

South Miami Public Input Meeting
August 17, 2011 – 6 p.m.
Post-Public Input Meeting Report

The purpose of this document is to summarize specific district map-drawing suggestions from the South Miami public meeting on August 17, 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 South Miami 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

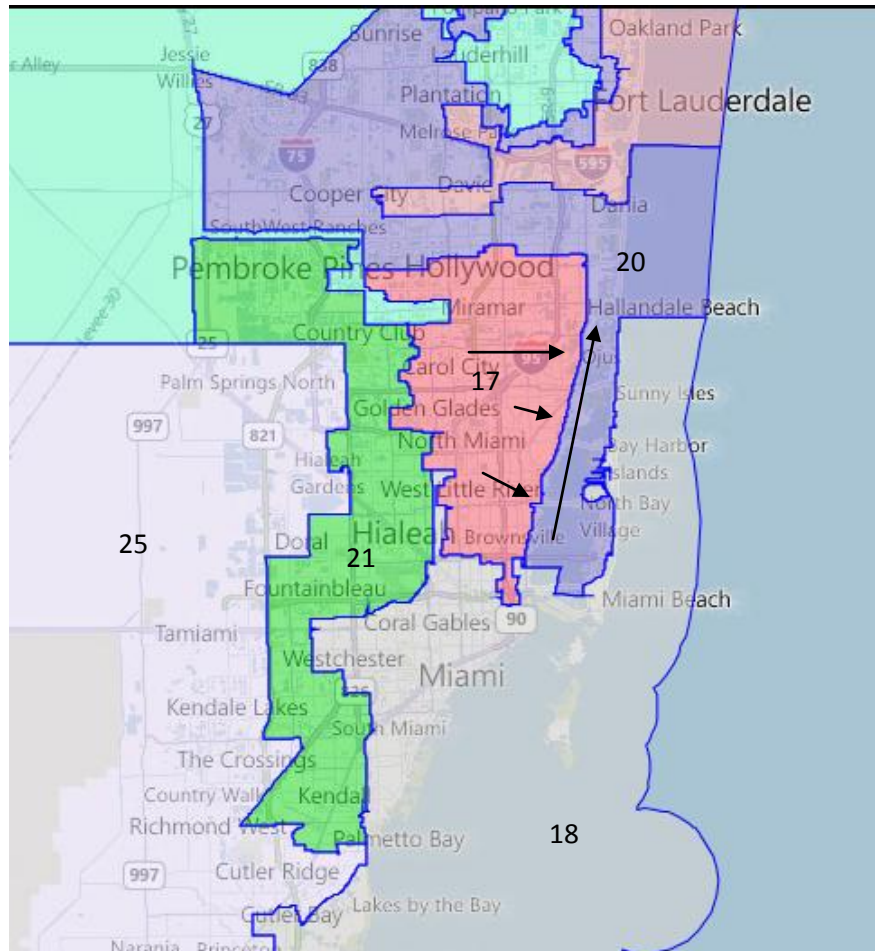
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SE-30: Reconfigure the Congressional Districts in South Florida per the Comments of Mr. Andrew Casademunt

Description: District 20 goes from the West all the way down to Aventura, Sunny Isles Beach and Bay Harbor Island. I think that this district, which has lost 40,000 people, should go more into Broward County and that District 17 should take over those municipalities. District 18 should stay how it is right now because it covers coastal communities from Miami Beach down into the Keys. District 25 has a problem relating to Collier County. Collier has grown significantly and I believe that Southwest Florida should have a new district. District 21 has lost a little bit of population and should move up and get more of the area. We also need to protect the minority communities in all of these districts.¹

Visual: Currently, the Congressional districts 17, 18 and 20 look like this (with arrows demonstrating the direction given in the testimony):

¹ Andrew Casademunt of Miami



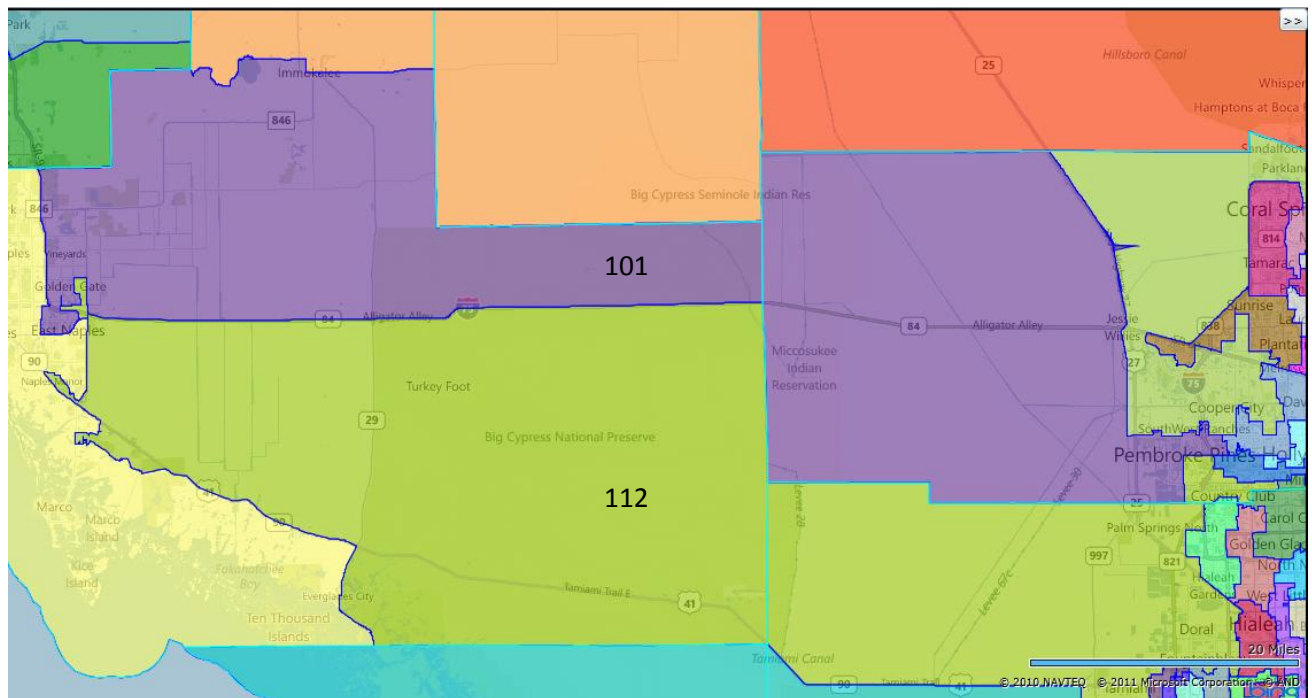
Policy Issues:

- For the Congressional Districts mentioned in this testimony, the current population deviations for each district are:
 - District 17: 41,184 under
 - District 18: 16,446 over
 - District 20: 4,617 under
 - District 21: 2,843 under
 - District 25: 110,83 over

SE-31: Reconfigure House Districts 101 and 112 per the Comments of Mr. Andrew Casademunt

Description: For House Districts 112 and 101, I think that we need to keep Collier County with Collier and Miami-Dade County with Miami-Dade. We need to combine the two districts and make it a rural area because there are a lot of farmers and a lot of rural communities that need representation.²

Visual: House Districts 101 and 112 currently look like this:



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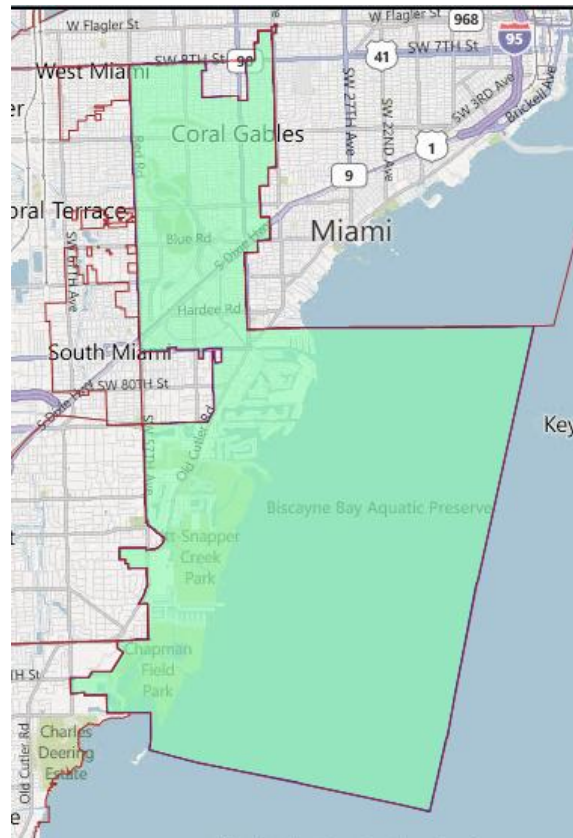
- The current population for Districts 101 and 112 are 189,600 and 210,556, respectively. If you were to combine the two districts as they are currently, their population would be 400,156, which would be enough for two and a half House districts, and would be 69,877 people short of the ideal population for a Senate district.

² Andrew Casademunt of Miami

SE-32: Keep Coral Gables Whole

Description: Currently, House Districts 111 and 117 go through Coral Gables. We could only have one district there.³

Visual: Keeping Coral Gables whole within a district would look like this:



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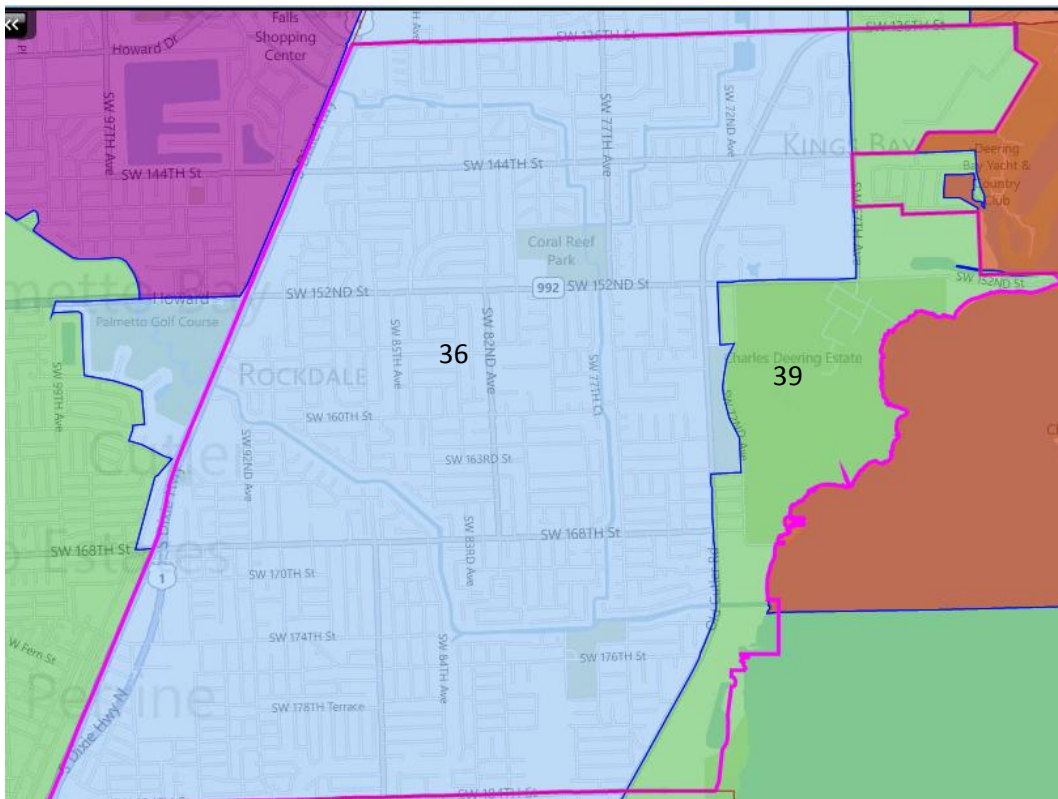
- With a population of 46,780 the City of Coral Gables is too small to meet the ideal population for a House district. 109,897 people from other communities would need to be added to it in order to complete the district.
- In the process of creating the district above, several VTDs were split in the process.

³ Andrew Casademunt of Miami

SE-33: Continue to Have The Village of Palmetto Bay Split Between Two Districts

Description: I think that Palmetto Bay has been better served by having two representatives.⁴

Visual: The Village of Palmetto Bay looks like this in the current State Senate map:



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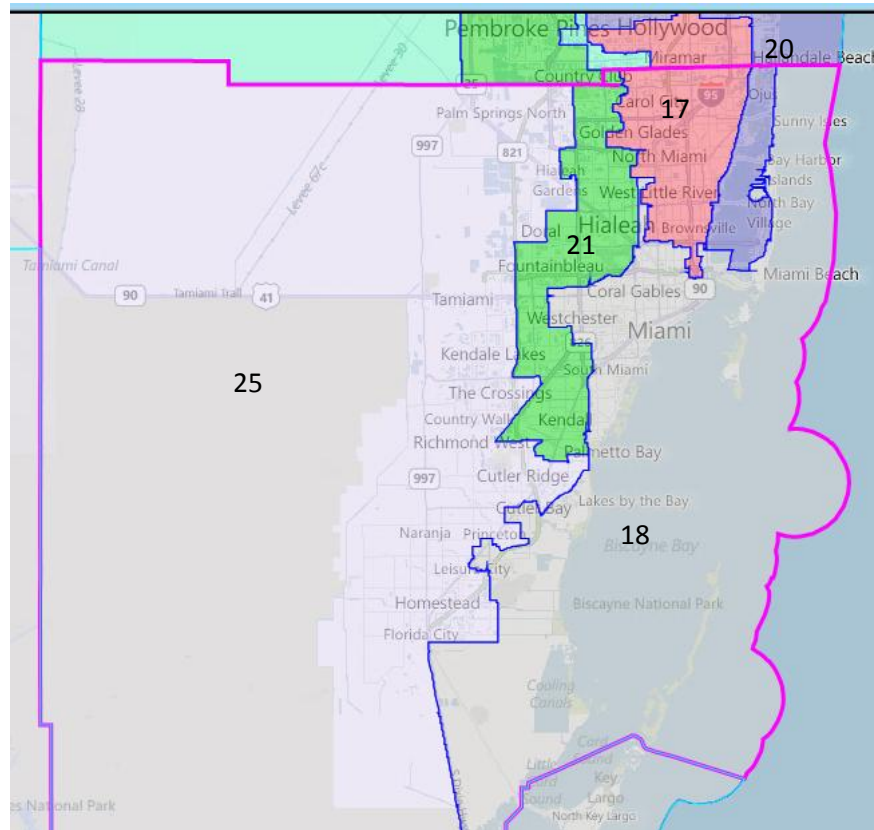
- It is important to note that the Senate map was chosen for this issue because it splits the Village of Palmetto Bay into two districts, while the House and Congressional maps split it into three districts.
- With a population of 418,626, Senate District 36 is too small for the ideal population while Senate District 39 is too large for the ideal population at 483,183 people.

⁴ Gisela Gomar of Miami

SE-34: Keep the Districts within Miami-Dade County Vertical

Description: I think that we should continue to have our Miami-Dade districts run North to South instead of East to West.⁵

Visual: The current Congressional Districts look like this:



Policy Issues:

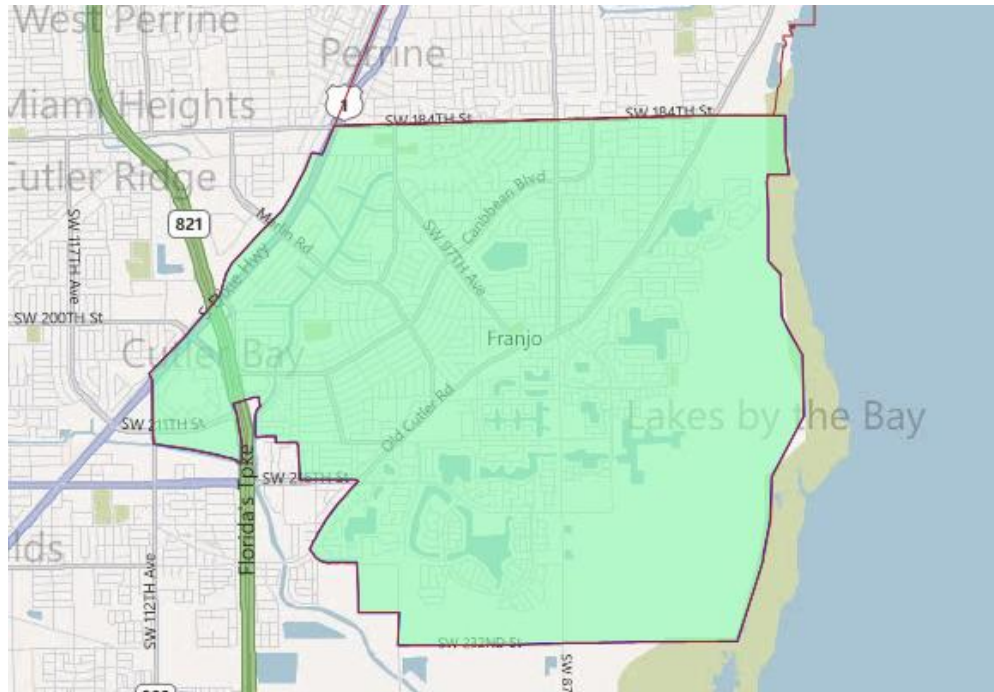
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SE-35: Keep Cutler Bay Whole Within a District

Description: All lines go through Cutler Bay. House Districts 118,119 and 120 literally split our community apart. We are split three ways in the Senate and in Congress as well. I would like to have one Senator, one Representative and one Congressman.⁶

Visual: Keep The Town of Cutler Bay whole within a district would look like this:



Policy Issues:

- With a population of 40,286, The Town of Cutler Bay is too small to meet the ideal population of a House, Senate or Congressional district. As an example, 116,391 more people from other communities would need to be added to it in order to complete a House district.
- In the process of creating this district, several VTDs were split.

⁶ Jaime Reyes of Cutler Bay