unique in the panhandle area. The presence of a professional and highly educated population is also somewhat singular in the panhandle. Our community provides a great deal of leadership across a wide array of efforts in the Florida panhandle, from education, to environment, to business growth, and veteran care. To split Leon county into two different congressional districts will result in denying representation to a significant group of citizens and harm the potential for continued good works that result from the voice of Leon county citizens being heard.

Take another look at the map. There are other ways to achieve new district boundaries without splitting Leon county or any county. To ignore this issue and ignore the citizens of Leon county would be a mistake in ethics and common sense.

Sincerely,  
Susan Doker  
Retired from Leon County Schools, 2012  
Former National Board Certified Teacher

Resolution #15.03

WHEREAS, Leon County is the home of Florida's capital, where civic engagement is seen as a responsibility and a long honored tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Leon County School system is a high performing majority-minority school district, committed to educating the next generation -- not just for college and career, but also in the values of civic participation, civil dialogue, and engaged citizenship to sustain our participatory democracy; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Fair Districts Amendment of the Florida Constitution requires the configuration of congressional districts that utilize existing political and geographical boundaries and are contiguous and compact; and

WHEREAS, congressional redistricting maps have been submitted to demonstrate the feasibility of keeping Leon County whole, while preserving minority access districts and complying with state and federal laws, including the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

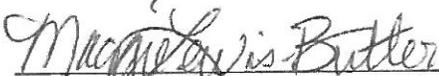
WHEREAS, Leon County is unique in its social and economic interests -- deeply imbedded in public service, primarily through government and education -- and, as the transportation/healthcare hub of the Big Bend; it stands to reason Leon County should be entirely represented by one member of Congress.

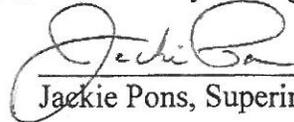
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Leon County School Board and School Superintendent, respectfully beseech the Florida Legislature to

KEEP LEON COUNTY WHOLE  
in congressional redistricting

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leon County School Board and School Superintendent recognize the complexities of the reapportionment process and the requirements of state and federal laws, with appreciation for the role of the Florida Legislature in resolving this matter of importance to the future of our state and its local communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the superintendent and members of the Leon County School Board have hereunto subscribed their names, in Leon County Florida on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

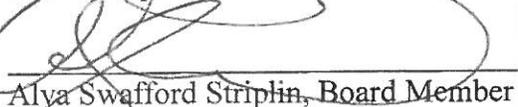
  
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Alya Swafford Striplin, Board Member

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** JCRooney <vannessco@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** House Select Committee on Redistricting  
**Cc:** cyndi@vote4cyndi.com  
**Subject:** Message from JC Rooney 9St Johns) about Public Input for Congressional Redistricting

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Hon. Jose Oliva  
Chairman - House Select Committee on Redistricting State of Florida

Dear Mr. Chairman

Thank you very much for taking on this unenviable task and devoting the required time to it, it is my understanding that you have scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday.

It is with that in mind that I want to call attention to the fact that some of the materials made available for public research do not appear to be accessible at the designated site <http://www.floridaredistricting.org/>  
In specifics, the file labelled "Map Drafts and Reports used in Drawing Base Map" is contained in a Zip file which in turn contains 70 files of which 33 are DOJ suffix files that are not able to be opened with Windows instead requiring specialized software to open them.

I think you would agree that for public consumption the Zip file (also specialized software but readily available for a fee) is barrier enough, but then to face yet another specialized software requirement not commonly available is a serious impediment to public disclosure.

In view of the above observations would you please consider revising the methodologies for distributing these materials to the public wishing to participate and arranging hearing schedules to account for this unforeseen circumstance?

Furthermore, I do not readily find the 8 alternative maps you speak of in your communication on the redistricting web site -- perhaps they are labelled in some other way?

The one map I did find in the above Zip file that seems to be quite logical and meritorious to me is Romo B and to a slightly lesser extent A, the works of Steven Ansolabehere shown as a PDF file.

Thank you again for your service to our State, J. Chris Rooney Ponte Vedra, St. Johns County

Cc: Hon. Cyndi Stevenson

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Being a Lakeland resident, my concern with the districts has always been the split of Lakeland and it's service areas.

The current map has it split and the proposed map has it split as well. I'm sure there are probably reasonable

explanations for this that I would like to hear. With the redistricting and Polk losing a seat, which seat/representative

Please use the map below to demonstrate what your comments reflect. (Optional)



State of Florida



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August 11, 2015

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**Re: Florida Legislature's 2015 special session on congressional redistricting**

Dear Members of the House Select Committee on Redistricting,

The Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches submits the following letter outlining its position on maps that may be introduced or debated during this special redistricting session. The action your committee is about to take is of the utmost importance to the Florida NAACP and to voters of color in Florida.

As a primary matter, the Florida NAACP appreciates the opportunity for public participation that the Legislature has created in this special session, and the close attention the Legislature has paid in the last few years to the redistricting interests and needs of the Florida NAACP and its constituent members. While we are disappointed that the Florida Supreme Court's decision dismissed the views of the Florida NAACP and severely limits the input of voters who the Fair District Amendments were designed to protect, we understand that the Court's ruling does limit the options of the Legislature in responding to protected voters. In light of the constraints imposed by the Florida Supreme Court, the transparent and participatory process that seems to be under way is commendable.

As always, our most pressing concern is protecting the ability of black voters in North Central Florida to elect the candidate of their choice to Congress. During the last special session, we documented with statistical evidence and testimony from NAACP members living in affected areas the risks associated with drawing CD 5 in an east-west configuration instead of its current north-south configuration. Given the Florida Supreme Court's ruling that the district now must be drawn in an east-west configuration, we are very concerned that the district be drawn in a way that minimizes the damage to black voting strength in the area.

The Florida NAACP has had a chance to review the base map publicized by the Legislature, and understands it to be materially the same, with respect to CD 5,

Quincy	394	166	42.1%
TOTAL	12,749	6,535	51.3%

We believe this demographic disparity holds true for the entire correctional facility population in the district. While congressional districts are large, containing nearly 700,000 individuals, turnout numbers are dramatically lower. In the 2010 general election, only 218,470 voters participated in CD 5 in the base map. With that turnout, the inability of nearly 10,000 black voters to participate in elections can make a real difference.

There is no quick or easy fix for an illusory minority opportunity district. This problem only makes clear and more urgent the need for prison gerrymandering reform, as seen in Maryland, Delaware, New York, and California. Florida should enact legislation to require that districts be based on Census data adjusted to reflect incarcerated people at their home addresses. This helps to ensure that large prison populations do not skew representation in favor of rural areas or create illusory minority opportunity districts.

All of this being said, given that the ability of black voters in base map CD 5 to elect a candidate of choice is so diminished already, we want ensure that the enacted district preserves every remaining ounce of black voting strength. Some public plans submitted to the Legislature put even that at risk. Specifically, the Florida NAACP has reviewed HPUBC0186, which is a CD 5-only map. That version of CD 5 keeps Leon County whole in the district, but has additional county splits in Liberty and Baker Counties. Most significantly, the black voting age population in the district drops down to 41.6%.

This version of CD 5 would undeniably even further diminish the ability of black voters to elect their candidates of choice. First, the number of district residents in correctional facilities increases in this version of the district, up to 19,571. This CD 5 is even more of an illusory black opportunity district than the one in the base map. Second, while we disagree that the percentage of the electorate in a Democratic primary is a litmus test for determining whether black voters have the ability to elect their candidate of choice, the Florida Supreme Court has referred approvingly to that metric. In this case, that metric confirms the diminishment of black voting strength in the district—the percentage of Democratic voters who are black for the 2010 primary is 49.95%, down from 57% in the base map for CD 5. Finally, this district appears vulnerable to challenge under the Fair District Amendments on the ground that it favors an incumbent by drawing that incumbent into a district where re-election is possible.

While of course the Florida Supreme Court has the final say on this issue, please continue to support the Florida NAACP in this fight to protect the voting strength of voters of color in



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Representative Jose Oliva, Chair  
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Dear Senator Galvano and Representative Oliva:

The Florida Legislature is undertaking the difficult process of creating new lines for numerous Congressional Districts in Florida. Upon the conclusion of that redistricting process, the Supervisors of Elections in each county in Florida will be required to review the new district lines and make changes to their county map and align precinct lines to the new district lines. With that in mind, the Supervisors throughout the state would like to reinforce concerns or issues which will be important in having the new plan in effect for the Presidential Preference Primary in March 2016.

- The Legislature should strive to draw lines maintaining intact communities and draw lines along county lines whenever possible. When district lines come close to political boundaries, but are not the same, it creates pockets of voters who are isolated from other community residents and precincts become difficult to locate for them. In 2011 the staff of the Legislature worked with election and census officials to establish "Voting Tabulation Districts" which took into consideration intact communities, traffic patterns and physical barriers. These are excellent guidelines to consider when drawing lines.
- Supervisors of Elections must begin issuing overseas military ballots 45 days prior to an election. Following the receipt of new district maps and creation of new precincts, those changes must be submitted to each counties Board of County

of Commissioners which must approve the precinct changes. In order for the foregoing to take place, the Supervisors will need to have final district maps no later than December 1, 2015.

We appreciate your consideration of the foregoing and look forward to a successful redistricting process and 2016 elections in Florida. If we can be of assistance or there are any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Labasky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being more prominent and larger than the last name "Labasky".

Ronald A. Labasky  
General Counsel

# Jay Bonner Congressional Redistricting Suggestion

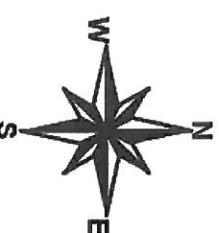
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Note the district lines would be determined by population



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## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** Alton Hines <alh4fsu@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:02 AM  
**To:** House Select Committee on Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Redistricting Committee Members,

The proposed base congressional map places Columbia County at an extreme disadvantage and will leave its residents with little likelihood of adequate representation in Congress. The base map does not meet either the communities of common interest clause nor the compact and concise districts clause.

I respectfully request that the base map not be approved, and the districts be redrawn to keep Columbia County in the third congressional district.

Regards,

Alton L. Hines  
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**Florida Congressional Redistricting Suggestion Form**

*By submitting this form, I acknowledge that my comments and suggestions may be displayed on [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org) or other public websites maintained by the Florida Legislature.*

*Note: the entirety of this form is a public record.*

\*Field is required.

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name RICHARD \*Last Name KLEID Suffix \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name (If applicable) PRES PRO TEM - PALM BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
\*Your Address 2660 S OCEAN BLVD \*City PALM BEACH \*State FL \*Zip 33480  
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\*May we follow up with you if we have questions about your suggestion? NOTE: In accordance with the Florida Supreme Court's ruling regarding political intent, answering NO may prevent your suggestion from be considered by the House.

Yes  No

\*Are you a part of any political groups or organizations that have an interest in redistricting?

Yes  No

\*If Yes, Please list them below:

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\*If you are submitting a comment, is your suggestion solely your own?

Yes  No

\*If you are submitting a drawn map, was the map drawn solely by you?

Yes  No

\*If you answered NO to either of the previous two questions, Please list the name of every person you collaborated with on your suggestion or map:

\_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

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Good morning, my name is Dick Kleib and I am  
the president pro tem of the P.B Town Council  
I want you to know that our council is  
unanimously in favor of a  
north-south configuration  
for District 22

Summary of points regarding the Supreme Court opinion:

LET ME POINT OUT

1. The Court found no evidence of any improper conduct in connection with the drawing of District 22 (That has existed in similar form for over 30 years). The reversal of the trial court as to this District was solely due to the improper standard applied by the trial court. The Supreme Court held the burden had shifted to the legislature to justify the drawing of the District

2. Even those challenging District "conceded that the vertical configuration for district could pass constitutional muster". There was no claim by the challengers that the vertical drawing of this District was improper. In fact, the Challengers configured District 22 (and 21) in a vertical manner.

3. The Court left it to the Legislature to redraw the District and provide a justification for why it was proper. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE THAT JUSTIFICATION!

List reasons why the Coastal district 22 is proper:

1. The District was drawn after the 1980 census to <sup>BE</sup> have a coastal district. It has worked well due the commonality of interest, such as:

- coastal erosion issues
- funding from Federal Gov for beach projects
- one representative to deal with USACE
- BMA agreements

<sup>TO</sup> BEING A TOURIST DESTINATION

~~(list all the factors you have dealt with-- you know this area better than me.)~~

THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

2. The district since early 1980s has had two Republican and two Democrats in office--it is not a gerrymandered district.

Summary: Unlike the situation in the North Florida districts--5 and 10-- there is NO claim of any improper conduct and there are MANY good reasons to join together coastal towns in one district and have one representative dealing with the Federal government on all coast issues affecting southeast Florida.

~~Gail, these are points I would make. Let me know if you have questions. Good luck!~~

Mike

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU AMEND  
THE BASE MAP AND RESTORE THE  
DISTRICT'S POLITICAL BOUNDARIES IN A  
NORTH SOUTH CONFIGURATION

## Takacs, Jeff

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**From:** drifter22 <drifter22@isp.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:54 PM  
**To:** House Select Committee on Redistricting  
**Subject:** Florida Congressional Redistricting

Dear Colleen Burton

I received your map on redistricting. I don't understand what the big deal is and why so many people complain about what we have! It's not like people are not allowed to vote the way it is. The only thing I see is they might have to vote at a different place. Can you explain this a little more?

Thanks  
Gene Shambaugh  
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Haines City, FL> 33845

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<http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/> Check This Out!!

**Takacs, Jeff**

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**From:** The Franklin SpaceJet <grunt242@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 11:58 AM  
**To:** House Select Committee on Redistricting; newsroom@WMNF.org  
**Cc:** mail@democracynow.org; info@thenation.com  
**Subject:** UNgerredistrictimandering Florida !. Now !.

Move to Amend:

1: Reset ALL districts to conform to EXISTING political boundaries in accordance with the ORIGINAL intent of the redistricting law set forth in BOTH Constitutions. The Supreme Court of THE United States has already JUST recently ruled that historical disenfranchisements obsolesce and require new verification as time goes by, and a periodic TOTAL reboot is the best and only way to ensure adequate ongoing fairness for We The People.

Move to Amend:

2: Moving forward: Require new extensive and extreme evidentiary verification to redraw ANY district AWAY from ANY EXISTING identifiable political boundaries as set forth above, thereby allowing US to be able to identify with congress members as citizens of what are rational .,. existing .,. and identifiable political districts instead of some quasi-justifiable perpetually argumentable always somewhat questionable group of gerrymandered and balkanized cantons with innumerable mousetrailing borders seemingly driven constantly by ulterior agendas and cynical motives.

Move to Amend:

3 Moving further along: Require a similar reset every 40 years.

Move to Amend:

4 Change the preferred method of district adjustment in the ongoing fight against disenfranchisement AWAY from boundary redefinition TOWARDS a more evolved method that provides adequate representation via district overlapping, along with interpollation between districts for additional congressional membership as it is deemed necessary.

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"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." --Thomas Jefferson

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