

Key West Public Input Meeting
August 18, 2011 – 4 p.m.
Post-Public Input Meeting Report

The purpose of this document is to summarize specific district map-drawing suggestions from the Key West public meeting on August 18, 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 Key West public meeting. To make it clear, these are the public's suggestions. This document does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Florida Legislature.

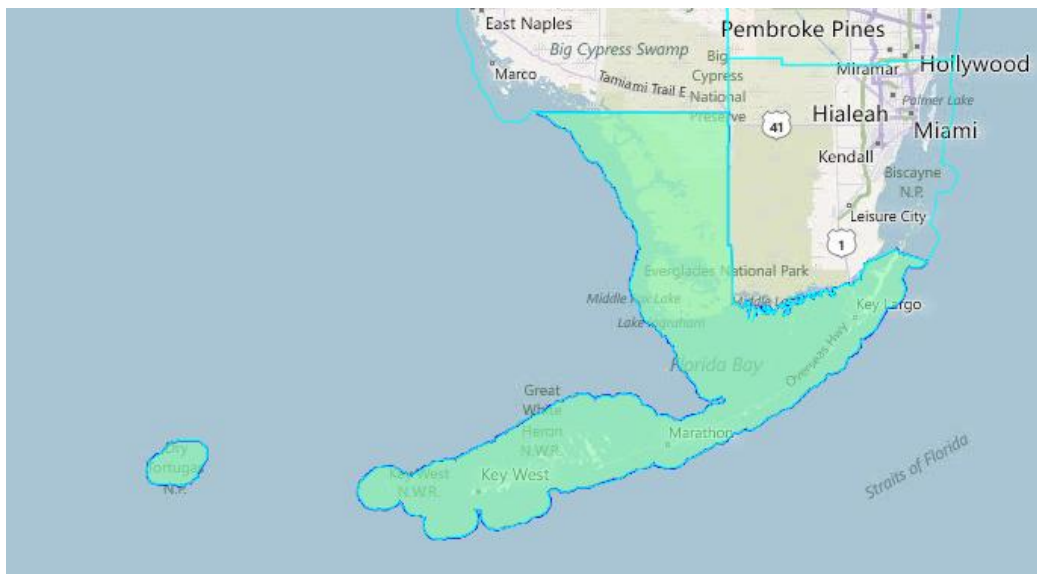
Specific Map-Drawing Testimony-South Miami Public Hearing

August 17, 2011

SE-36: Keep Monroe County Whole

Description: The Keys are different than most places in Florida and you have recognized this by declaring it an area of critical concern. We need a cohesive representative in the House, Senate and in Congress. We may not be compact, but our issues are unique.¹ Please recognize that the Keys are designated as an area of critical concern. We have issues such as endangered species and affordable housing in our community. We need a cohesive unit of interest.²

Visual: Keeping Monroe County (The Keys) whole looks like this:



Policy Issues:

- With a population of 73,090, Monroe County is not large enough to meet the ideal population of a House, Senate or Congressional district. As an example, 83,587 people from additional communities would need to be added to it.

¹ Ed Scales of Key West

² Ty Symroski