

Public Hearing on Redistricting Wesley Chapel (July 26, 2011)

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Hearing Report

Date: 7/26/2011

City: Wesley Chapel

Location: Wiregrass Ranch High School Gym

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Number of Speakers: 74

Total Attendance: 214

The public hearing in Wesley Chapel took place at Wiregrass Ranch High School (2909 Mansfield Blvd., Wesley Chapel, FL 33543-6931). 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 circulated in Pasco and North Hillsborough counties July 23 and 24. 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 60 school board officials, over 70 county commissioners and administrators, more than 25 personnel under local supervisors of elections, and over 410 city elected officials in Central Florida. More than 230 public interest group leaders received invitations as well, encouraging the 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 5 senators and 32 representatives present, and Representative Weatherford chaired the hearing. Of the 214 people who filled out attendance cards 74 indicated they wanted to speak at the hearing.

After hearing testimony and gathering input from the public, legislators at the meeting were given an opportunity to comment.

Submission from John Russell

Mr. Janowski

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Criteria for Redistricting

The Redistricting Task Force believes the following criteria for reapportionment is reflective of governing legislation, as well as local community interest. Your Board of County Commissioners has adopted these as the guiding rationale and philosophy against which alternatives will be measured throughout the redistricting process.

1. Commission districts should have equal population to comply with the "one man, one vote" requirement. When other criteria and principles are taken into account, all efforts shall be made to minimize the population variance among districts.
2. Districts will be created in as compact a form as possible, and be contiguous.
3. The 2010 Census counts provided under Public Law (PL) 94-171 from the U.S. Bureau of the Census will be used as the official source of population counts and demographic information for reapportionment.
4. The Board of County Commissioners will maintain a County Commission district to maximize the opportunity for a minority representative candidate to be elected.
5. The Board of County Commissioners will target a zero percent retrogression (no negative change) of minority composition in that district.
6. Commission districts should allow representation of general areas of the County having similar or common interests or affinities. Geographic neighborhood and natural boundaries should be taken into account in the establishment of district lines and be used as divisions where practicable.
7. Commission districts will be sensitive to the pattern of voting districts established by the Supervisor of Elections. They should be drawn to minimize public confusion with regard to voting.



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2010 Census Data (Current Boundaries)

	Total	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
District 1	284,518	224,954 79%	24,456 9%	1,356 0.4%	29,234 10%	24,079 8%	59,354 21%	186,164 65%
District 2	323,264	249,054 77%	34,295 11%	1,035 0.3%	17,946 6%	20,934 6%	62,604 19%	260,660 81%
District 3	286,033	129,619 45%	108,114 38%	1,149 0.4%	5,278 2%	22,375 8%	66,500 23%	199,533 70%
District 4	355,413	272,516 77%	40,208 11%	1,400 0.4%	8,260 2%	31,969 9%	78,177 22%	277,236 78%
Total	1,229,226	676,137	205,073	4,779	42,076	101,161	306,635	922,591

2000 Census Data								
	Total	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
District 1	249,695	203,455 81%	17,014 7%	957 0.4%	9,920 4%	21,303 9%	65,565 26%	184,100 74%
District 2	251,085	212,534 85%	17,265 7%	827 0.3%	7,890 3%	12,569 5%	31,990 13%	219,095 87%
District 3	246,722	124,733 51%	98,839 38%	1,110 0.5%	3,504 1%	19,356 8%	48,151 19%	199,871 81%
District 4	252,076	210,201 83%	18,305 7%	975 0.4%	3,627 1%	18,968 8%	35,986 14%	216,090 86%
Total	999,948	750,903	149,423	3,879	21,947	72,796	179,692	819,256

Change from 2000-2010								
	Total	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
District 1	34,823	21,499	7,442	158	2,368	3,376	32,789	2,034
District 2	72,179	36,520	17,030	208	10,056	8,365	30,614	41,565
District 3	139,309	4,900	92,735	33	2,072	3,623	21,349	117,440
District 4	103,337	62,315	21,903	485	5,633	13,001	42,181	61,146
Total	230,278	125,234	56,650	900	20,129	26,365	126,943	103,338

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Redistricting 2011 BOCC and Community Meeting Schedule			
Date	Time	Meeting	Location
3/16/11	9:00 AM	Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) – Review Proposed Plan and Schedule of Meetings	2 nd Floor Board Room County Center
Friday 4/22/11	8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BOCC Citizens Advisory Committee	18 th Floor County Center Planning Commission Board Room
Tuesday May 3, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #1	Strawberry Crest High School 4691 Gallagher Rd. Dover
Wednesday May 4, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #2	Jimmie B. Keel Library 2909 W Bearss Ave. Tampa
Tuesday May 10, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #3	University Area Community Center 14013 N 22 nd St. Tampa
Wednesday May 11, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #4	South Shore Regional Service Center 410 30 th St. S.E. Ruskin
Monday May 16, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #5	New Tampa Regional Library 10001 Cross Creek Boulevard Tampa
Wednesday May 18, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #6	Town N Country Commons Library 7606 Paula Dr. Ste120 Tampa
Thursday May 19, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #7	Brandon Regional Service Center 311 Pauls Drive Brandon
Monday May 23, 2011	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Public Meeting #8	Lightfoot Recreation Center 10901 N. 56th Street Temple Terrace
Tuesday 5/24/11	1:30 PM	BOCC Workshop to Discuss Alternatives	2 nd Floor Board Room County Center

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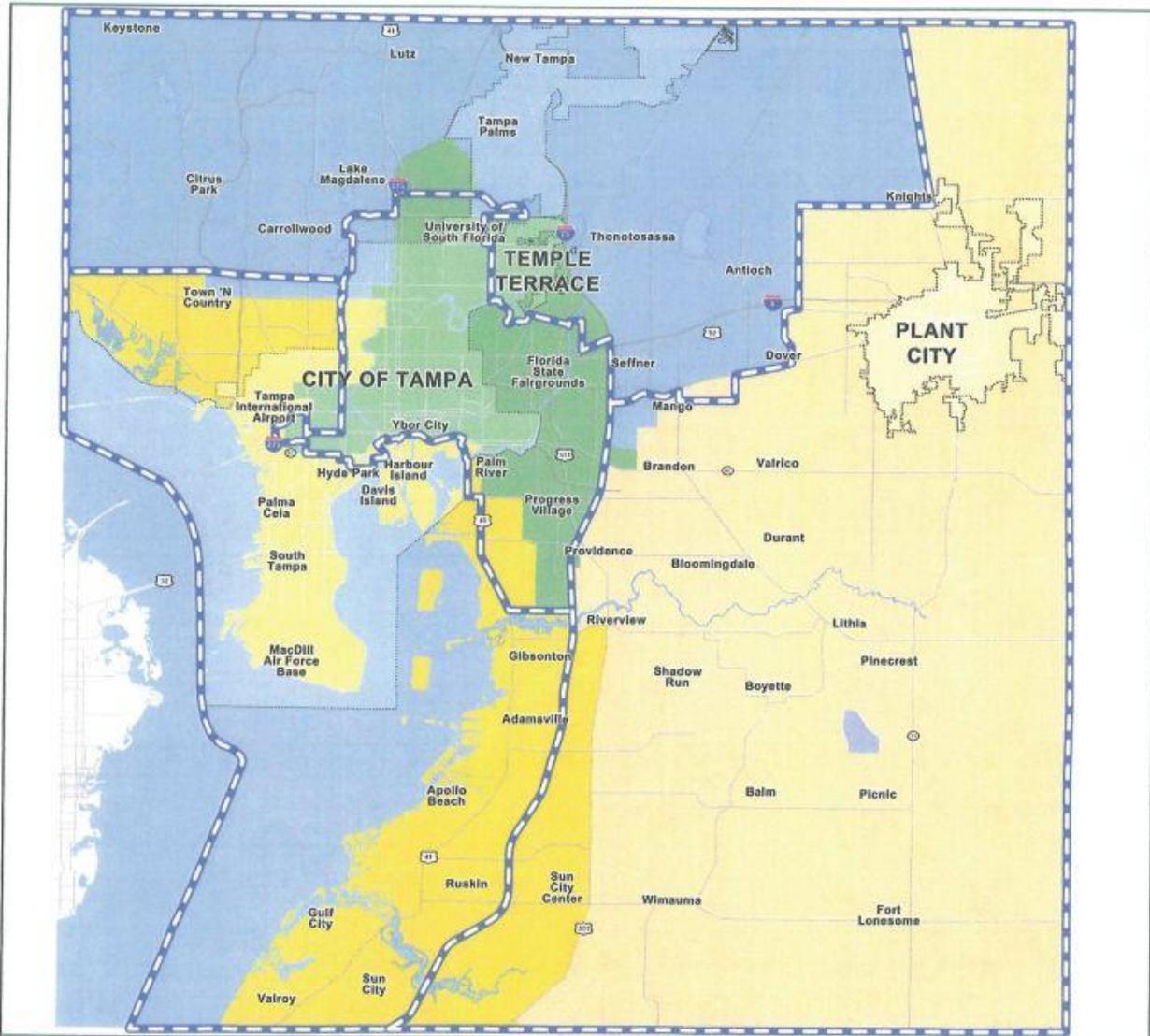
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2011 REDISTRICTING MAP A



2010 Census Data (Map A)

District	Racial Categories					Language Categories*		Total
	White	Black	Nat Am	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hisp	
1	251,378	26,207	1,206	9,334	25,693	95,835	217,983	313,818
2	245,867	29,888	975	16,824	21,393	68,274	246,673	314,947
3	138,758	113,687	1,248	7,346	24,611	70,249	215,401	285,650
4	240,134	35,291	1,350	8,572	29,464	72,277	242,534	314,811

District	Category Percentages**						
	% White	% Black	% Native Am	% Asian	% Other	% Hispanic	% Non-Hispanic
1	80.1%	8.4%	0.4%	3.0%	8.2%	30.5%	69.5%
2	78.1%	9.5%	0.3%	5.3%	6.8%	21.7%	78.3%
3	48.6%	39.8%	0.4%	2.6%	8.6%	24.6%	75.4%
4	76.3%	11.2%	0.4%	2.7%	9.4%	23.0%	77.0%

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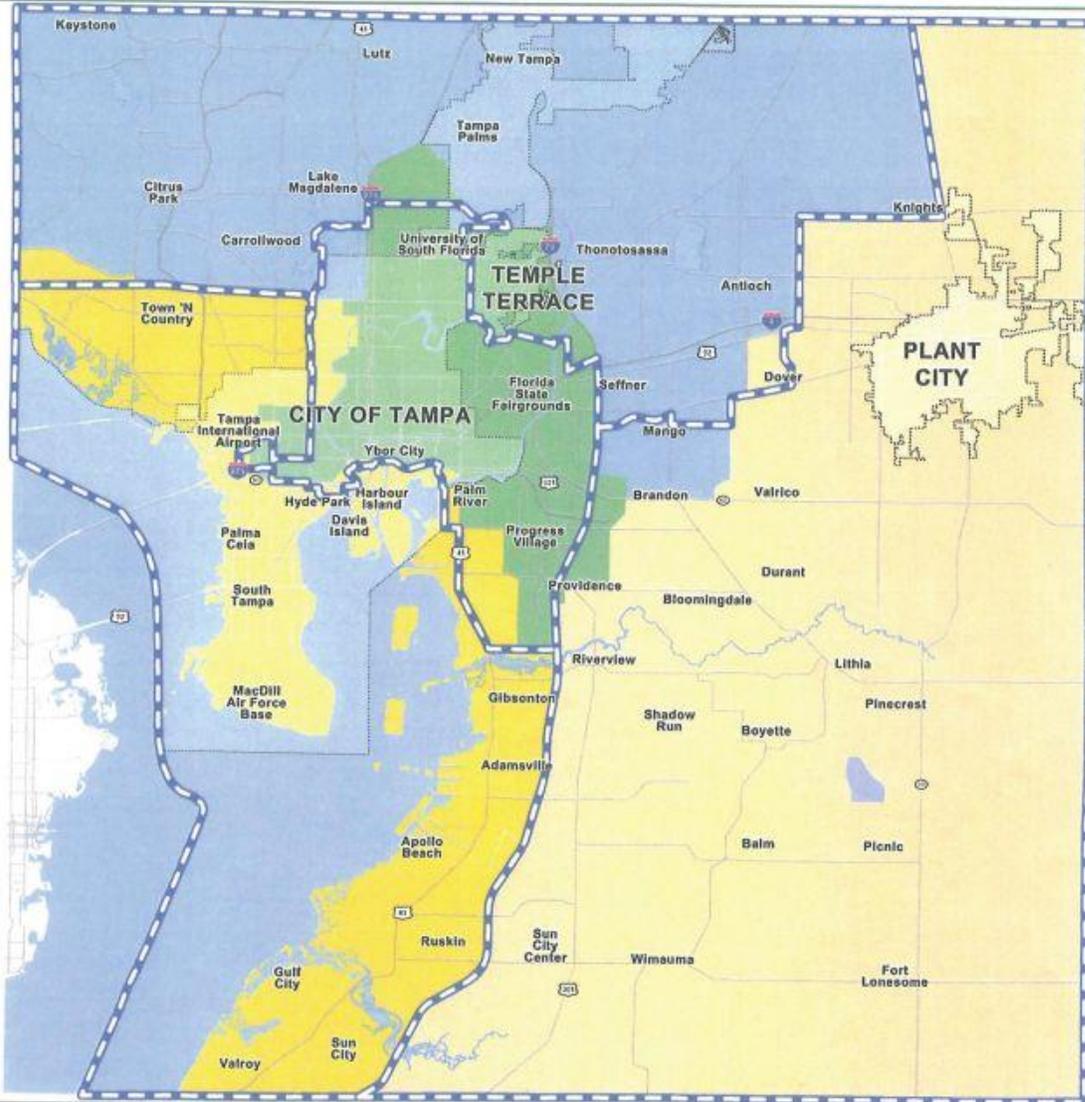
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2011 REDISTRICTING MAP B



2010 Census Data (Map B)

District	Racial Categories					Language Categories*		Total
	White	Black	Nat Am	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hisp	
1	244,415	27,259	1,215	10,327	26,880	102,454	207,642	310,096
2	247,242	29,637	1,027	16,274	20,015	62,405	251,790	314,195
3	148,907	116,826	1,321	8,132	26,196	73,896	227,486	301,382
4	235,573	31,351	1,216	7,343	28,070	67,880	235,673	303,553

District	Category Percentages**						
	% White	% Black	% Native Am	% Asian	% Other	% Hispanic	% Non-Hispanic
1	78.8%	8.8%	0.4%	3.3%	8.7%	33.0%	67.0%
2	78.7%	9.4%	0.3%	5.1%	6.4%	19.9%	80.1%
3	49.4%	38.8%	0.4%	2.7%	8.7%	24.5%	75.5%
4	77.6%	10.3%	0.4%	2.4%	9.3%	22.4%	77.6%

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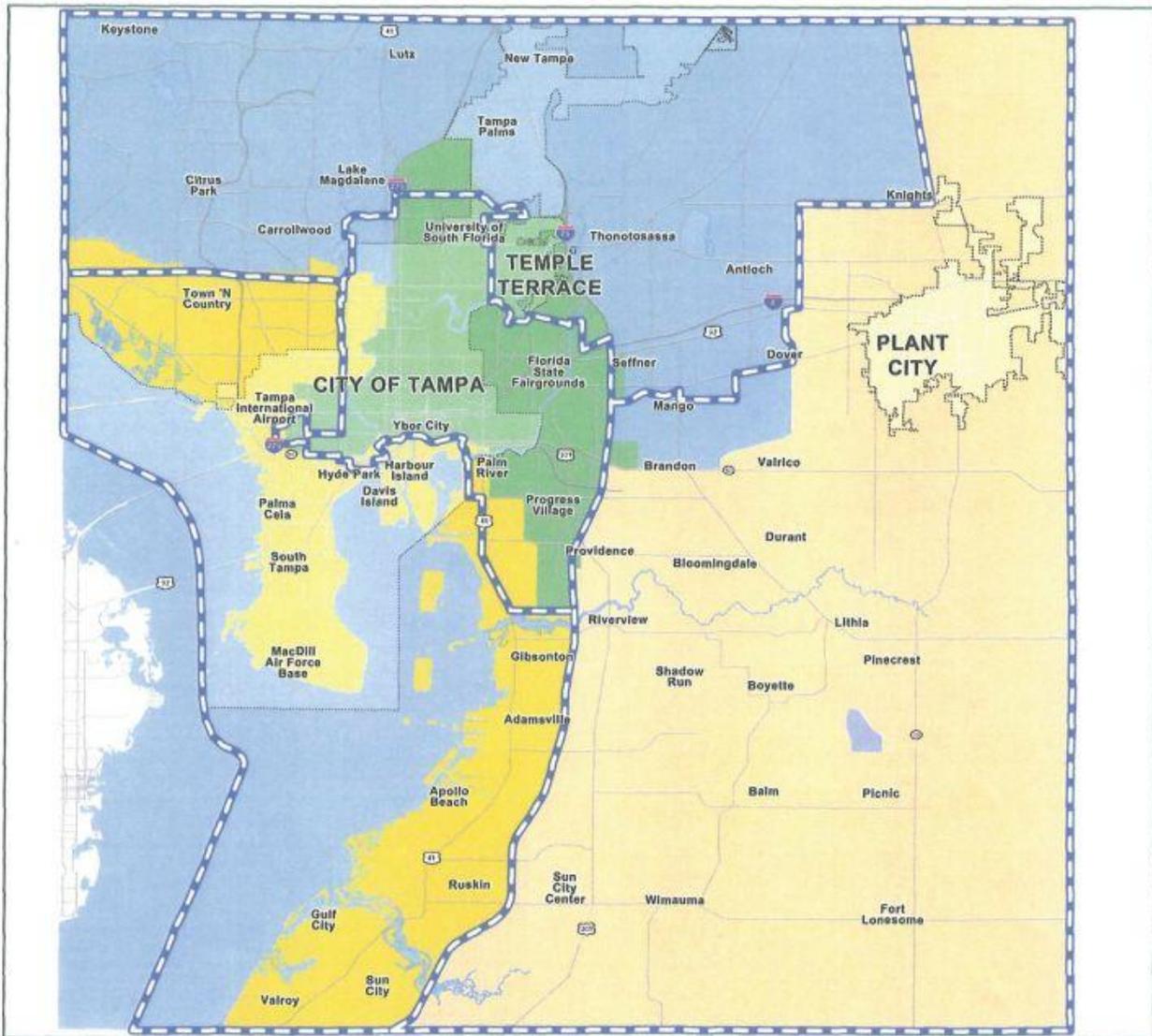
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2011 REDISTRICTING MAP C



2010 Census Data (Map C)

District	Racial Categories					Language Categories*		Total
	White	Black	Nat Am	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hisp	
1	248,964	27,646	1,243	10,479	27,169	103,772	211,729	315,501
2	246,376	28,761	1,016	16,318	20,230	62,457	250,244	312,701
3	139,503	114,537	1,254	7,394	24,941	70,714	216,915	287,629
4	241,294	34,129	1,266	7,885	28,821	69,692	243,703	313,395

District	Category Percentages**						
	% White	% Black	% Native Am	% Asian	% Other	% Hispanic	% Non-Hispanic
1	78.9%	8.8%	0.4%	3.3%	8.6%	32.9%	67.1%
2	78.8%	9.2%	0.3%	5.2%	6.5%	20.0%	80.0%
3	48.5%	39.8%	0.4%	2.6%	8.7%	24.6%	75.4%
4	77.0%	10.9%	0.4%	2.5%	9.2%	22.2%	77.8%

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2011 REDISTRICTING MAP D



2010 Census Data (Map D)

District	Racial Categories					Language Categories*		Total
	White	Black	Nat Am	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hisp	
1	249,518	27,230	1,229	10,693	27,142	102,917	212,895	315,812
2	242,087	29,209	1,002	15,838	19,979	61,733	246,382	308,115
3	139,879	114,175	1,260	7,414	24,973	71,602	216,099	287,701
4	244,653	34,459	1,288	8,131	29,067	70,383	247,215	317,598

District	Category Percentages**						
	% White	% Black	% Native Am	% Asian	% Other	% Hispanic	% Non-Hispanic
1	79.0%	8.6%	0.4%	3.4%	8.6%	32.9%	67.4%
2	78.6%	9.5%	0.3%	5.1%	6.5%	20.0%	80.0%
3	48.6%	39.7%	0.4%	2.6%	8.7%	24.9%	75.1%
4	77.0%	10.8%	0.4%	2.6%	9.2%	22.2%	77.8%

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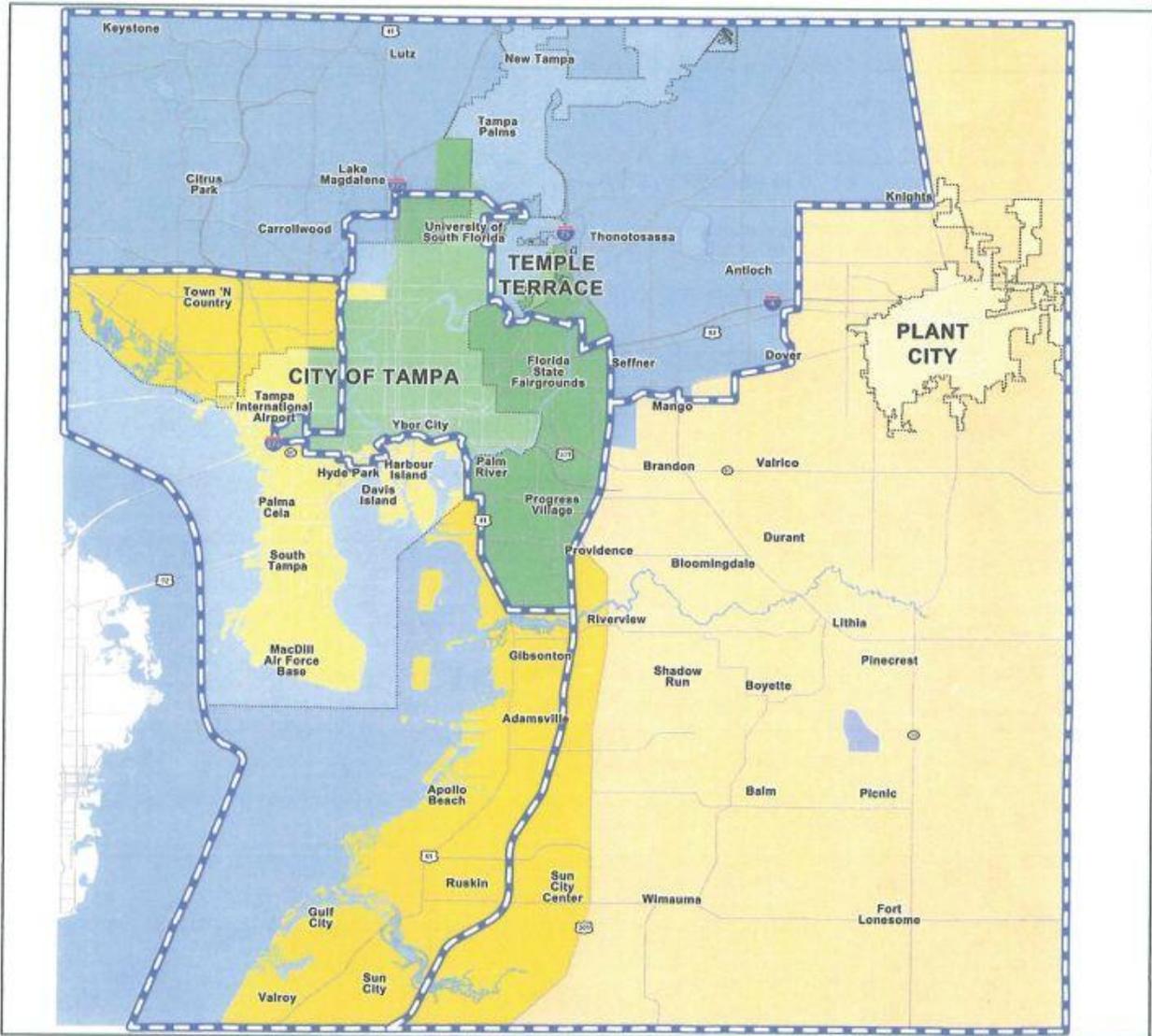
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2011 REDISTRICTING MAP E



2010 Census Data (Map E)

District	Racial Categories					Language Categories*		Total
	White	Black	Nat Am	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hisp	
1	250,746	26,887	1,193	10,046	25,334	92,862	221,344	314,206
2	246,228	28,966	991	16,645	19,974	61,251	251,553	312,804
3	139,971	113,275	1,243	6,822	26,257	79,780	207,788	287,568
4	239,192	35,945	1,352	8,563	29,596	72,742	241,906	314,648

District	Category Percentages**						
	% White	% Black	% Native Am	% Asian	% Other	% Hispanic	% Non-Hispanic
1	79.8%	8.6%	0.4%	3.2%	8.1%	29.6%	70.4%
2	78.7%	9.3%	0.3%	5.3%	6.4%	19.6%	80.4%
3	48.7%	39.4%	0.4%	2.4%	9.1%	27.7%	72.3%
4	76.0%	11.4%	0.4%	2.7%	9.4%	23.1%	76.9%

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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.



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- 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) and the Senate website (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

- JUNE 20 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2011: STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEARINGS
- SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2011: INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- JANUARY 10 - MARCH 9, 2012: REGULAR SESSION
- FEBRUARY - JUNE 2012: LEGAL REVIEWS
- JUNE 4 - 8, 2012: QUALIFYING FOR STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES
- AUGUST 14, 2012: PRIMARY ELECTION
- NOVEMBER 6, 2012: GENERAL ELECTION



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 submitting your own house, senate,
 and congressional maps.

Draw and Submit Your Own Districts

District Builder is a full-featured web application with 2010 Census data for drawing Florida Senate, Florida House, and Congressional districts and submitting them to the Legislature. Submitting your plan is one of the best ways to show what works for your community. Citizens have full and easy access to the same web application and information that Senators and professional staff use.

To start using District Builder you need:

- A personal account. Choose “**District Builder**” at www.flsenate.gov/Redistricting to register.
- Display resolution of 1024 x 768 or higher.
- A broadband Internet computer and mouse. Firefox (3.6 and 4.0) and Internet Explorer (7 and 8) are supported (Internet Explorer 9 and Opera are not). Your browser must be set to allow JavaScript and pop-ups from “flsenate.gov.”

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

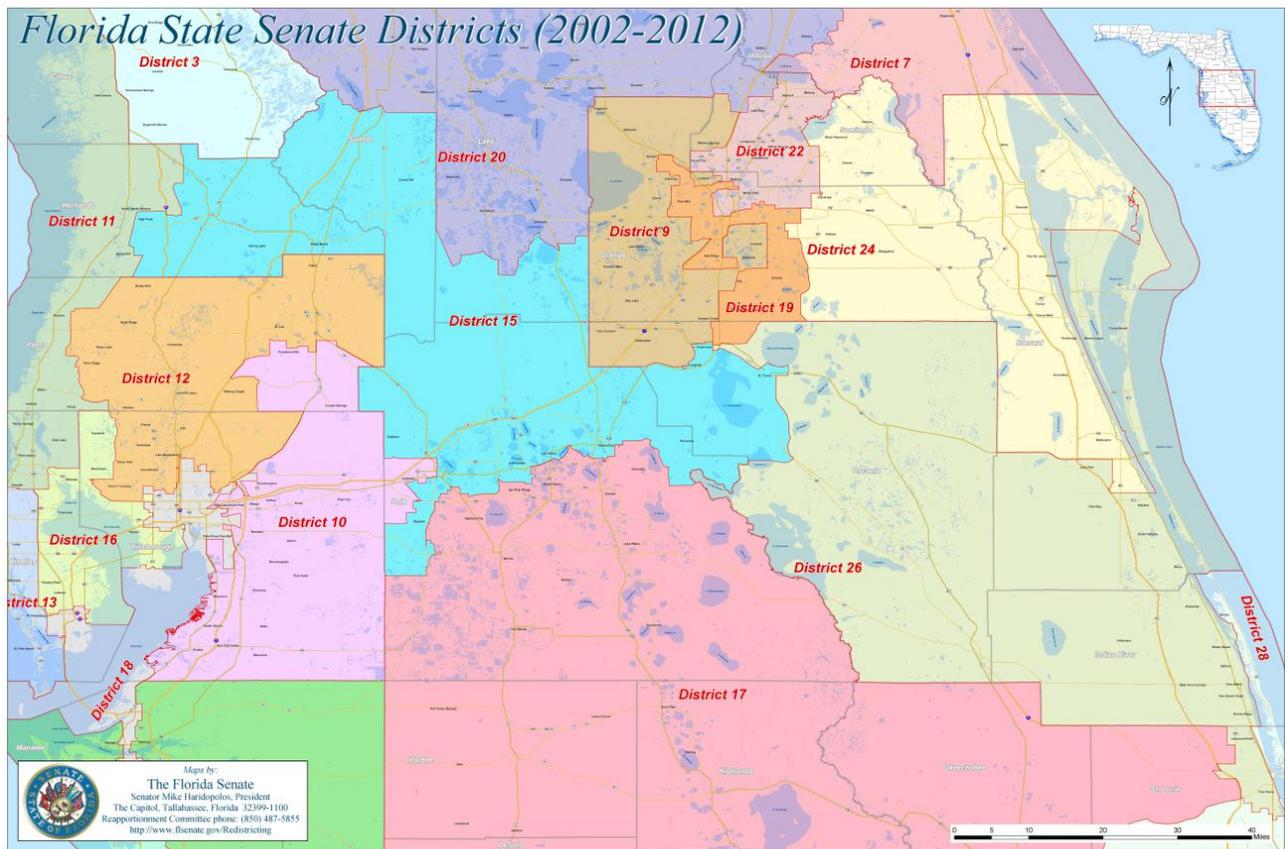
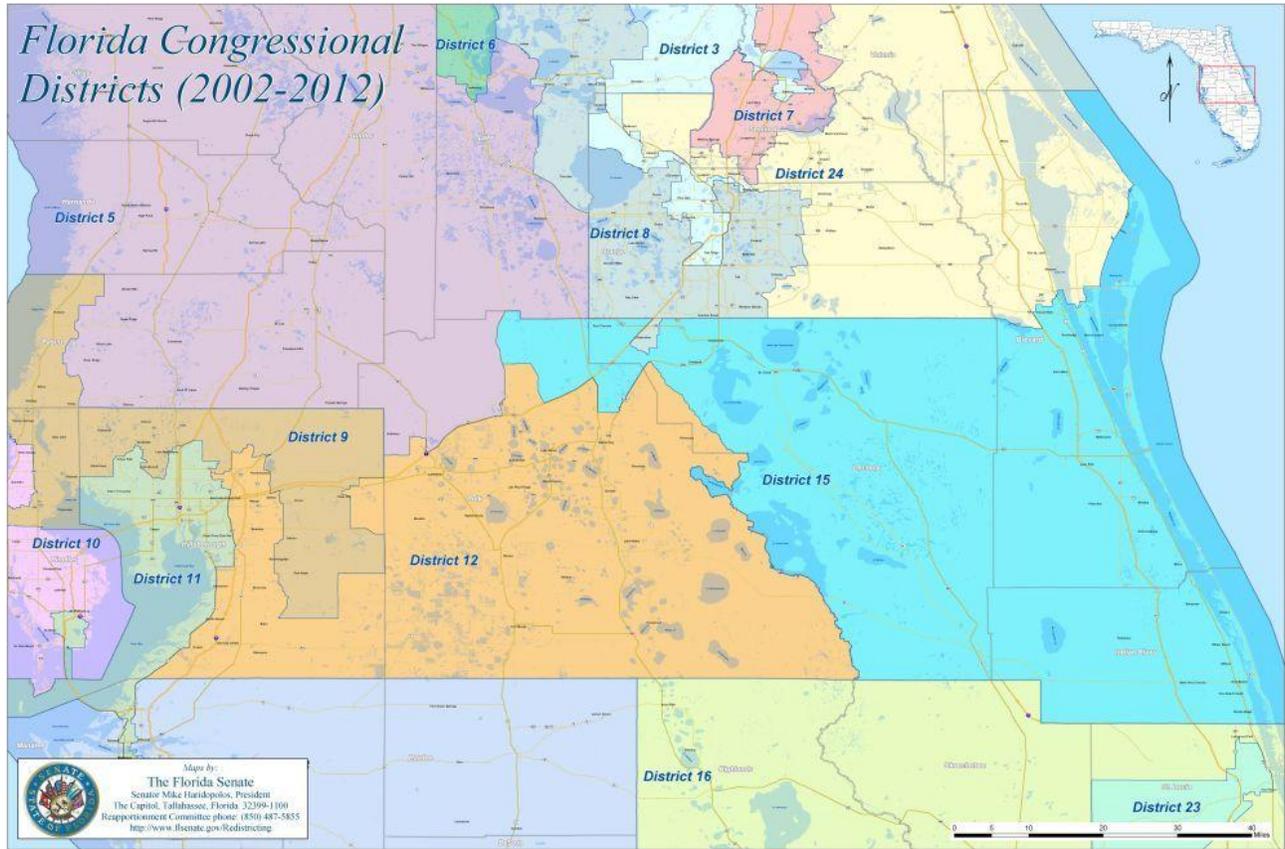
When you decide to submit your plan for public consideration, it will be published at <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Redistricting/Plans> with a standard set of interactive map links, reports, downloads, and maps. Otherwise, your personal plans are stored on secure servers and exempt from inspection and copying. See § 11.0431(2)(e), Fla. Stat.

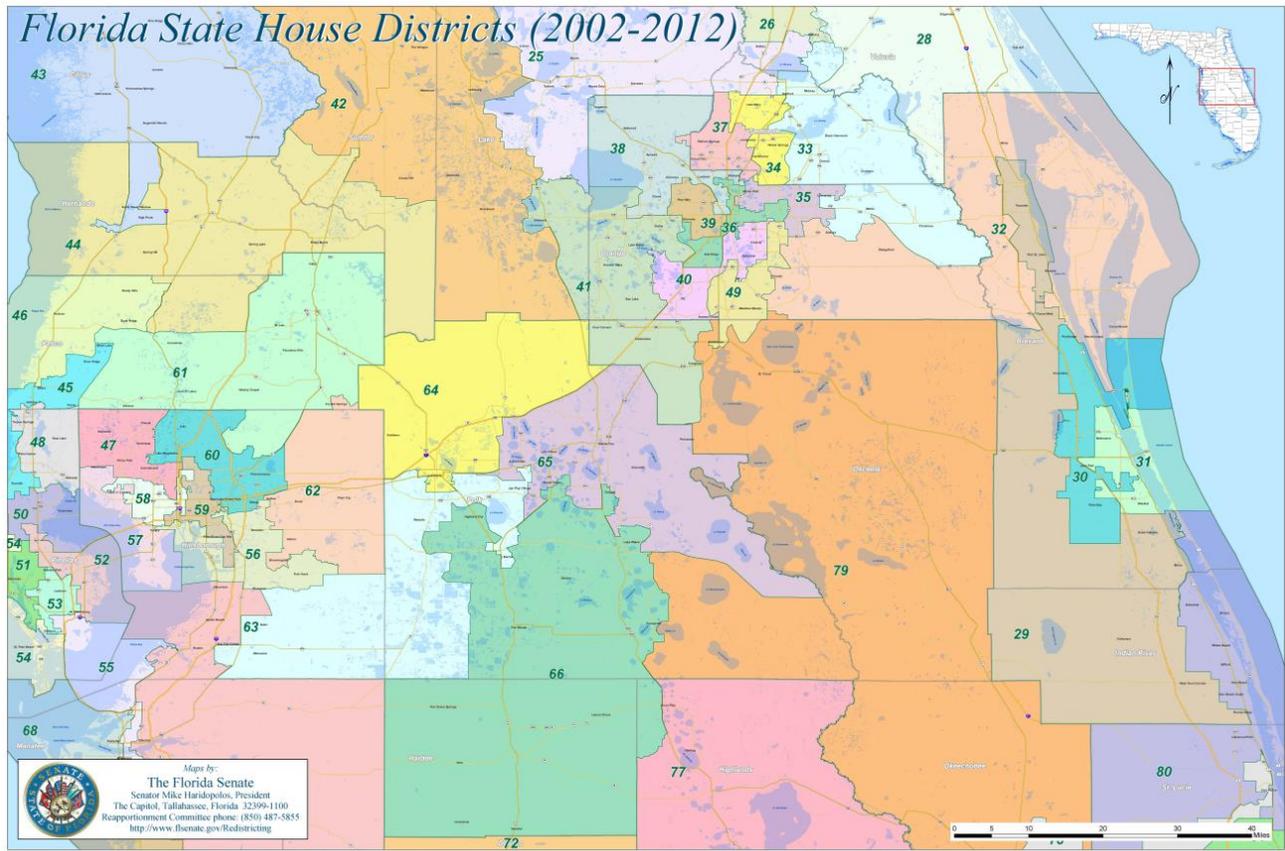
The Florida House of Representatives is building its own web application. To learn about “MyDistrictBuilder,” see www.floridaredistricting.org. The fact that the Senate and House systems are different is a plus. Each has unique features, and citizens can choose which better meets their needs.

Full-featured redistricting systems typically cost thousands of dollars per user. The overarching goal shared by the Florida Senate and Florida House is giving everyone free and easy access to all the same tools and data the Legislature is using.

With innovative technologies and joint [public hearings](#), the Florida Legislature is promoting the most open, accessible, and interactive redistricting ever.

Displays Prepared by Florida Senate





Population deviations of current districts (2010 Census)—Central Florida

Congressional District		2010 Pop.	2010 Ideal	2010 Deviation	
				Count	%
3	Corrine Brown	659,055	696,345	-37,290	-5.4%
5	Richard Nugent	929,533	696,345	233,188	33.5%
7	John Mica	812,442	696,345	116,097	16.7%
8	Daniel Webster	805,608	696,345	109,263	15.7%
9	Gus M. Bilirakis	753,549	696,345	57,204	8.2%
12	Dennis Ross	842,199	696,345	145,854	20.9%
15	Bill Posey	813,570	696,345	117,225	16.8%
24	Sandy Adams	799,233	696,345	102,888	14.8%

State Senate District		2010 Pop.	2010 Ideal	2010 Deviation	
				Count	%
9	Andy Gardiner	527,435	470,033	57,402	12.2%
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%
15	Paula Dockery	560,770	470,033	90,737	19.3%
17	JD Alexander	456,960	470,033	-13,073	-2.8%
19	Gary Siplin	477,068	470,033	7,035	1.5%
22	David Simmons	419,763	470,033	-50,270	-10.7%
24	Thad Altman	524,254	470,033	54,221	11.5%
26	Mike Haridopolos	481,892	470,033	11,859	2.5%
28	Joe Negron	545,085	470,033	75,052	16.0%

State House District		2010 Pop.	2010 Ideal	2010 Deviation	
				Count	%
25	Larry Metz	179,031	156,678	22,353	14.3%
29	Tom Goodson	160,290	156,678	3,612	2.3%
30	Ritch Workman	180,594	156,678	23,916	15.3%
31	John Tobia	138,215	156,678	-18,463	-11.8%
32	Steve Crisafulli	177,523	156,678	20,845	13.3%
33	Jason T. Brodeur	196,662	156,678	39,984	25.5%
34	Chris Dorworth	144,119	156,678	-12,559	-8.0%
35	Dean Cannon	154,735	156,678	-1,943	-1.2%
36	Scott Randolph	157,126	156,678	448	0.3%
37	Scott Plakon	135,554	156,678	-21,124	-13.5%
38	Bryan Nelson	162,248	156,678	5,570	3.6%
39	Geraldine F. "Geri" Thompson	132,191	156,678	-24,487	-15.6%
40	Eric Eisnaugle	149,664	156,678	-7,014	-4.5%
41	Stephen L. Precourt	252,332	156,678	95,654	61.1%
42	H. Marlene O'Toole	214,866	156,678	58,188	37.1%
44	Robert C. "Rob" Schenck	171,652	156,678	14,974	9.6%
45	Richard Corcoran	146,618	156,678	-10,060	-6.4%
46	John Legg	142,772	156,678	-13,906	-8.9%
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%
64	Kelli Stargel	165,492	156,678	8,814	5.6%
65	John Wood	179,502	156,678	22,824	14.6%
66	Ben Albritton	162,026	156,678	5,348	3.4%
77	Denise Grimsley	147,455	156,678	-9,223	-5.9%
79	Mike Horner	187,203	156,678	30,525	19.5%
80	Debbie Mayfield	148,503	156,678	-8,175	-5.2%



