

Largo Public Input Meeting
August 30, 8 a.m.
Post-Public Input Meeting Report

The purpose of this document is to summarize specific district map-drawing suggestions from the Largo public meeting on August 30, 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 Largo public meeting. To make it clear, these are the public's suggestions. This document does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Florida Legislature.

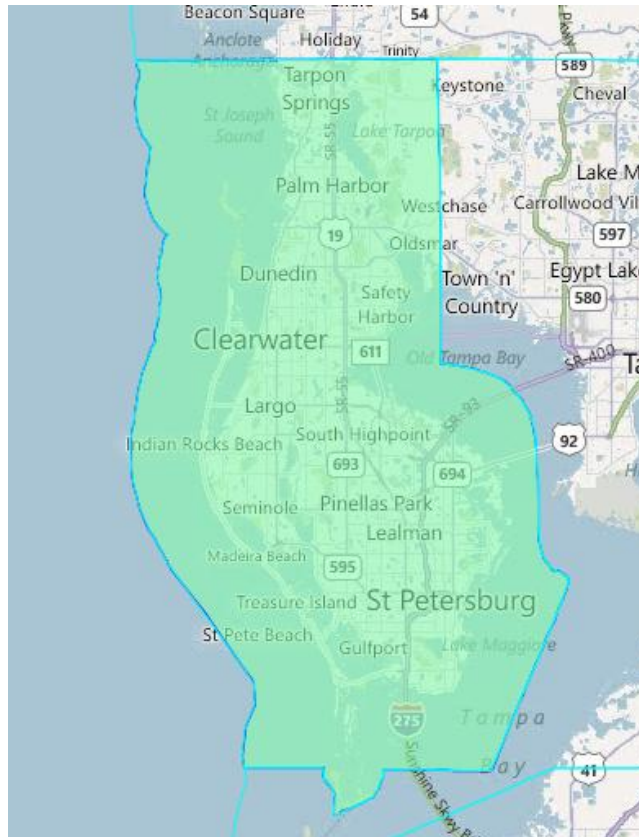
Specific Map-Drawing Testimony-Largo Public Hearing

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SW-8: Keep Pinellas County Whole

Description: Pinellas County should be in one district.¹ A district should be centered in Pinellas County.² Keep Pinellas County whole, with the exception of House District 55.³ Keep Pinellas separate from Hillsborough County.⁴

Visual: Keeping Pinellas County whole would look like this:



Policy Issues:

- With a population of 916,542, Pinellas County is too large for the ideal populations for a Congressional, Senate or House district. The County is large enough for 1.3 Congressional districts, 1.95 Senate districts and 5.85 House districts.

¹ Mac McLaughlin of

² Doris Houdesheldt of

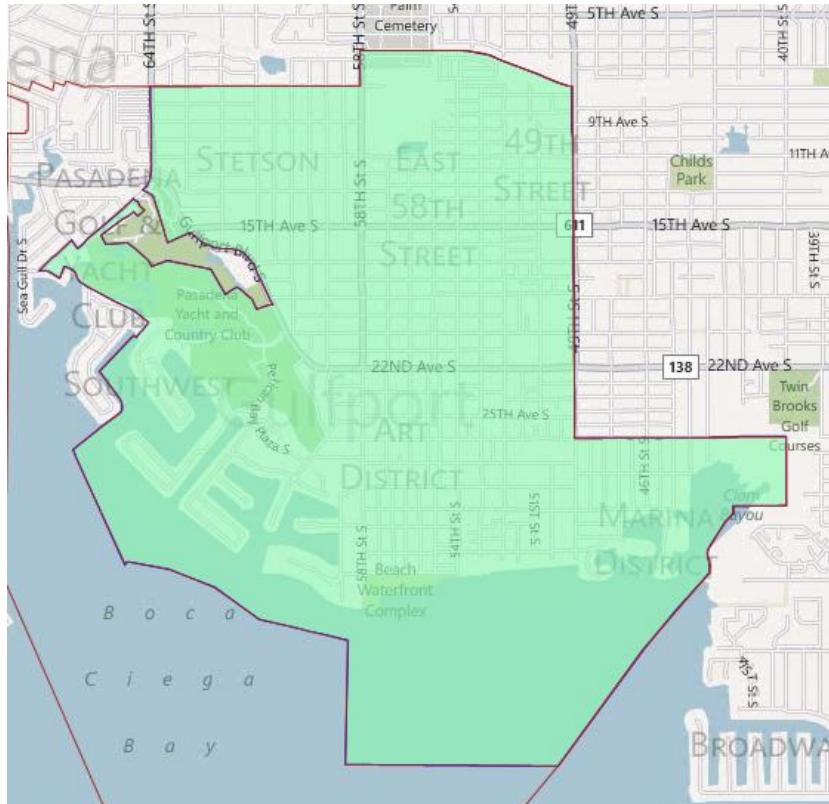
³ Richard Piper of

⁴ Peter Franco of

SW-9: Keep the City of Gulfport Whole

Description: Gulfport has two members of congress, two State Senators and three State House seats. We want to be kept whole.⁵

Visual: Keeping the City of Gulfport whole within a district would look like this:



Policy Issues:

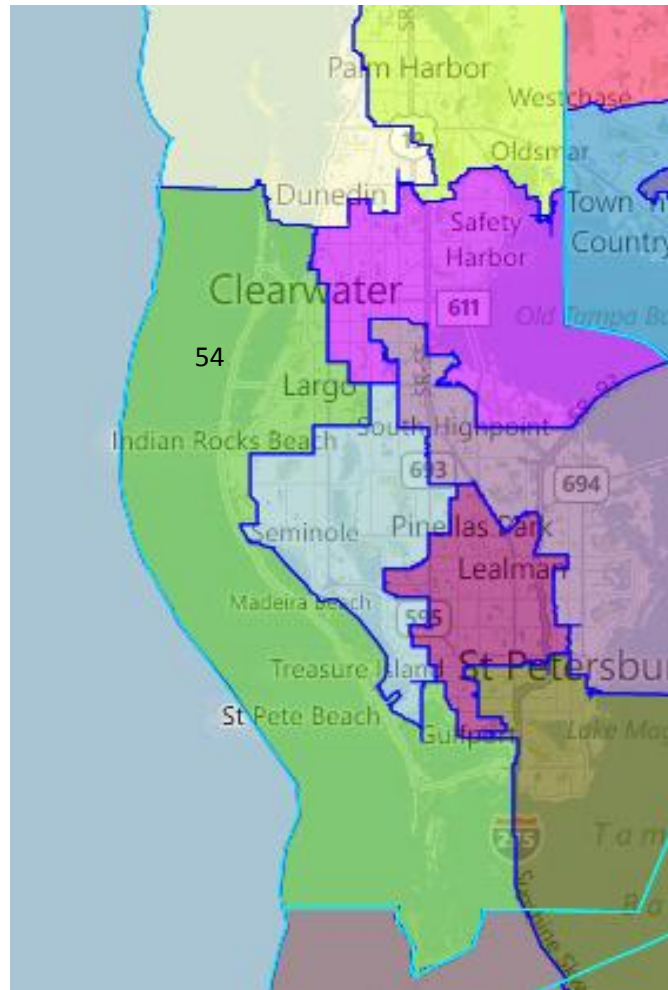
- With a population of 12,029, the City of Gulfport is too small for the ideal population of a House, Senate or Congressional district and more communities would need to be added to it.

⁵ Karen Hodgen of

SW-10: Keep House District 54 Intact

Description: House District 54 should remain intact. If you need to add more population, add south St. Petersburg to the existing district.

Visual: Currently, House District 54 looks like this:



Policy Issues:

- With a population of 130,417, District 54 is 26,260 short of the ideal population for a House district and more communities would need to be added to it. In the testimony given, south St. Petersburg was presented as an option.

SW-11: Keep Small Cities Together Within Districts

Description: I believe that small cities should be placed together within a district. Many cities in this area have 50 employees or less so we share group health insurance issues, as well as issues dealing with our fire departments. Our issues sometimes doesn't get as much weight when we are paired with big cities like St. Petersburg⁶

Policy Issues:

- Other than the description of the number of employees a municipality has, no other definition of the term "small city" was given in the testimony. It would be sensible to determine a small city by its population, but more clarification may be needed as to what population threshold defines small.

⁶ Kathleen Peters, Mayor, City of South Pasadena