

# Public Hearing on Redistricting Tampa (August 29, 2011)

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## Hearing Report

Date: August 29, 2011

City: Tampa

Location: Jefferson High School

Time: 4:00pm-8:00pm

Number of Speakers: 92 out of 96

Total Attendance: 206

The public hearing in Tampa took place in the Jefferson High School Auditorium (4401 Cypress St., Tampa, FL 33607). Prior to the meeting, a map with directions to the hearing and parking instructions was posted on the internet. Legislative staff posted signs outside the building and the room to provide directions to the hearing, and was on hand to answer questions and display district building software outside the meeting room.

The hearing was advertised in The St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, Sarasota Herald-Tribune, and Bradenton Herald on Sunday, August 28. Each chamber's website published the public notice, and social media websites invited the public to the hearing as well. Senate staff sent invitations to more than 45 school board officials, over 70 county commissioners, administrators, and personnel under local supervisors of elections. Over 270 city-level elected officials in Southwest Florida and more than 220 public interest group leaders received invitations encouraging leaders and the groups they represent to attend the hearing.

The hearing was streamed live on The Florida Channel's website, recorded, and subsequently re-aired. There were 8 senators and 32 representatives present at the hearing chaired by Senator Gaetz. Of the 206 people who filled out attendance cards 96 indicated they wanted to speak at the hearing. At the time of adjournment 4 speakers remained. Senator Gaetz invited those speakers to supplement the record with their written comments or to submit comments via email.

# Submission from Helen Baines



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I am very concerned about Districts 11 & 16 which are dysfunctional. District 11 is drawn to provide a district for Democratic Party control. The candidate can be so sure of election that campaigning can be overlooked as happened in the last election. The U.S. Representative no longer has (in person) town meetings because she is afraid. No wonder, the neighborhoods in her district with one exception are high crime areas. How can citizens get involved with their government when they are not in a well-defined, contiguous precincts

Helen Baines

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## Submission from Mickey Castor

Mickey Castor - Hillsborough LUV  
Redistricting Hearing - Tampa, August 29, 2011

### Members of the Redistricting Committee:

As members of the Redistricting Committees for the State of Florida, you have a very important responsibility. You also have two choices in how you carry out that responsibility.

- 1) You can continue on your announced timeline of adopting the new maps in March. This will result in confusion and chaos for all concerned – election supervisors, candidates and potential candidates and, most of all, citizens. Surely your commitment to good government will not allow you to pursue such an outcome.
- 2) Or you can follow the timeline submitted to you on August 10, 2011 by the League of Women Voters of Florida, Democracia, NAACP and Common Cause. How many of you have seen and agree with that timeline?

In summary, it asks to:

- Publish and commit to an accelerated timeline
- Adopt a rule requiring all maps to be filed by Oct 3
- Adopt a rule requiring all committee action on redistricting plans be completed by the end of 2011 and
- Adopt a rule requiring all plans be voted on by Jan 13, 2012.

**What about the constitutional requirements? We need to be perfectly clear:**

**There are only two requirements:**

**1) To hold a floor vote on the Florida House and Senate maps in 2012 session.**

**That's it; the Congressional maps could be done NOW and voted on before the end of this year.**

**2) Drawing district maps is solely the responsibility of the legislature which was voted into office to do so and is paid by taxpayer dollars.**

**The League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County strongly urges you to adopt the proposed timeline that deals fairly with the citizens of Florida. Will you commit to that timeline? Thank you.**

**Mickey Castor, President  
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# Submission from Dr. Carolyn Collins



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- 1) Avoid drawing maps that erode minority rights (African Americans, Hispanics)
- 2) One person - One Vote
- 3) Map should include Voting Age Population (VAP), disaggregated by race and national origin; include VAP of citizens who can vote
- 4) Public hearings after the maps are drawing before approval.
- 5) No packing
- 6) No cracking
- 7) No stacking
- 8) Compactness
- 9) Contiguity
- 10) District without gerrymandering

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# Submission from Eddie Edwards



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## Submission from David Kulcsar

### Redistricting Remarks

As I stand here I am looking at the incoming Speaker of the House, and the incoming Senate President. These two men have been ensured these positions based upon the predictability of the elections for our legislature, and of which they are in charge of drawing their majorities for 2012's Session. Masterfully in 2002 the Republicans in Power crafted a miraculous map that ensured their lock on the state of Florida. Redistricting is often said to be the spoils of politics, the party in power is able to make (at least for a decade) a long standing foundation of control of the state of Florida. This control has ensured Republicans the peace of mind to choose their leaders down the road when they are incoming legislators. Predictability is an enemy to a democracy, when voters feel anger they should be able to have a change at shaking up the present power structure in the short term. However due to the masterful allocation of resources by those in power we have a stagnant government, we often decry Washington but it is the state's that draw the maps and indirectly are responsible for our stagnation and predictability.

I am not going to expect this legislature of ours to draw themselves out of a job—would be quite futile wouldn't it? I will ask them to not dice up our urban areas. Our present ~~congressional~~ maps for instance repulse me as a voter, anger me as a citizen and depress me as an American. The present maps have shown a disdain for urban areas in that we have either a super concentrated Democratic district in Tampa or a 4 way slice of Orlando that neutralizes the Democratic bent of the area and elects Republicans. I drew a map that gave Orlando, two districts (both of which leaned Democrat) one of which gave the Hispanic population of South Orlando a chance to see on of their own elected, rather than be sliced up 3 ways in a disparate attempt to keep Republican incumbents.

Is it right for 3 members of congress to hail from Winter Park, FL—a town of just 25,000 people? Is it right to combine just the black areas of St. Petersburg into Kathy Castor's district allowing Bill Young to stay in Congress despite Pinellas county has not voted for a Republican President since George H.W. Bush? If we had St. Pete and Tampa in separate districts it would likely result in two Democrats from the Bay area rather than just one.

The creative cracking and packing by legislatures of the past were repudiated by the voters of Florida by more than the required margin of 60% needed to pass an amendment to the constitution—act on that not by fighting the law we voted for. Then drawing a half-baked map that sees its share of lawsuits—costing Florida even more precious dollars, then having the courts hop in and draw maps of their own

that we the public will have little to no say in and have to accept as our representation for the next decade.

I have drawn 3 sets of maps. I cannot say they are perfect as I was only ball parking my idea of the ideal shapes of each House, Senate and Congressional districts. I drew them with the release of the Department of Justice giving Florida's Fair District Amendment's the thumbs up this past May. My interpretation is that there are more factors at hand than just race; we need districts that keep in mind certain economies, we need districts that do not disparately grab voters from Orlando, Gainesville and Jacksonville despite the district itself not being Voting Rights Act protected anymore and any attempt to reconstructing the district would be only to pack Democratic voters at the gain of Republicans—and of course to helping the incumbent.

In closing I ask that those who have a conscience and have the political courage—draw me a map that gives an equitable appraisal of Florida's population. Sure it can be hard to figure out how to split the rural areas of North Florida or decide how Naples and the Keys can get a district not dominated Miami. It is hard, as no one will truly be satisfied but ensuring peace of mind for the incoming leadership (even those down the road) will only make the public less engaged with their government and only benefit those who base their livelihood on the voter's neglect of our own affairs.

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# Submission from Elizabeth J. H. Morowati

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**Subject: Suggested changes in US House of Representatives boundaries (2012 – 2022)**

**Re: Redistricting public hearing: Jefferson High School Auditorium, Tampa, Florida**

**(08/29/2011)**

Dear Sirs:

These comments and recommendation refer to the US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FLORIDA, Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, ONLY, and now being discussed via this redistricting process. *Accompanying this cover letter are sets of maps pertaining to existing boundaries as well as those I am proposing.*

## **I- BASIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RE-DRAWING OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:**

(A) Any district should be designed for the mutual benefit of both constituent and their representative, so that:

- (i) The constituents can have their representative easily accessible via a physical address, should they want or need to visit an office, as well as use other means of communications (internet, phone, fax, mail, etc.);
- (ii) The representative can have more direct and interactive, contact with their constituents to not only hear about their concerns but observe these concerns, if necessary, during their travels throughout the various communities they represent.

(B) Boundaries should be:

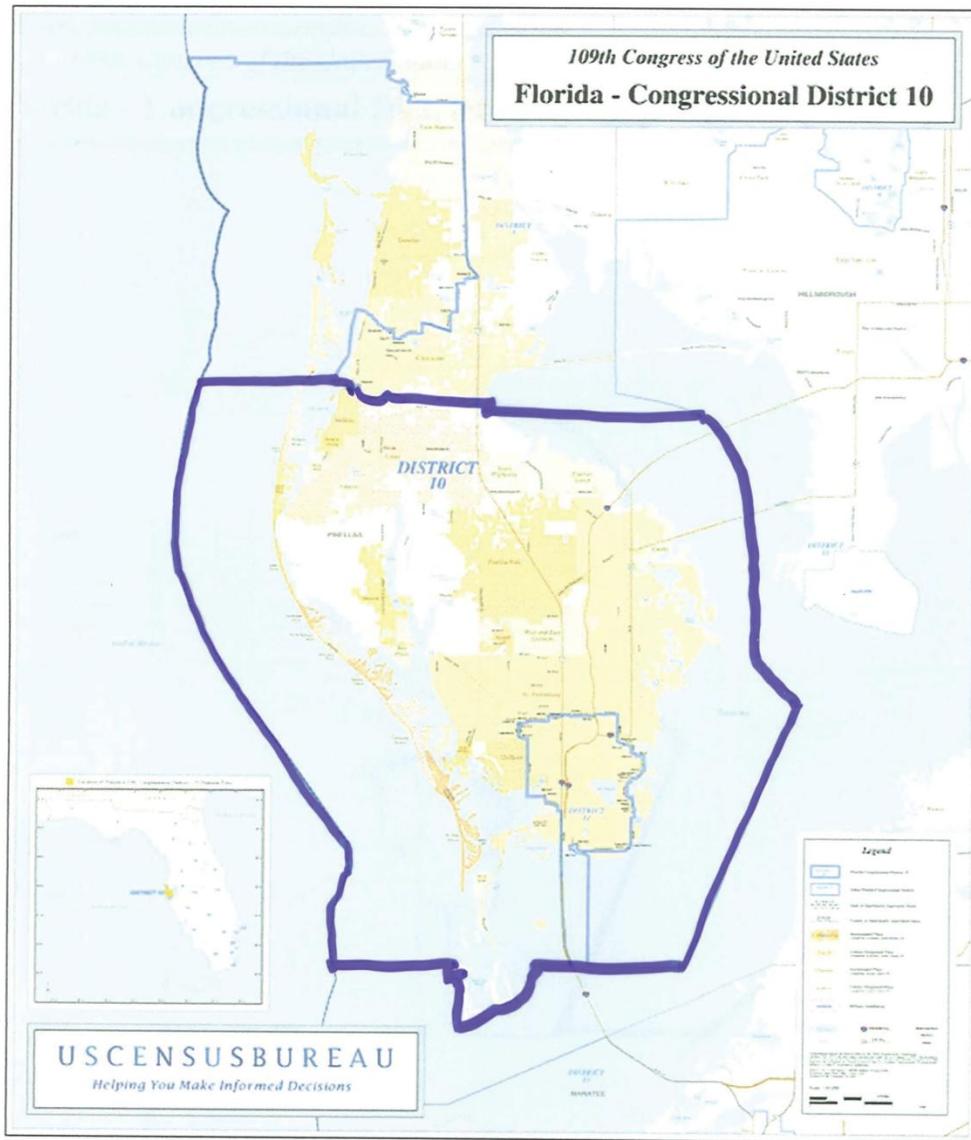
- (i) Drawn with common sense continuity.
- (ii) Be practical for both representative and constituent alike, for reasons stated in A(i) & (ii) above.

## **II- GENERAL COMMENTS**

- (1) District 11, as now drawn, belies these criteria. It is located in three (3) counties (Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee). I propose consolidation of this District 11, to improve both quality and more representative interactions between representative and constituents, by having it re-drawn and solely in Hillsborough County.
- (2) To do so, surrounding Districts will have to have boundary adjustments; based upon my comments above.
- (3) Florida will be getting 2 new members for the US House of Representatives because of an increased population. This being the case, because of increased demographics and where they







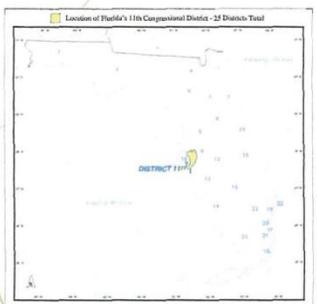
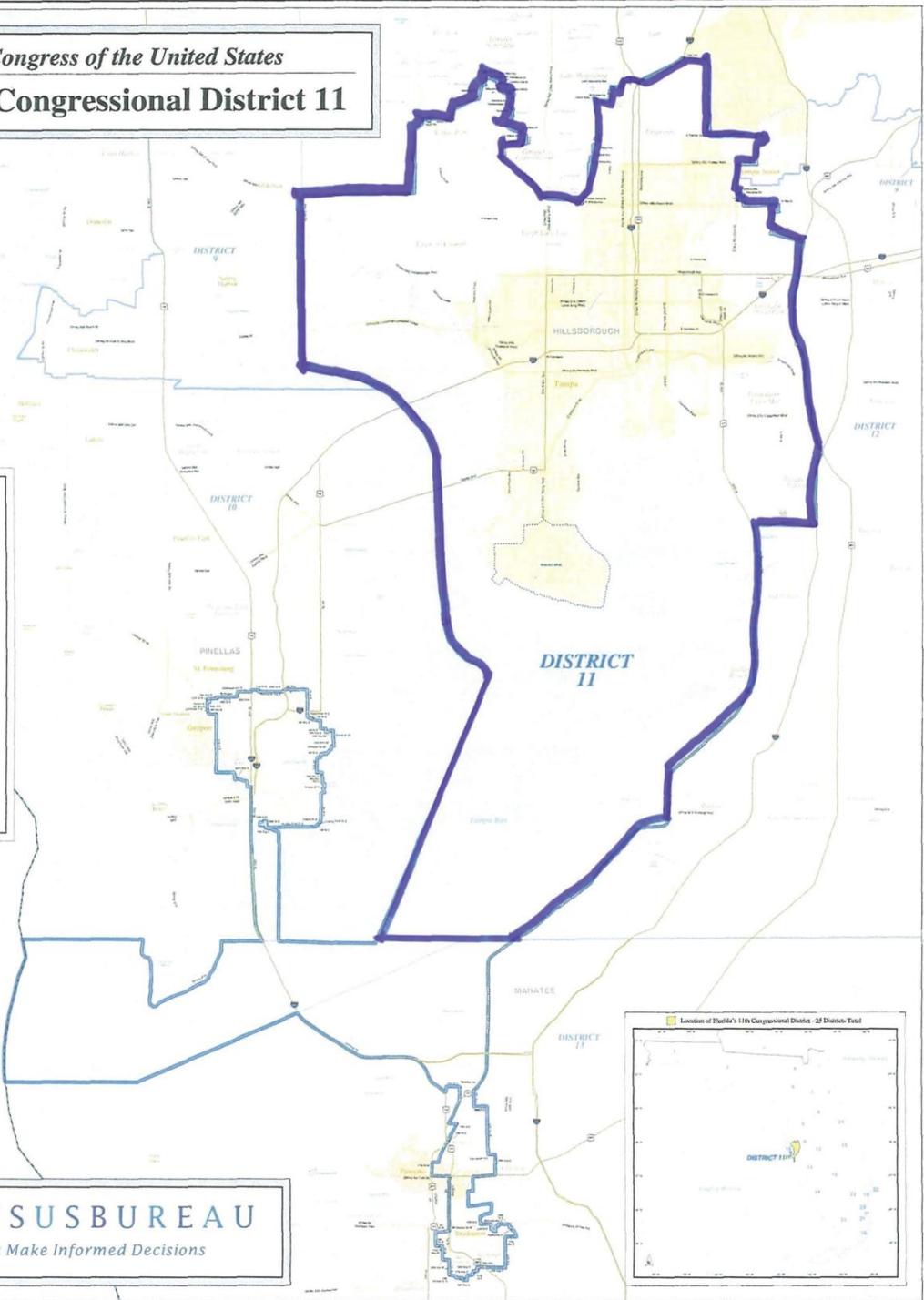
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**Florida - Congressional District 11**

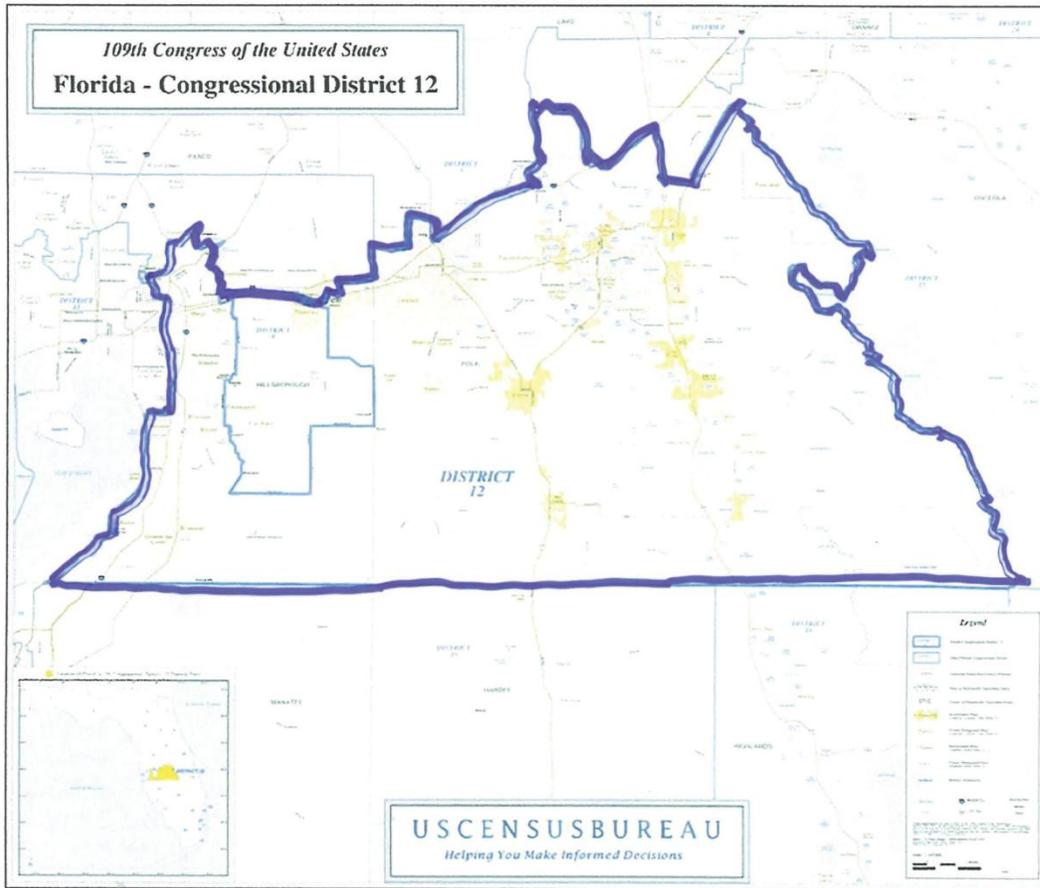
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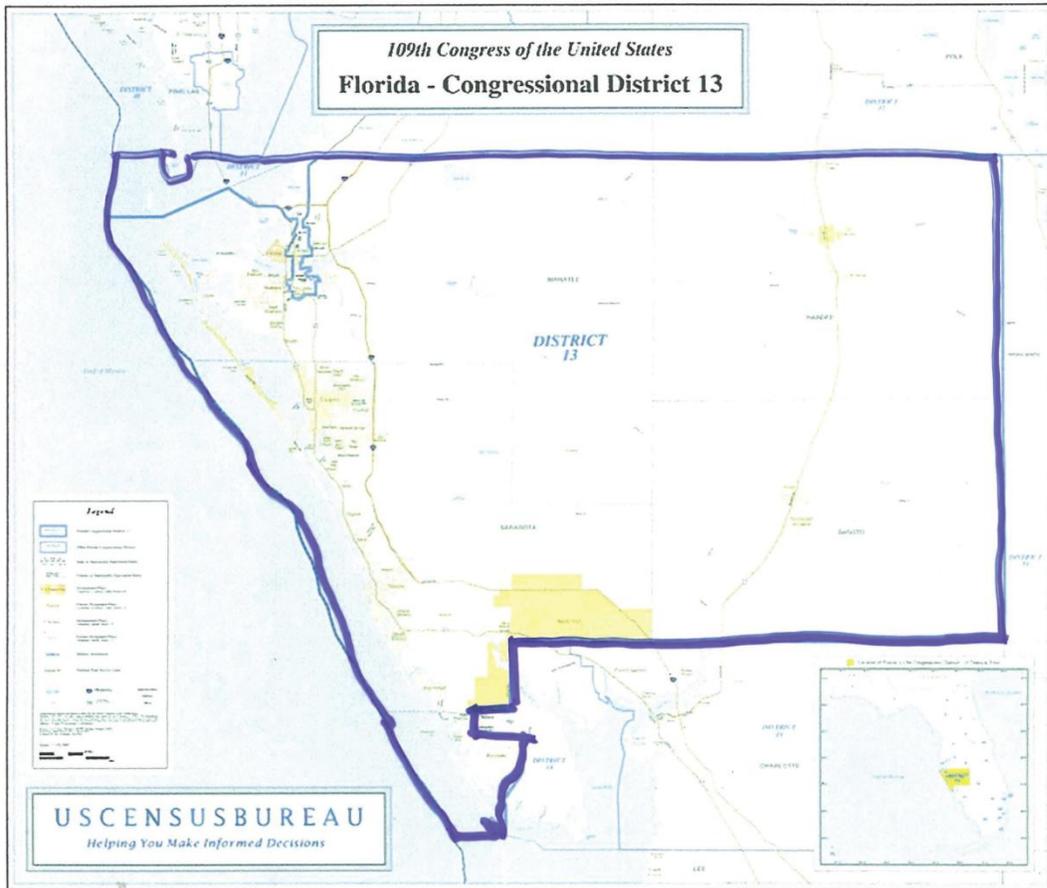
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## Submission from John Podack

Written testimony taken over the phone on 8/31/11 by Jeff Takacs. The gentleman who called is not tech savvy, nor is able to write.

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House

When I wanted to vote in the primary and general, I thought James Grant district was in my precinct. But I was given a ballot for Sean Harrison, so I argued with them, but was told that I was in fact in Harrison's district. The lines are funny here. Grant should have all Callawood and Vyn Dyke and Lucite Ferns and all of and go up to the right hand side of Dale Mabry and everything behind Chuck E Cheese. Left hand side of Dale Mabry and everything should be in Harrison's district going up into Temple Terrace.

Senate

District 12 is the district I live in and I want to keep it that way. I talked about Jim Norman and Jamie Grant because I want them to represent me. They know what they are doing and do the job. I want Jim to stay in my district. Maybe keep some of Pasco if he can.

Congress

Not totally sure exactly what district I live in, but I think it is District 9. Keep it the way that it is.

## Submission from Christopher Shalosky

Hello, I'm Chris Shalosky from Brandon, FL. I have been a resident of Florida since 1988 and have lived here in Hillsborough County since 2004. I know there are many people who want to speak today, so I will be brief.

Let me start by sincerely thanking you for holding public hearings. Government serves us best when it is open and transparent. I am pleased that you are listening to us first before drawing maps. Too many times in the past this process was done in the darkness. Thank you for doing this one in the light.

You have a difficult task ahead of you. I think that Amendments 5 and 6 have made your job unbelievably difficult. When it comes to the constitution and the law, ambiguity leads to lawsuits and lawsuits lead to lawyers being the only winners in the redistricting process. Amendments 5 and 6 should be called the "Full Employment for Lawyers Act." That's not the way it should be. We, the people, should be the winners in redistricting with new districts that reflect the needs of our various communities. Many of us do want to have better-drawn districts so we have easier access to our representatives. But I fear no matter what you do, you are going to be sued and sued a lot. I think it was devised this way by the coalition that pushed these amendments.

Some of the requirements in the "Fair Districts" amendments really come down to an individual's opinion because words like "feasible" and "practicable" are used. I might think lines you draw fit these criteria, but my neighbor next door may not. What determines whether or not districts have lines that are "practicable" or "feasible?" Words like this mean that these amendments make the maps you draw ripe for lawsuits.

Other requirements in these amendments don't make sense either, like saying that an incumbent can't be favored or disfavored. Wouldn't cutting ANY portion of a representative's current district potentially disfavor that incumbent? Those voters voted for him/her, now those voters are voting elsewhere. See how dangerous ambiguous language can be?

Then, you have terms like "compact" that are simply undefined in the amendments. For being so central to the amendments, you would think an actual definition for the standard would be provided so there would be no confusion during the redistricting process.

As a taxpayer, I want my dollars spent efficiently and effectively, not on the multitude of lawsuits that are going to follow in the wake of the maps you pass. Unfortunately, I think the taxpayers will come out the losers because the redistricting standards you have to follow are so murky.

I sincerely hope that all sides will give an HONEST appraisal of the work you do and live with the results if they are fair. I fear there are those who won't. Good luck to you.

Thanks for your time.

## Submission from Laura Simpson

Good afternoon! I am Laura Simpson, Vice President with The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce thank you for hearing our views on redistricting and its impacts to the Greater Brandon Community.

As you work to incorporate our communities' wishes into redistricting maps, please consider the following:

1. Brandon, although an unincorporated community without formal community lines, has been defined formally through Hillsborough County's Brandon Community Plan. The Brandon Chamber encourages you to use this, at a minimum, to define Brandon.
2. Furthermore, the Brandon Community Plan, created over a duration of 2 years by the area residents representing a common interest, say that Brandon is:
  - the Heart of Hillsborough County
  - a vibrant community of diverse neighborhoods with a small town atmosphere and a rich blend of opportunities
  - Recognized that this communities' interest is to seek a balance between its natural resources, business community and cultural environments.

These are the things that the communities' own residents penned as their hope and vision and should be considered.

Although the Valrico and Boyette Community Plans have not concluded, it is requested that these areas be included with Brandon, as we share both geography and common interests.

3. Furthermore, The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce serves over 1800 business professionals, representing the businesses primarily from Dover Road to the East, 301 to the West, I-4 to the North and the Alafia River to the South. This is the core economic epicenter of our community.
4. Regarding the State Seats: Our current structure with 3 primary House Members and a predominately Hillsborough specific Senate seat has served us well and represented the collective interests of our community. Please work to maintain this level of representation of our area.
5. Lastly, regarding our Congressional Seats: please note that there are many fundamental differences between the community interests of Pinellas County, the City of Tampa and Brandon. As reconfiguring our congressional seats, please consider these varied communities and offer Hillsborough centered seats, noting that we have the population to support 2.

Again thank you! The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce will continue to support your efforts through the Redistricting processes.

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Brandon Community Plan:

<http://www.theplanningcommission.org/hillsborough/communitybasedplanning2/brandon-community-plan>

# Submission from Cary Sipiora



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I am appalled that Reps. Corrine Brown and Mario Diaz-Balart have chosen to thwart the decision that we the voters have made. We voters have mandated that gerrymandering is to be eliminated and fairer districts are to be drawn. Also how can it be that Sen. Gretz who chairs the State Reapportionment Committee now also chairs the Alliance which is responsible for this current lawsuit? It smacks of pursuing self-interest among all else. This is an insult, embarrassment and I believe Floridians are angry Senators and Representatives?

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## REDISTRICTING · 2012

### ABOUT REDISTRICTING

After each decennial Census, the Legislature redraws the districts from which voters elect their public officials. In general, districts are redrawn to accommodate population changes and ensure that district populations are as nearly equal in number as practicable.

There will be opportunities for citizen participation during public hearings, interim committee meetings, and the 2012 Session.

### REDISTRICTING LAW

The United States Constitution, the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Florida Constitution each regulate redistricting. Under the United States Constitution, district populations must be as nearly equal as practicable. In addition, race may not be the predominant factor in drawing lines, unless the use of race is narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling interest.

The Voting Rights Act requires the creation of a district that performs for racial minorities where (1) a minority population is geographically compact and sufficiently numerous to be a majority in a single district; (2) the minority population is politically cohesive; (3) the majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it usually to defeat the minority-preferred candidate; and (4) under all of the circumstances, the minority population has less opportunity than others to participate in the political process and elect representatives of its choice.

The Voting Rights Act applies additional requirements to districts that include any part of Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough, or Monroe County. In these districts, the Voting Rights Act prohibits purposeful discrimination and protects against retrogression—or backsliding—in the ability of racial minorities to elect representatives of their choice. To ensure compliance with these requirements, the redistricting plan must be submitted to and precleared by a federal court or the United States Department of Justice before it may be enforced.

The Florida Constitution requires that districts be contiguous. A district is contiguous if all of its territory is in actual contact, uninterrupted by the territory of another district. Contact at a corner or right angle is insufficient, but territory may cross bodies of water. The Constitution allows state legislative districts to overlap, either partially or entirely.

### THE NUMBERS

In 2012, the Legislature will redraw the state's congressional districts as well as districts for Florida House and Florida Senate seats. The number of congressional districts in Florida will increase from 25 to 27. The number of Florida House seats must be between 80 and 120, while the number of Florida Senate seats must be between 30 and 40. Currently, the Florida House and Florida Senate contain 120 members and 40 members, respectively. If these numbers are maintained, the average population of a Florida House district will be 156,678, while the average population of a Florida Senate district will be 470,033. Each congressional district will contain approximately 696,345 people.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Legislature will draw lines in accordance with the standards in federal and state law and traditional redistricting principles not inconsistent with those standards. To this end, the Legislature encourages public testimony directed to the following points:

- The full implementation of the protections afforded by the Amendments to racial and language minorities, including continuance of the Legislature's long-established policy to preserve or enhance the number of performing minority districts.
- The various measures of compactness, from geometric calculations to a broad consideration of how communities relate to one another, for example through commerce, transportation, and communication—in order to promote the creation of effective representational units.



## REDISTRICTING 2012

- The feasibility of using political and geographical boundaries in the formation of districts, in light of other standards such as the equality of district populations, the protection of racial and language minorities, and compactness.
- To the extent not inconsistent with the Amendments, the desire to preserve the cores of existing districts or the proper placement of communities of interest in districts, as determined by local circumstances and voter preferences.

This approach, together with public testimony, research, and facts developed throughout the redistricting process, will result in the adoption of redistricting plans that have the intent and result of full compliance with all legal mandates, including Amendments 5 and 6, and of effective and meaningful representation for all voters in the State of Florida.

Citizens from all parts of the state can visit the House website ([www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org)) and the Senate website ([www.flsenate.gov/Redistricting](http://www.flsenate.gov/Redistricting)), to learn about creating and submitting their own House, Senate, and congressional maps, and to participate actively in the most open, transparent, and interactive redistricting ever.

### LEGAL REVIEWS

After enactment, state senatorial and representative districts are reviewed by the Florida Supreme Court.

Congressional districts are set by an act of the Legislature subject to the Governor's approval. All redistricting plans must be submitted to and precleared by a federal court or the United States Department of Justice.

### REDISTRICTING MILESTONES

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For full details, see <https://db10.flsenate.gov/db1/help>.

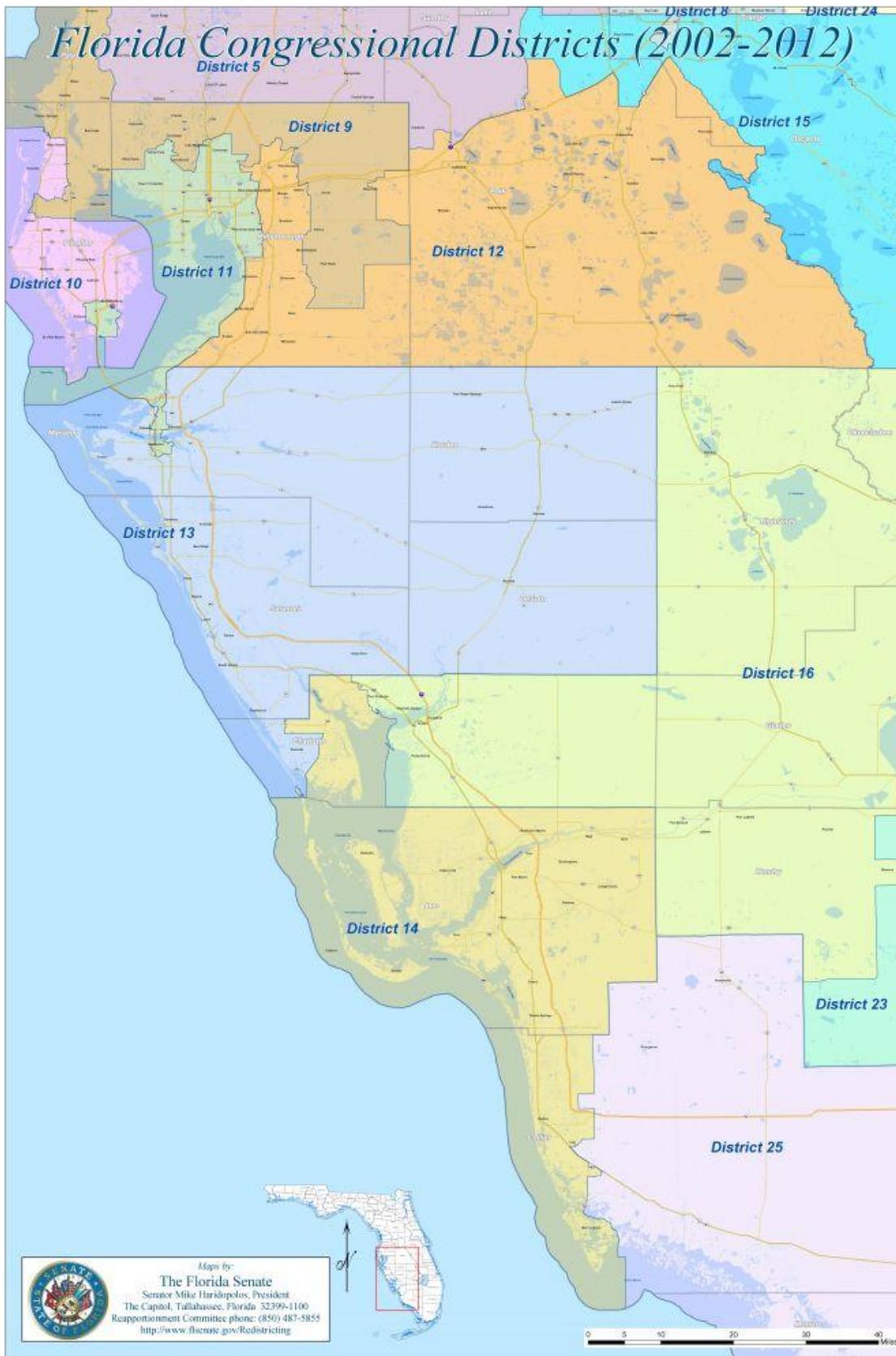
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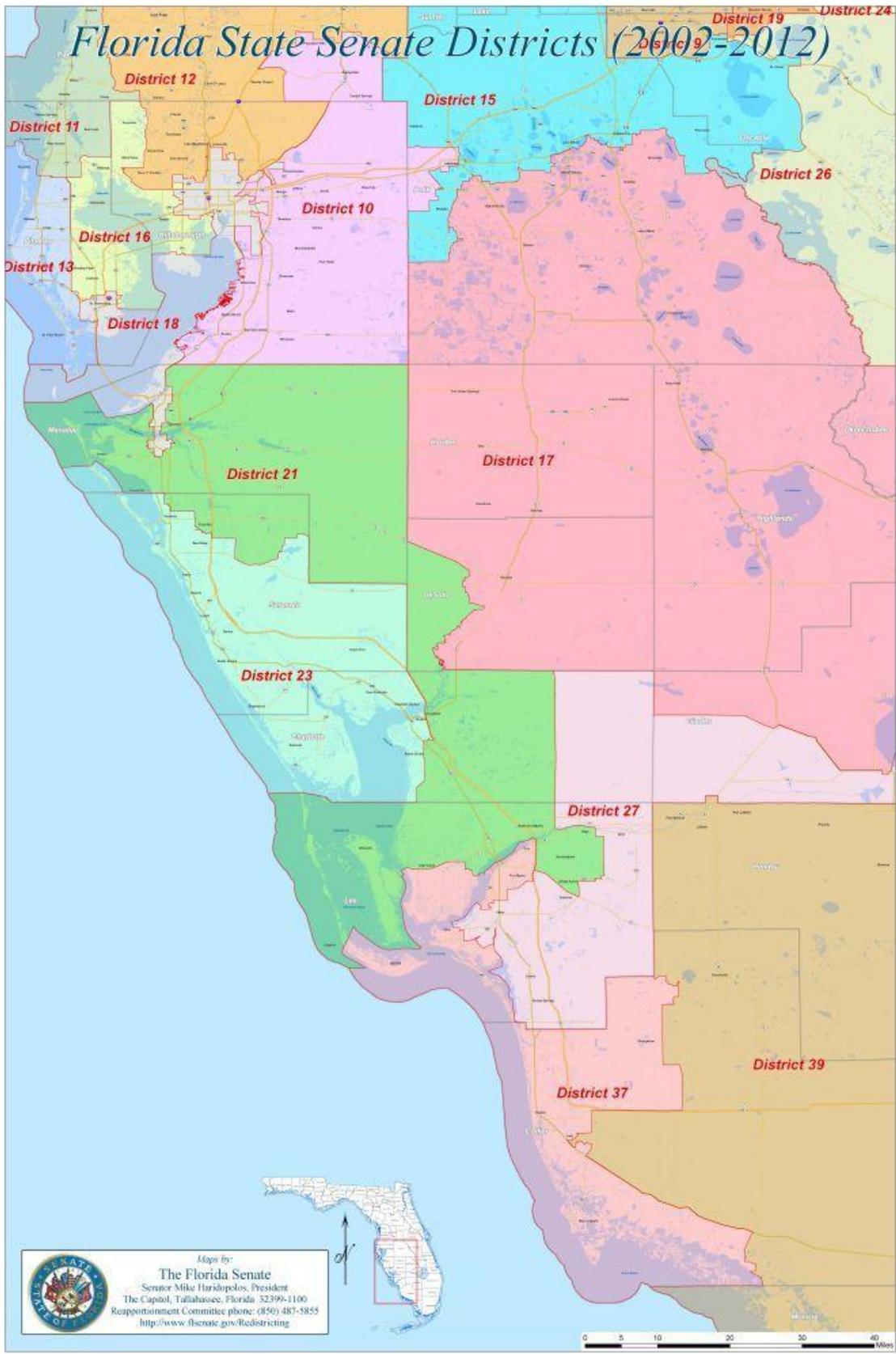
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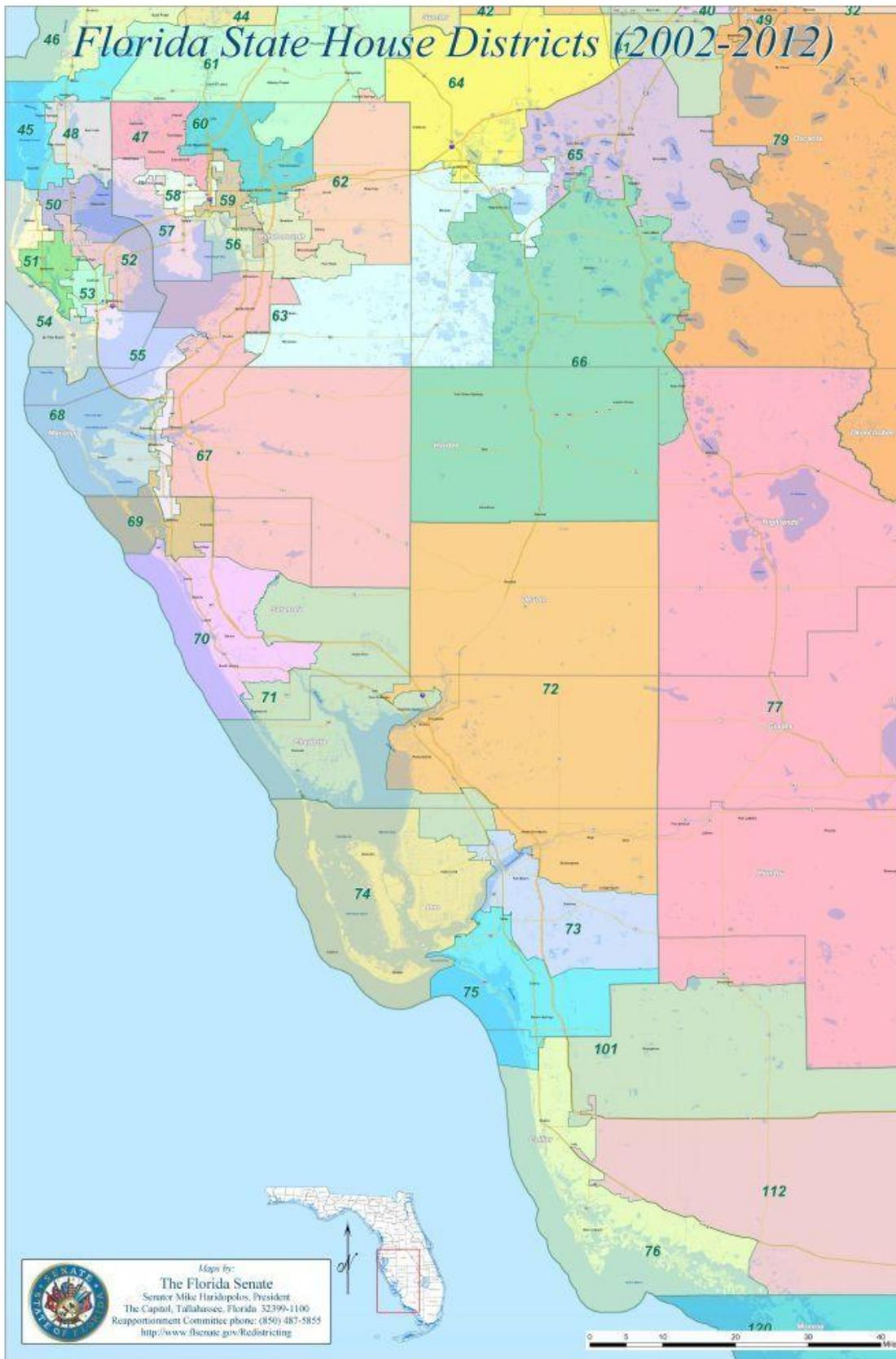
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# Population deviations of current districts (2010 Census)—Southwest Florida

Congressional District	2010 Pop.	2010 Ideal	2010 Deviation	
			Count	%
9 Gus M. Bilirakis	753,549	696,345	57,204	8.2%
10 C.W. Bill Young	633,889	696,345	-62,456	-9.0%
11 Kathy Castor	673,799	696,345	-22,546	-3.2%
12 Dennis Ross	842,199	696,345	145,854	20.9%
13 Vern Buchanan	757,805	696,345	61,460	8.8%
14 Connie Mack	858,956	696,345	162,611	23.4%
16 Tom Rooney	797,711	696,345	101,366	14.6%
23 Alcee L. Hastings	684,107	696,345	-12,238	-1.8%
25 David Rivera	807,176	696,345	110,831	15.9%

State House District	2010 Pop.	2010 Ideal	2010 Deviation	
			Count	%
45 Richard Corcoran	146,618	156,678	-10,060	-6.4%
47 James W. "J.W." Grant	157,056	156,678	378	0.2%
48 Peter Nehr	136,924	156,678	-19,754	-12.6%
50 Ed Hooper	131,026	156,678	-25,652	-16.4%
51 Larry Ahern	129,144	156,678	-27,534	-17.6%
52 Jeffrey "Jeff" Brandes	139,789	156,678	-16,889	-10.8%
53 Rick Kriseman	133,115	156,678	-23,563	-15.0%
54 James C. "Jim" Frishe	130,417	156,678	-26,261	-16.8%
55 Darryl Ervin Rouson	133,112	156,678	-23,566	-15.0%
56 Rachel V. Burgin	192,632	156,678	35,954	22.9%
57 Dana D. Young	148,460	156,678	-8,218	-5.2%
58 Janet Cruz	131,897	156,678	-24,781	-15.8%
59 Betty Reed	141,651	156,678	-15,027	-9.6%
60 Shawn Harrison	162,605	156,678	5,927	3.8%
61 Will W. Weatherford	242,396	156,678	85,718	54.7%
62 Richard "Rich" Glorioso	162,165	156,678	5,487	3.5%
63 Seth McKeel	156,183	156,678	-495	-0.3%
67 W. Gregory "Greg" Steube	241,034	156,678	84,356	53.8%
68 Jim Boyd	128,684	156,678	-27,994	-17.9%
69 Ray Pilon	132,224	156,678	-24,454	-15.6%
70 Doug Holder	150,125	156,678	-6,553	-4.2%
71 Kenneth L. "Ken" Roberson	183,147	156,678	26,469	16.9%
72 Paige Kreegel	167,184	156,678	10,506	6.7%
73 Matthew H. "Matt" Caldwell	189,406	156,678	32,728	20.9%
74 Gary Aubuchon	182,460	156,678	25,782	16.5%
75 Trudi K. Williams	174,874	156,678	18,196	11.6%
76 Kathleen C. Passidomo	149,992	156,678	-6,686	-4.3%
77 Denise Grimsley	147,455	156,678	-9,223	-5.9%
101 Matt Hudson	189,600	156,678	32,922	21.0%
112 Jeanette M. Nuñez	210,556	156,678	53,878	34.4%

State Senate District	2010 Pop.	2010 Ideal	2010 Deviation	
			Count	%
10 Ronda Storms	565,921	470,033	95,888	20.4%
11 Mike Fasano	433,661	470,033	-36,372	-7.7%
12 Jim Norman	531,959	470,033	61,926	13.2%
13 Dennis L. Jones, D.C.	394,766	470,033	-75,267	-16.0%
16 Jack Latvala	431,916	470,033	-38,117	-8.1%
17 JD Alexander	456,960	470,033	-13,073	-2.8%
18 Arthenia L. Joyner	404,822	470,033	-65,211	-13.9%
21 Michael S. "Mike" Bennett	529,870	470,033	59,837	12.7%
23 Nancy C. Detert	458,330	470,033	-11,703	-2.5%
27 Lizbeth Benacquisto	551,555	470,033	81,522	17.3%
37 Garrett Richter	480,189	470,033	10,156	2.2%
39 Larcenia J. Bullard	483,183	470,033	13,150	2.8%

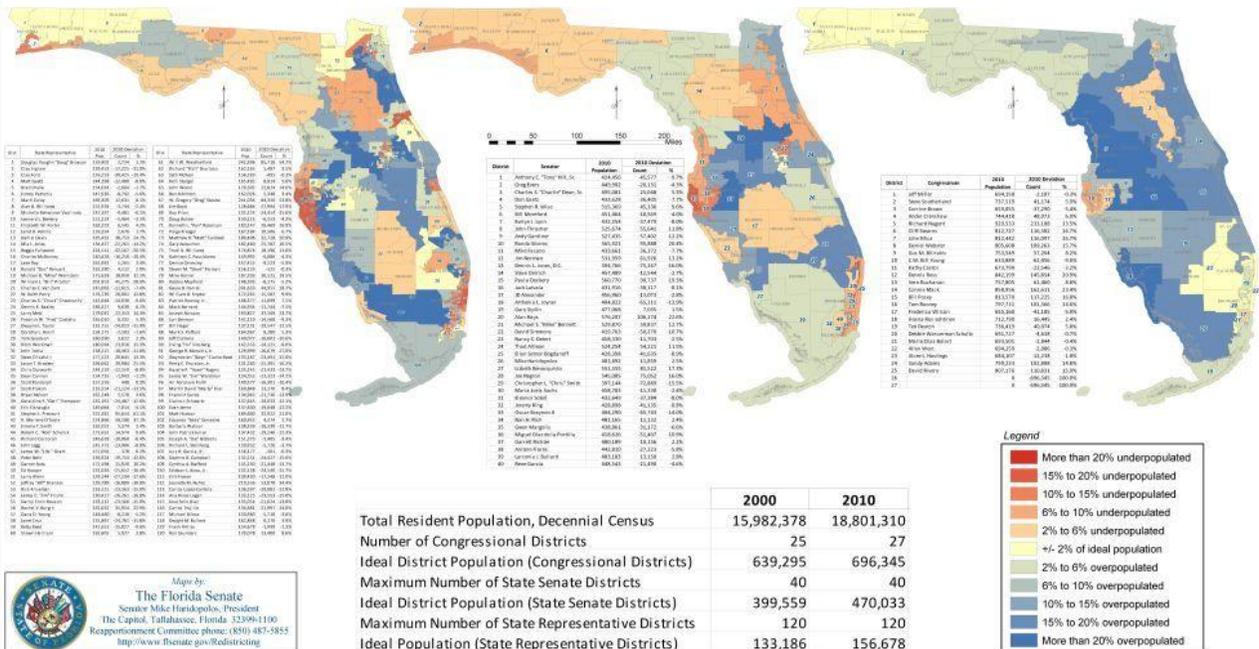
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Population Deviations of Current Florida House Districts Relative to 2010 Census Ideal district population (156,678)

Population Deviations of Current Florida Senate Districts Relative to 2010 Census Ideal district population (470,033)

Population Deviations of Current Congressional Districts Relative to 2010 Census Ideal district population (696,345)



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