



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

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July 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael Reckwerdt, Mayor  
Village of Islamorada  
PO Box 568  
Islamorada, FL 33036-0568

Dear Mayor Reckwerdt:

The decennial process of drawing congressional, State Senate, and State House districts is underway. Our first step is listening to voters and constituents.

House Redistricting Chairman Will Weatherford and I have scheduled 26 public hearings at locations throughout the state, including six in South Florida:

- **Stuart** on Monday, August 15, from 6:00 until 9:00 PM at the Blake Library (2351 SE Monterey Rd., Stuart, FL 34996).
- **Boca Raton** on Tuesday, August 16, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center at Florida Atlantic University (777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33431).
- **Davie** on Tuesday, August 16, from 6:00 until 9:00 PM at Broward College's Central Campus Gym (3501 SW Davie Rd., Davie, FL 33314).
- **Downtown Miami** on Wednesday, August 17, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Wolfson Auditorium at Miami Dade College (300 N.E. 2nd St., Miami, FL 33132-2296).
- **South Miami** on Wednesday, August 17 from 6:00 until 9:00 PM in the Auditorium at the Florida International University College of Law (11200 SW 8th St., Miami, FL 33199).
- **Key West** on Thursday, August 18 from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at Florida Keys Community College (5901 College Rd., Key West, FL 33040).

Please plan to attend one of the hearings, and help us spread the word to others.

Visit our website ([www.flsenate.gov/Redistricting](http://www.flsenate.gov/Redistricting)) for a list of all the public hearings and links to RSVP forms. Reservations are not required, but they will help us be prepared to seat everyone who attends and to hear from everyone who wishes to speak.

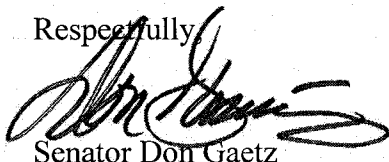
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Creating and submitting a redistricting plan is one of the best ways to show what works for your community. All you need is a computer with a high-speed Internet connection and an email address to use the same tools used by Senators, Representatives, and professional staff. Visit our website to learn more about how you can create and submit your own district maps.

In order for your plan to be ready for display at the public hearing, please submit it at least 48 hours in advance.

If you have any questions, please call the Senate Reapportionment Committee at (850) 487-5855. We look forward to hearing from you. Your input will help us draw new districts that comply with all federal and state laws *and make sense* for citizens and communities in South Florida. The Senate ([www.flsenate.gov/redistricting](http://www.flsenate.gov/redistricting)) and House ([www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org)) websites will be updated frequently with the latest information, schedules, records, maps, and plans, so check back often.

Respectfully,



Senator Don Gaetz