

Boca Raton Public Input Meeting
August 16, 2011 – 10 a.m.
Post-Public Input Meeting Report

The purpose of this document is to summarize specific district map-drawing suggestions from the Boca Raton public meeting on August 16, 2011. Therefore, the comments in this document will focus on specific instructions provided by Florida residents participating in these meetings.

Other comments that were either not specific on how to draw a map or that were editorial in nature will not be included in this document. For all of the comments in their entirety, please see the meeting transcript, video and/or podcast via www.floridaredistricting.org.

The following encapsulates comments from persons who spoke and/or submitted written comments for the Boca Raton public meeting. To make it clear, these are the public's suggestions. This document does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Florida Legislature.

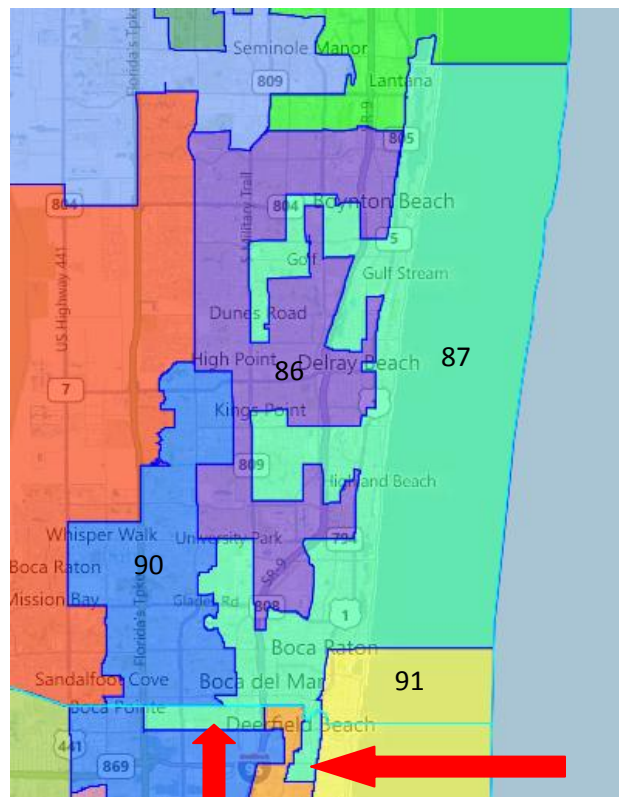
Specific Map-Drawing Testimony-Boca Raton Public Hearing

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SE-8: Potential Changes to House District 87 if they are needed for Population

Description: “The majority of the City of Boca Raton is within House District 87 with areas in the Northwest located with House District 86. A small portion of Southeastern Boca Raton, which abuts the Palm Beach County/Broward County line, is currently in District 91. These Boca Raton residents are not being adequately represented by a Broward-based Legislator who has limited interaction with the entities serving them...”¹ I believe that the current House District 87 is compact and Boca Raton based. If you have to change it, take one portion of the district that is in House District 91 and bring it up to Boca Raton and remove House District 87 from Broward County.²

Visual: Currently, House District 87 looks like this (in blue/green, with red arrows pointing to the Broward County portion of the district):



Policy Issues:

¹ Haynie, Susan – Submitted August 16, 2011 via Boca Raton Public Hearing

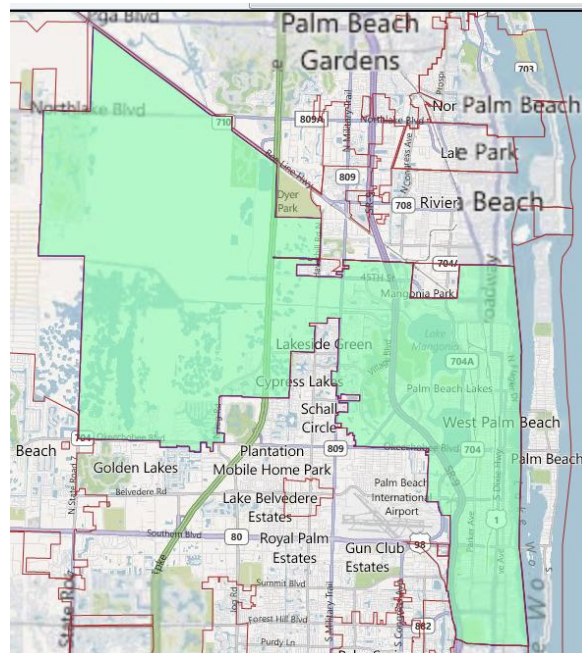
² Thomas Sliney of Boca Raton

- Currently, House District 87 has a population of 137,131 which is too small for the ideal population of a house district. If the Broward County portion of the district was removed and substituted for the Palm Beach County portion of House District 91, District 87 actually loses more population than the current district, going to 127,522.

SE-9: Keep the City of West Palm Beach Whole

Description: I live in the City of West Palm Beach, which has four representatives, so we are split up. Please try to put the city together.³

Visual: The City of West Palm Beach kept whole in a district would look like this:



Policy Issues:

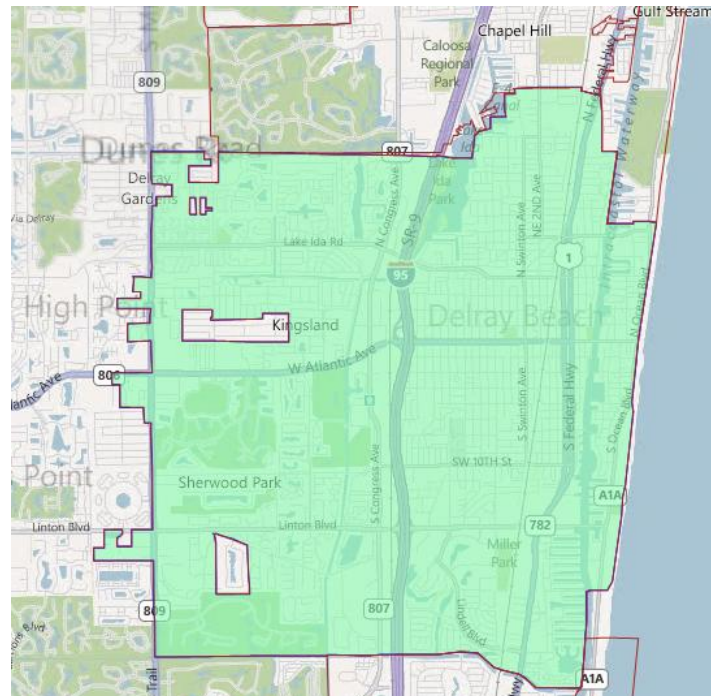
- With a population of 99,919, the City of West Palm Beach is too small to meet the ideal population of a House district. 56,758 more people would be needed from other communities to complete the district.

SE-10: Keep the City of Delray Beach Whole

³ Gregg Weiss of West Palm Beach

Description: My mother and I love one and a half miles apart in Delray Beach and yet we have two different representatives, even though we have similar interests. We all want to be drawn together.⁴

Visual: The City of Delray Beach kept whole within one district would look like this:



Policy Issues:

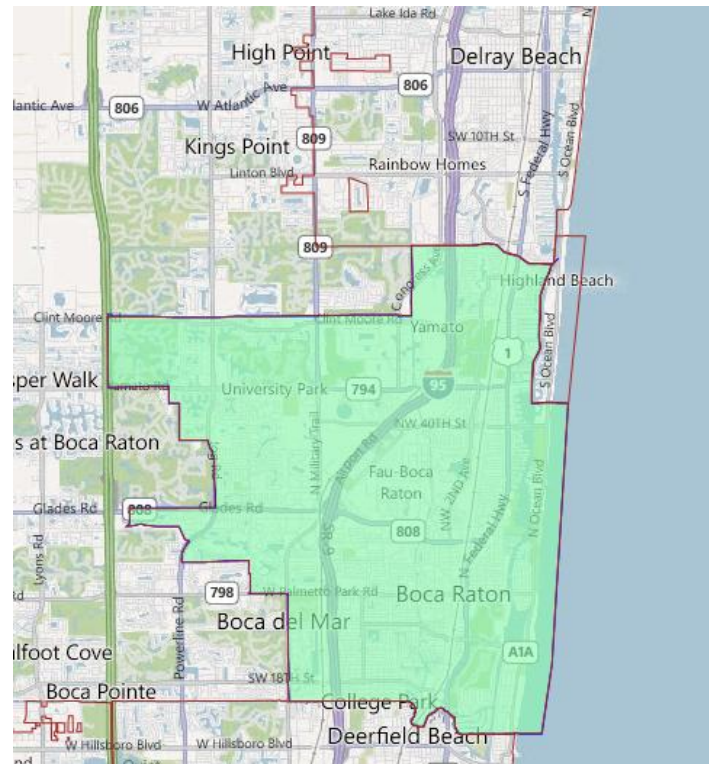
- With a population of 60,552, the City of Delray Beach is too small to meet the ideal population of a House district. 96,155 more people would be needed from other communities to complete the district.
- If the city's boundaries are used to create a legislative district, that district would have holes that would need to be addressed.

SE-11: Keep the City of Boca Raton Whole within a House District

⁴ Susan Litchfield of Delray Beach

Description: I live in East Boca. I want to see East Boca and West Boca just one district and I would like to see that the districts drawn according to city boundary lines.⁵ East Boca should all be in one district.⁶

Visual: The City of Boca Raton kept whole within one district would look like this:



Policy Issues:

- With a population of 84,392, the City of Boca Raton is too small to meet the ideal population of a House district. 72,285 more people would be needed from other communities to complete the district.
- Regarding East Boca Raton, keeping all the entire city whole would accomplish the request of keep East Boca Raton whole. The testimony was unclear as to what would be the dividing line between East and West, so more clarification may be needed.

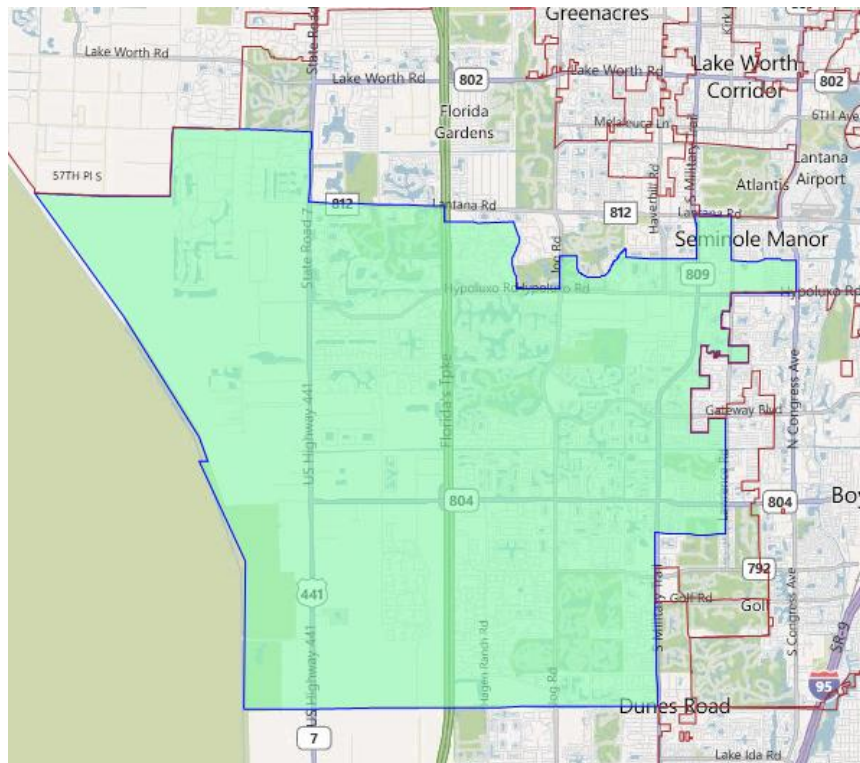
⁵ Silvia Hall of Boca Raton

⁶ Carolyn Brih of Boca Raton

SE-12: Have the Area Represented by the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations Kept Whole Within a District

Description: Our coalition contains residential associations that are West of the City of Boynton Beach, North of the Delray line and West all the way to the Loxahatchee preserve. The compact, sensible area that makes up the coalition is currently divided between four State Reps, two Senators and two members of Congress. Please consider us a community of people with similar interests and make us one district.⁷

Visual: Using VTDs, the area described in the testimony kept whole in a single district would look like this:



Policy Issues:

- With a population of 111,004, the district drawn above is too small to meet the ideal population of a House district. 45,673 more people would be needed from other communities to complete the district.

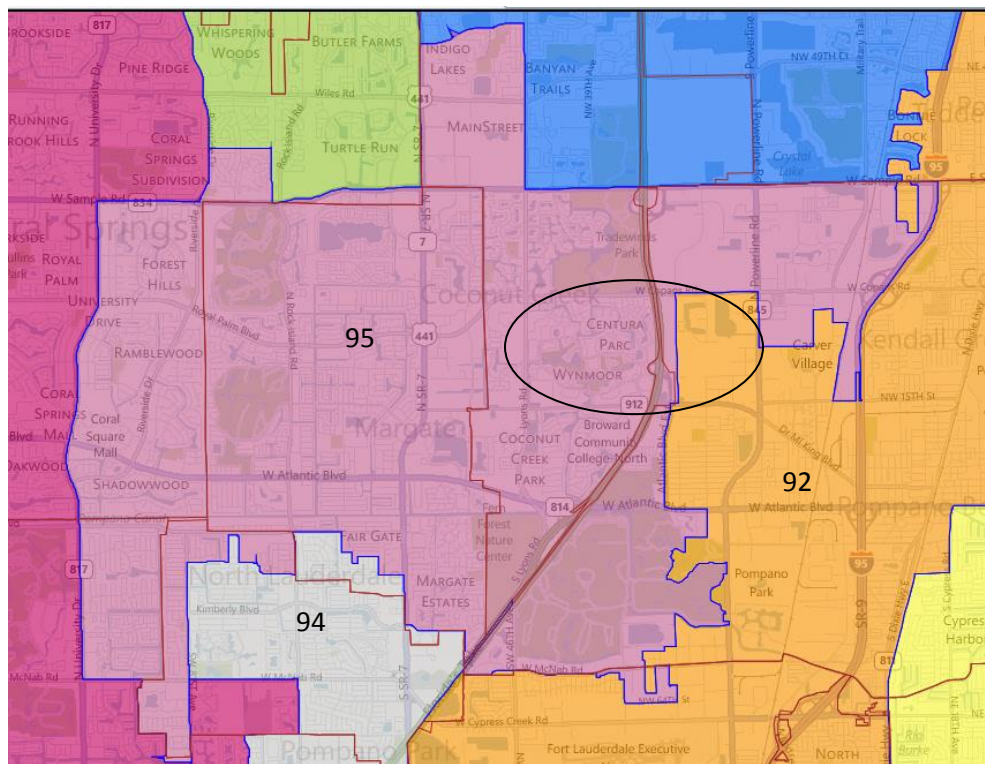
⁷ Ken Lassiter of Boynton Beach

- The district drawn above may not align with the communities within the Coalition, but was the best representation (using VTDs) of what was given from the testimony. More clarification may be needed in order to have them align.

SE-13: Potential Changes to House District 95

Description: The community of Wynmoor should be whole within House District 95 and that district should be whole within Broward.⁸

Visual: Currently, House District 95 looks like this (in light purple with a circle around the Wynmoor community):



Policy Issues:

- Currently, the population for House District 95 is 134,355, which is too small to meet the ideal population of a House district. 22,322 more people would need to be added to it to complete the district.

⁸ Benjamin Nazario of Coconut Creek

- The boundaries for the community of Wynmoor were not specified in the testimony, so more clarification may be needed.