

Naples Public Input Meeting
August 31, 8 a.m.
Post-Public Input Meeting Report

The purpose of this document is to summarize specific district map-drawing suggestions from the Naples public meeting on August 31, 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 Naples public meeting. To make it clear, these are the public's suggestions. This document does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Florida Legislature.

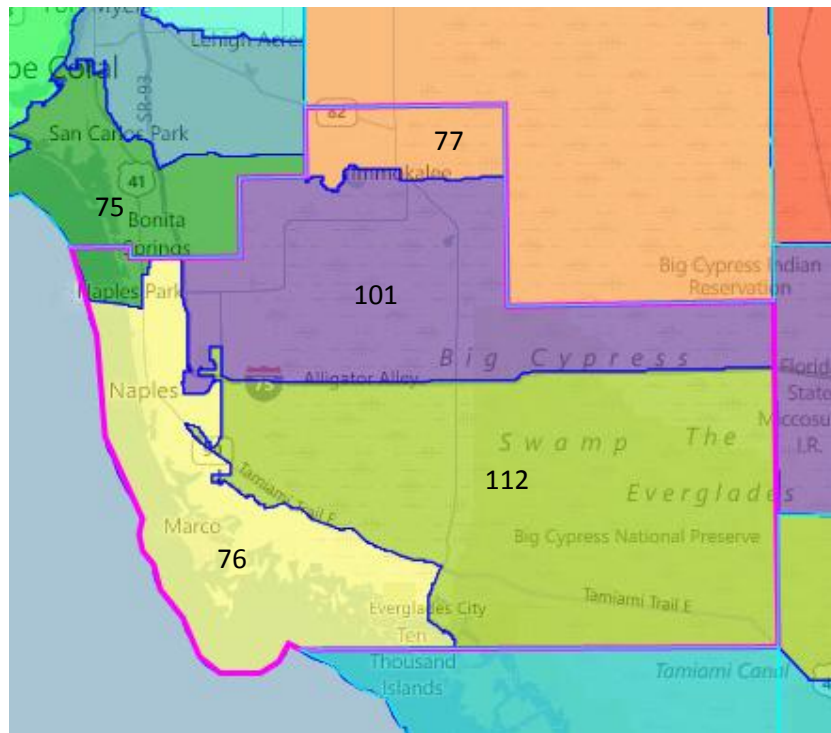
Specific Map-Drawing Testimony-Naples Public Hearing

August 31, 2011

SW-23: More Representation in Collier County

Description: I don't the exact numbers, but I know that more is better in terms of representation. We currently have five State Representatives and two Senators. We are a small county and need more of a voice.¹

Visual: Currently, Collier County looks like this on the House map:



Policy Issues:

- For the district shown above in Collier County, here are their population deviations:
 - District 75: 18,197 over
 - District 76: 6,685 under
 - District 77: 9,222 under
 - District 101: 32,923 over
 - District 112: 53,879 over
- In 2002, House District 112 was a majority-minority Hispanic seat with a 66.73 Hispanic VAP percentage. Currently, the district has a Hispanic VAP of 71%.

¹ William Poteet of Naples

SW-24: Keep Collier County in Two House Districts

Description: I do not believe that we are represented effectively by having so many Representatives who have a portion of Collier County. The Census numbers show that Collier County's population is just over two House districts. Please give us that.²

Policy Issues:

- Using the graphic provided above, Collier County is currently divided into five House districts.
- With a population of 321,520, Collier County has enough population for 2.05 House districts, meaning the county will need to be split at least three ways. During the testimony, this fact was recognized with the request.

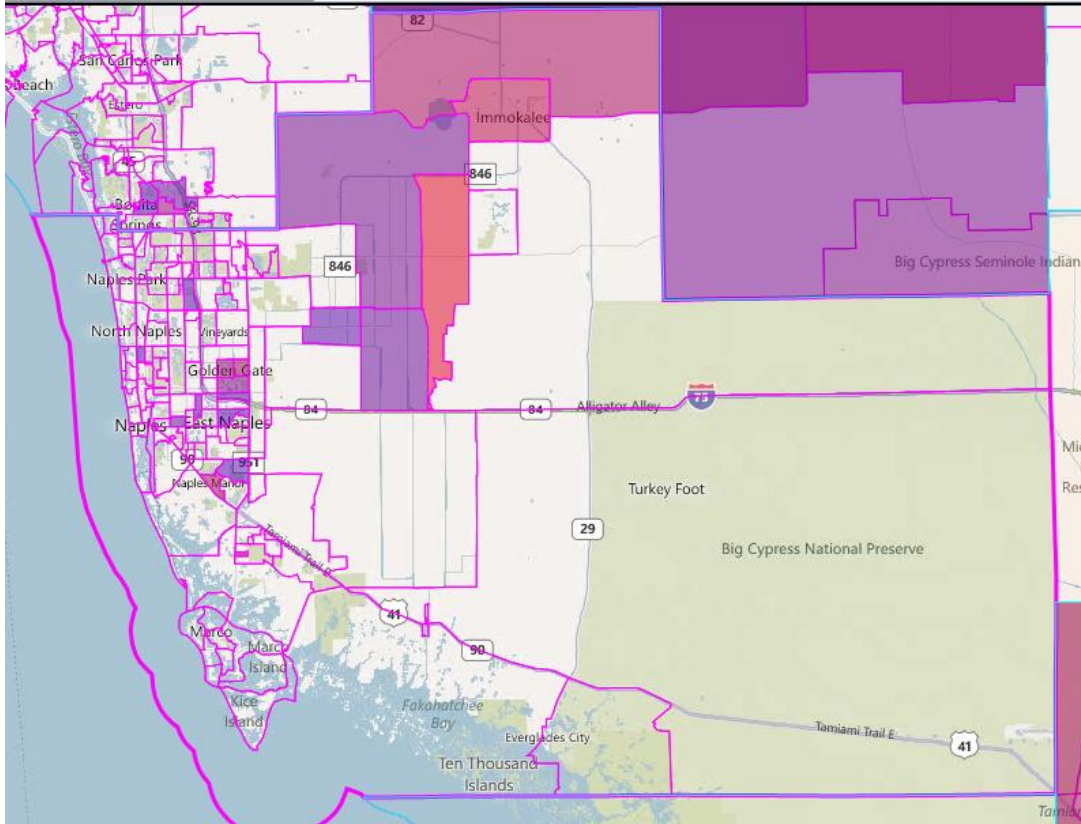
SW-25: Have More Hispanic Representation in Collier County

Description: There is a large Hispanic community here in Collier County. They don't turn out to vote because of the way the current districts are. We need more Hispanic representation so that Hispanics can come out and vote.³

Visual: The map below shows Collier County's Voting Tabulated Districts with the VTDs with a Hispanic VAP percentage of 30 or higher shaded.

² Joyce Fletcher of Naples

³ Cosme Perez of Naples



Policy Issues:

- Currently, Collier County has one Hispanic Representative in the State House and one Member of Congress.
- Collier County’s Hispanic Voting Age Population is at 21.9 %.

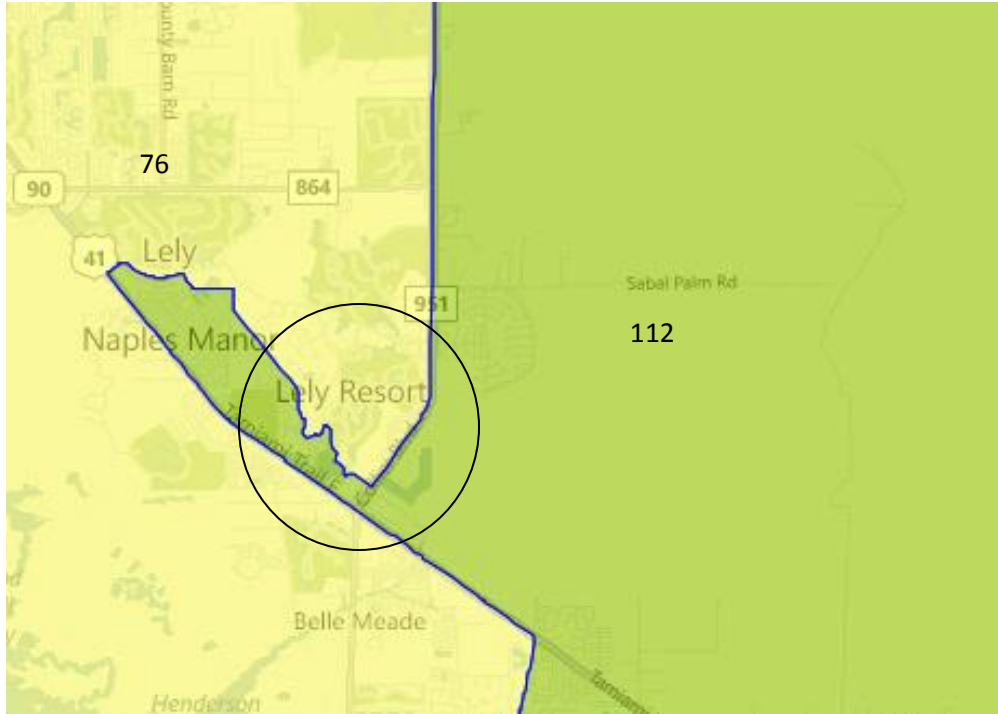
SW-26: Lely Resort Together in a District with Naples

Description: Lely Resort should be districted with West Florida.⁴ Lely Resort should reside in the same district as the rest of Naples.⁵

Visual: Currently, the Lely Resort community in Collier County looks like this on the House map:

⁴ Patricia Forkan of Naples

⁵ Mary Kniaz of Naples



Policy Issues:

- The exact parameters of Lely Resort were not specified in the testimony, so more clarification may be needed.

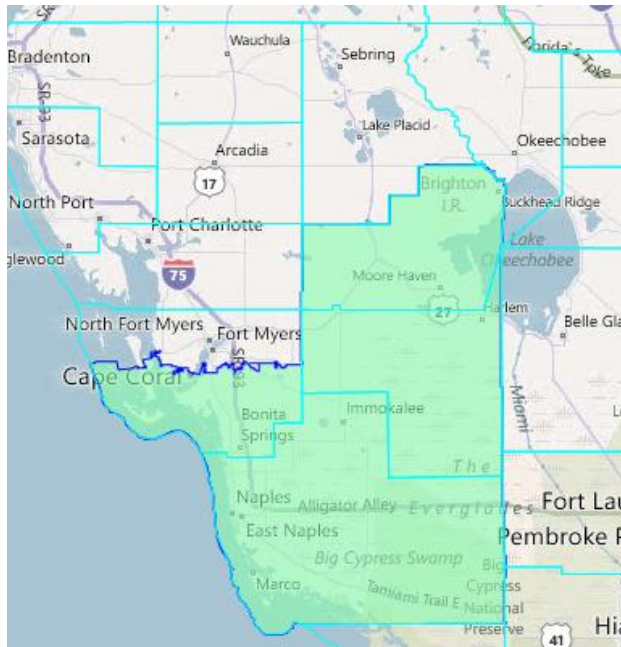
SW-27: Combine Collier County to South Lee County and Hendry and Glades Counties to Create a Congressional District

Description: Southwest Florida deserves an additional Congressional district.⁶ There is room for an additional district between Districts 13 and 14. Collier County and South Lee County can be linked while adding Hendry and Glades County as well. Manatee and Sarasota would keep their district as well.⁷

Visual: A Congressional District with all of Collier, Hendry and Glades County, with a portion of southern Lee County would look something like this:

⁶ Alexander Grantt of Bonita Springs

⁷ Joey Russo of Palm Beach Gardens



Policy Issues:

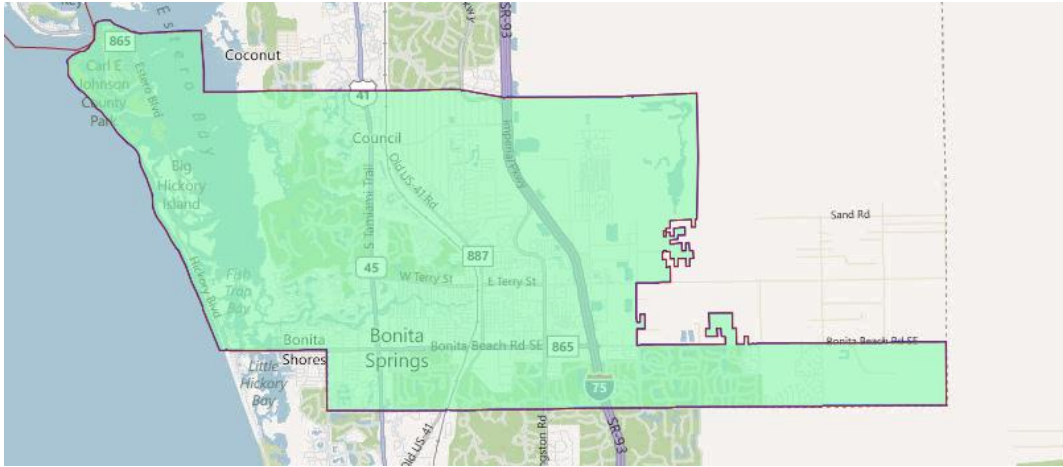
- It is important to note no dividing lines were provided to define “south Lee County”. For the purpose of this example, the county was roughly divided in half.
- The district above has a population of 676,863, which is 19,481 people short of the ideal population for a Congressional district. More people, presumably from Lee County, would need to be added to the district in order for it to be completed.
- In the testimony, Districts 13 and 14 were mentioned. Their population deviations are:
 - District 13: 61,461 over
 - District 14: 162,612 over

SW-28: Keep Bonita Springs Whole

Description: Please use logical boundaries and keep Bonita Springs from being split.⁸

Visual: Keep The City of Bonita Springs whole in a district would look like this:

⁸ Scott Duval of Naples



Policy Issues:

- With a population of 43,914, the City of Bonita Springs is too small for the ideal population of a House or Senate district and more communities would need to be added to it in order to complete a district.
- In the creation of the district shown above, several VTDs were split in the process.