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Senate Redistricting Mailbox

From: Loretta Mckinley [lorettamckinley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:43 AM
To: Senate Redistricting Mailbox
Subject: Redistricting

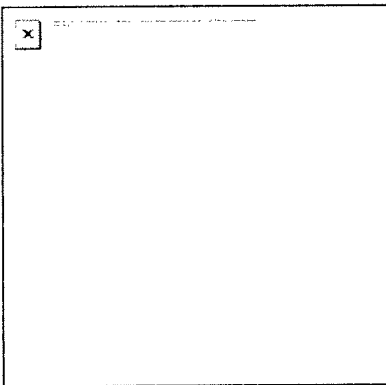
I attended the public forum on Thursday, March 24th in Sumter. Many of those who spoke seemed only concerned with "race" in terms of who would win elections in the newly formed districts. After having worked long and hard along with my 9 year old daughter on Jim Pratt's campaign against James Clyburn, I realize no matter who runs nor how hard we work, James Clyburn will ALWAYS be the winner and his constituents the losers. I saw the sacrifices that Jim and Karen Pratt endured in attempt to win the 6th congressional district and ultimately make our district better.

IF gerrymandering for sole purpose of race is your intention then why not just be honest??? Why put us all through the long hard road of an election? Why not just say "the 6th congressional district belongs to James Clyburn?" Just make it an appointed position....or whatever district you all decide will now be his. Why play the game so to speak.

I am one of the unfortunate ones who lives in the 6th congressional district. I do not give a rip about the color of anyone's skin, whether it be white, black, brown, purple, etc!!!! What I do care about are qualifications, ability and the knowledge to be a great leader and representative. James Clyburn does not fit the bill. I emailed his office for more than a solid year before I ever received the first response and then it was general and "prefabricated." I feel as though I don't even have a representative. In fact, when I do have issues I just contact my U.S. Senators or Governor Haley. At least they seem somewhat interested in the needs of SC people. Jim Clyburn could care less. In fact, most of the allocations of money he proposed directly benefited HIS family, not even the people of his own race. Besides, I support term limits and he is way beyond that.

Thank you for your time,
Loretta McKinley Hulse

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.



We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." Ronald Reagan.

**BEAUFORT
PUBLIC HEARING
March 28, 2011**

Cannady Agency, Inc.

March 21, 2011

President Pro Tempore Glenn F McConnell
S.C. Senate
101 Gressette Building
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Dear Senator McConnell:

Redistricting is once again upon us, and I realize that it is a job that no one in the House wants to undertake. I applaud you for your efforts as a member of the House Subcommittee and wish you well in the huge task that lies ahead.

I am writing to you today to ask a favor of you. Since the last redistricting, Colleton County has been divided into six (6) districts - three (3) Senate and three (3) House. Even the City of Walterboro is divided six ways!

There are many problems with the current district lines. Because Colleton County has so many different legislators, no one is responsible to the people. I am sure that you are aware that Colleton County does not have a resident legislator. Colleton County has gotten "lost in the shuffle" because our representatives are from other counties and we do not have a "community of interest". A resident legislator would have the best interests of our community at heart and Colleton's needs would not be placed on the back burner. With our own representation, we would come first; something for which Colletonians are long overdue.

Having been left out of the legislative process for over ten (10) years, we, as Colletonians, feel that it is our time - time for Colleton County to have a voice in Columbia. We need this in order to grow our economy and to enrich the citizens of Colleton County.

Colleton County needs a legislator who represents all of us or at the very least, a vast majority of us. Colleton County needs a seat at the table. Won't you help us by giving Colleton County a voice?

Sincerely yours,



Mary Anne Cannady

Senate Redistricting Mailbox

From: Nancy Breland [nanbreland@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 10:11 AM
To: Senate Redistricting Mailbox
Subject: Colleton County

On behalf of Colleton County, I am in support of redrawing the lines to include our county. We need representation from Colleton County. Thank you for your time.

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March 16, 2011

The Honorable Glenn F. McConnell
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
101 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear President Pro Tempore McConnell:

I am writing to solicit your help in the redistricting process. As you know, Colleton County is fragmented into six legislative districts; three senatorial and three house. The city of Walterboro is also divided six ways. Because we have no resident legislator, there is no community of interest where our electorate is concerned. This has made it very difficult to get anything accomplished when help is needed from Columbia and is an untenable situation for our citizens. A resident legislator would share a unity of purpose with our citizenry and work with local officials to do what's best for Colleton County.

While Colleton County is not large enough to make up a senatorial district by itself, it is large enough to make up a substantial portion of a district. This would give us a senator who would owe some allegiance to us. We are also working on the house side to try and get a representative that would be wholly elected from Colleton County.

I would appreciate any help you can give us as we move through the redistricting process. Please help us fight the good fight and give the citizens of Colleton County a voice in Columbia. Thank you for sharing your valuable time with me. If you have any questions, or if there are other ways I can help to get this redistricting accomplished, please let me know. You can reach me at 843-908-2571. I look forward to seeing you in Beaufort.

Yours truly,



Bill Young
Mayor, City of Walterboro

President Pro Tempore Glenn F. McConnell
Chairman, Senate Redistricting Subcommittee
101 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

March 24, 2011

Dear Senator McConnell:

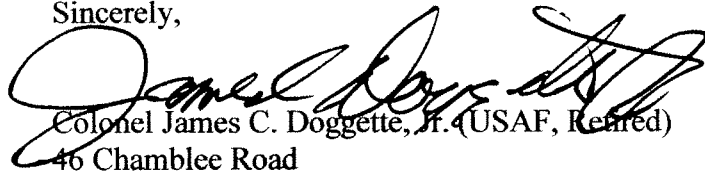
I am writing this letter to ask your assistance in righting a wrong that the Citizens of Colleton County have been living with for the past ten years.

There are six legislators "serving" Walterboro and Colleton County. None of them have a majority of their constituents living in Colleton County. Therefore, their priorities and allegiance are with the county that provides them the most votes. That is just the political facts of life and it is not just unfair; it is basically wrong.

I served in the USAF for 30 years and now I find myself a disenfranchised citizen with basically no vote or representation in South Carolina. I feel like my Constitutional rights are being violated.

Senator McConnell, as your Redistricting Subcommittee considers their options in the redistricting process, I beg you to remember the only county in South Carolina without a Senator or Representative of their own. I thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Colonel James C. Doggett, Jr. (USAF, Retired)

46 Chamblee Road
Walterboro, SC 29488

President Pro Tempore Glenn F. McConnell

101 Gressette Building

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Senator McConnell:

I request your help in the redistricting of Colleton County. Colleton County has been divided into three senate and three representative districts for the past 10 years. Even the city of Walterboro has three senate and three representative districts. This division of our 5800 residents eliminates any meaningful representation in Columbia. We currently have no senator or representative who actively resides in Colleton County, thus there is no real feeling of community interest.

The residents of Colleton County feel that they are left out of the legislative process and thus really don't have a voice Columbia. We need a legislator that represents the whole of Colleton County!

Please take into consideration the citizens of Colleton County when the redistricting process begins. We desperately need representation for the whole county.

Sincerely,



Charles Lucas

President Pro Tempore Glenn F. McConnell

101 Gressette Building

Columbia, SC 29201

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Grace". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joe Grace

Governor Nikki R. Haley

Office of the Governor

1205 Pendleton St.

Columbia, SC 29201

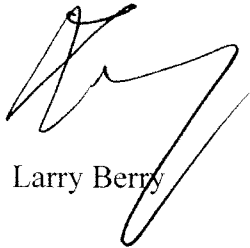
Dear Governor Haley:

I request your help in the redistricting of Colleton County. Colleton County has been divided into three senate and three representative districts for the past 10 years. Even the city of Walterboro has three senate and three representative districts. This division of our 5800 residents eliminates any meaningful representation in Columbia. We currently have no senator or representative who actively resides in Colleton County, thus there is no real feeling of community interest.

The residents of Colleton County feel that they are left out of the legislative process and thus really don't have a voice Columbia. We need a legislator that represents the whole of Colleton County!

Please use your influence to help the citizens of Colleton County during the redistricting process for South Carolina. We desperately need representation for the whole county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Berry', written over a printed name.

Larry Berry

March 18, 2011
1003 Wichman Street
Walterboro, S. C. 29488

President Pro Tempore Glenn F. McConnell, Chairman
S. C. Senate
101 Gressette Building
Columbia, S. C. 29201

Re: Redistricting Colleton County

Dear Senator McConnell:

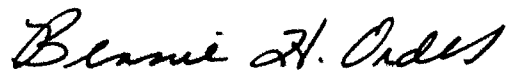
As you are aware, Colleton County and Walterboro is divided 6 ways – three house districts and three senate districts. We, the citizens of Colleton County, wish to have the lines drawn so we can have a representative who lives in the county and represents the majority of the citizens.

Since none of the representatives live in the area, and represent such a small number of people, they do not feel any responsibility to Colleton County. In other words, we are broken into so many parts, no one really cares.

Colleton County needs a voice in Columbia. We have been left out of the legislative process for ten years. It is time for a change – we need a voice!!!

Please look carefully at the injustice we have suffered for ten years.

Sincerely,



Bennie H. Ordell



Ronald H. Ordell

Mary Z. Corbett
105 South Miller St.
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March 18, 2011

President Pro Tempore Glenn F. McConnell
S.C. Senate
101 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Senator McConnell,

The redistricting of Walterboro and Colleton County is the single most important issue the citizens of Colleton County will face for some time. As Chairman of the Senate Redistricting Subcommittee please draw the district lines to assure that the citizens of Colleton County can elect a legislator who will represent the majority of Colleton County. At the present time the City of Walterboro and Colleton County is divided six ways; three House districts and three senate districts and no resident legislator. The future of Colleton County depends on having a legislator in Columbia who shares our goals and has a vested interest in placing Colleton County first in his deliberations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this issue that is so vital to the well being of Colleton County and the State of South Carolina.

Respectfully,


Mary Z. Corbett

The Honorable Glen F. McConnell, Chairman
Senate Redistricting Committee
101 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

March 9, 2011

Dear Senator McConnell,

I hope I can express to you how frustrating it is to those of us who live in Colleton County, and especially in Walterboro, to feel unrepresented. There are three house members and three senators each representing a tiny fragment of our population and therefore no one feels a sense of responsibility for the city and county as a whole.

Remarkably, the city of 6500 people is divided into six districts. This is akin to taxation without representation.

The six representatives we have all reside in other counties and understandably have strong ties and commitments to their majority constituents to the disadvantage of our interest.

We are hopeful you will use your influence to remedy this unjust districting scheme that we have lived with for the last 10 years and provide us with a resident legislator to give us a voice in legislative matters.

Thanking you in advance for your sincere attention to this matter. With best wishes and kind regards, I remain

Yours Very Truly,



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TESTIMONY OF MARILYN CAPRIELIAN
BEFORE
SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING ON
BEAUFORT, COLLETON, HAMPTON AND JASPER COUNTIES
MARCH 28, 2011
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOW COUNTRY -- BEAUFORT

Thank you for allowing me to testify before the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee's Redistricting Subcommittee as you examine the effects of redistricting on Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties.

My name is Marilyn Caprielian and I reside in Sun City in South Carolina's Beaufort County.

I am very concerned about the possibility of northern and southern Beaufort County's being split into separate senate districts. All of us who reside in Beaufort County are brought together by key factors such as:

- **Economic development.** The Lowcountry Economic Alliance is the local economic development organization for Beaufort County recognized by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, and the LEA's economic development efforts have focused on the county as a region, not as separate parts.
- **Unified transportation system.** Highway 170 and Highway 278 are a four-lane, primary highway link that provides ease of transportation to all parts of the county. In a countywide referendum, the voters of Beaufort County approved a sales tax increase to pay for improvements to this shared transportation network.
- **Commonality of communications.** All portions of the county are served by one major newspaper published under different mastheads – the Beaufort Gazette and The Island Packet. The same news stories, editorials, etc. appear in each. Likewise, all portions of the county are served by television network stations in Charleston and Savannah.
- **Local government.** The City of Beaufort, in the northern part of Beaufort County, is the county seat. Putting the county seat in a separate senate district than one in which the majority of the county resides would be very damaging to the community.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify and I hope you will consider my reasons on why a Senate District that incorporates Northern and Southern Beaufort County would be appropriate and beneficial.

TESTIMONY OF JOCELYN METZGER STAIGAR
BEFORE
SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE
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BEAUFORT/PORT ROYAL – BLUFFTON – HILTON HEAD → ONE COMMUNITY

Good Evening and I thank the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee's Redistricting Subcommittee for allowing me to testify at the Public Hearing on redistricting for Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties.

My name is Jocelyn Metzger Staigar and I reside in Hilton Head, South Carolina, which is in Beaufort County.

The Beaufort County community consists of three areas generally referred to as "Beaufort-Port Royal," "Bluffton," and "Hilton Head." Each relates to the other in many ways – culturally, environmentally, historically and economically – and it would be very damaging to the Beaufort County community if its northern and southern parts were split into different senate districts. Here are some reasons why these three areas are within the same community of interest:

- **Geographic integrity.** Beaufort County is known for its rivers, wetlands and marshes, and the Port Royal Sound, the largest estuary on the East Coast, unifies our county. While bodies of water in other parts of the state may divide, the Port Royal Sound unites, as evidenced by the countywide support for entities that protect the estuary.
- **One system of public schools.** The Beaufort County School District is one single countywide district, and community leaders from all parts of the county serve on the same school board. The school district has taken a strong position against splitting the district and emphasized the shared goals of public schools in all parts of the county.
- **Environmental interests.** No part of Beaufort County is urbanized or industrialized. Instead, all portions are defined by its lowcountry environment – a shared natural resource that attracts tourists, retirees and service industries. All parts of the county share a common interest in protecting our natural environment for its economic well-being.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to testify on this important matter. I hope you will consider the value of creating a Senate District that includes northern and southern Beaufort County.

Debbie Hammond

From: gwh [gwh@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:01 PM
To: Debbie Hammond
Subject: Redistricting

Hi Debbie:

It was a pleasure meeting you in Beaufort on Monday. I am forwarding you my info so I can be added to your email list for items regarding the redistricting process.

I also spoke with several of the Senators about this, mainly concerning district 45. Senator Ford asked me to put it in writing so will you please get my comments to all members of the subcommittee.

I really think it is unwise to have any Senator representing more than 3 counties. Four is too many and 5 is simply impossible. It is very unfair to the people who are now in districts 39 and 45 because they are not properly represented. In the past, these districts were drawn that way for all the wrong reasons and I hope they are corrected this time around--simply paying close attention to your district map clearly proves my point--especially in the case of District 45. As for the counties that are part of 4-county districts, this is still a problem that should be avoided if possible. No Senator should encroach into an adjacent county unless they first have all of their county of residence. For example, Orangeburg County should not be divided into 2 Senate districts until it has more than 100,500 people. Based on the current census, the Orangeburg Senator should represent his entire county plus a small portion of an adjacent county to get to the 100,500 target population. Currently, there are 2 Senators representing Orangeburg and 3 or 4 other counties each. This doesn't make sense. Limiting representation to 3 counties in every possible case will take hard work and courage, but it is necessary for proper representation!

As for my area (District 45), I believe the recent census has provided us with an opportunity to correct the poorly established boundaries we now have. Based on the fact that new Senate districts will comprise approximately 100,500 people, the growth in the area will allow for proper representation to be provided by 2 Senators in Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper Counties. Our combined population of approximately 208,000 will entitle us to just over 2 Senators. Simply put, Beaufort County will have district 46 completely within their boundaries. District 45 should be comprised of the remaining Beaufort County population and all of Jasper and Hampton Counties.

Doing this will comply with the traditional redistricting principles that were distributed by your office at Monday night's meeting. Plus, this will completely remove Colleton County from District 45 and I think this was suggested by speakers from Colleton at the hearing. It is my understanding that they feel more in tune with other Counties in their region such as Bamberg, Orangeburg and Dorchester.

Thank you for your consideration.

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AIKEN
PUBLIC HEARING
March 29, 2011

Senate Redistricting Mailbox

From: Claude O'Donovan [odclaudio@att.net]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 1:45 PM
To: Senate Redistricting Mailbox
Subject: Aiken County/SRA

Gentlemen:

I attended the hearing here in Aiken but reserved my thoughts to communicate with you in writing via email.

My concern is that you may give weight to Joe Wilson's seniority and let him have Aiken county. I like Joe but Jeff Duncan has consistently shown for our region even before he represented us. As a SC State Representative he visited the Savannah River Site on numerous occasions and even organized a tour of other Rep's. He recently organized a tour for all the SC US House members so they would have a greater appreciation of It's value to South Carolina.

Jeff has served as the Chairman of the SC State house Committee on Agriculture Natural Resources, Environmental Affairs. He currently sits on the US Congress Natural Resources committee.

Jeff also served on the US Department of the Interior's Outer Continental Shelf's 5 year Planning Sub-Committee for making recommendations on oil and natural gas leases on offshore areas. In addition, he served on the state's Natural Gas Offshore Study Committee and was appointed to represent the state of South Carolina on the DrillingSouthern States Energy Board.

Thank you for your service and consideration on this.

Claude O'Donovan
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ROCK HILL
PUBLIC HEARING
March 30, 2011

To:
South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee
Redistricting Subcommittee
P.O. Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202

Subject: Comments on Senate Redistricting

First, let me say that the following comments are not a complaint about the quality of the representation residents of York County have received from our legislators. I believe the representation has, on balance, been quite good. What these comments do attempt to do is to look objectively at the process of determining what level of "Resident Representation" York County and its residents are to have for the next decade.

For the past two decades, York County has demonstrably been the most "under-represented" County in the entire state in terms of its resident representation in both the SC Senate and the SC House of Representatives. York County is currently over 2 short on resident House Districts, and over 1 short on resident Senate Districts. This level of representation can negatively impact our ability to be adequately heard on important issues such as property tax levels, education funding, water and sewer costs, planning and zoning controls, infrastructure funding, environmental controls, and open space preservation. So far, indications are that this situation may continue or even worsen for the next decade. This is both unnecessary and unfair.

Currently, and since the last redistricting effort in 2001, York County's Legislative Delegation has been composed of one (1) Senator resident in York County, three (3) non-resident Senators, four (4) resident Representatives, and three (3) non-resident Representatives. The total: five (5) resident legislators and six (6) non-resident legislators. Only 45% of York County's overall State legislative representation is resident and/or controlled within York County. "Resident" or "Control" in this context means having a district lie entirely within the County's boundaries or having the majority of votes in a district split across multiple county lines. Needless to say, our Non-Resident Senators and Representatives, if push comes to shove, are primarily beholden to and concerned about the issues most relevant to the voters who are mostly responsible for electing them - the residents of Chester, Lancaster, Cherokee and Fairfield Counties.

According to the recently released data from the 2010 Census, York County is the 7th largest and the 2nd fastest growing County in South Carolina. York County grew over 37% in the last decade. Of the 46 counties in SC, this rate of growth was exceeded only by Dorchester County, and nearly matched by Horry County.

In the SC Senate, our one Senator represents 55% (based on the 2000 U.S. Census) of the residents of York County. Since 2000, the other 45% of York County's population have been represented by Senators who live outside York County. Based on the current populations of their Senate districts, This 55% represented by our lone resident Senator can be directly compared to Greenville County where 92% of the residents are represented by resident Senators; Spartanburg County where 98% of the residents are represented by resident Senators; Richland County where it's 100%; Horry County where it's 94%; Charleston County where it's 81%; and Lexington County where it's 72%.

Further, if York County doesn't get a second resident Senate District in the current redistricting process, York will immediately fall to less than 44% of residents being represented from within the county, while more than 56% of our residents are represented from outside. And if growth picks up again over the coming decade, that number will continue to fall, likely to the point that less than one-third of York County residents will have resident representation in the SC Senate by the end of this decade. This is somewhat analogous to having one of our two U.S. Senators for South Carolina living in and primarily representing Kentucky. The legislature should be embarrassed and ashamed to admit they can't (or won't) do a better and truly representative job of setting legislative districts.

Hearings by both the Senate and the House Subcommittees on Redistricting were recently held in Rock Hill. Descriptions of the redistricting process provided at those hearings indicated that the primary "redistricting principles" to be considered were: 1)

“communities of interest”; 2) compactness and contiguity; 3) county lines; and 4) applicable laws and standards. Let’s consider each of those as it applies to York County and our future representation:

- There are few “communities of interest” at any level as clearly appropriate and important as the county level. It’s the county that assesses, levies and collects much of our taxes, provides a major portion of our public services, controls much of our planning and zoning, provides a major part of our law enforcement service, funds much of our fire protection, and, in general, deals with our growth and well-being. What more important “community of interest” is there as relates to our representation at the State level?
- With regard to compactness and contiguity, the county is politically, economically, geographically and socially the most compact and contiguous unit.
- County lines are well defined and, in great part, are the dividing lines between the residents of the county and other counties not just geographically, but also as it relates to dealing with their everyday needs and concerns.
- Applicable laws and regulatory standards regarding racial balance and other required characteristics of voting districts are what they are, and need to be taken into account.
- A fifth area of consideration mentioned in some hearing literature, but not particularly emphasized at either hearing (but which is clear to many, and is certainly clear to legislators), is “continuation of similar representation”. This terminology translates to the fact that the status quo is favored by current legislators in order to protect their incumbency, even if it means the people are poorly represented or under-represented. This is truly the fox minding the henhouse. In fact, it seems that, were it not for the federally monitored “Majority Minority” considerations, legislators would just as soon settle this whole redistricting thing in the back room. To me, the current methodology represents a glowing endorsement for the institution of an independent, non-partisan commission appointed by the Governor to study and recommend the structure of our districts including Senate, House, and Congressional. Such an approach would remove or at least have the potential to reduce the substantial and unjustified leverage that incumbency has today.

The characteristics most prominently not considered directly in this list are fairness and equitability. These say that persons should be represented by elected officials who live, work, and share primary interests and concerns with those who are represented. To do otherwise is to reduce the effectiveness of representation and to ignore the real purpose of “The People’s Legislature”.

Representatives and Senators come and go (some would say not often enough), but the county endures. The priority in considering how districts should be formed should be to insure the most appropriate and responsive representation of the people. This means that, wherever possible, the representation should come from and be resident within the most meaningful common denominator and community of interest which, within the state, I believe is clearly the county. What this means, in turn, is that, if combinations are needed, smaller counties should be combined in contiguous common districts representing the likely common communities of interest which exist in more sparsely populated and slower growing areas. Population location will dictate some overlap across the county lines of sparsely and densely populated counties, but this should be kept to a minimum in order to focus on commonality of district characteristics. Unnecessarily mixing the representation between sparsely populated, slower growing areas, and heavily populated, faster growing areas does a major disservice to both, since one or the other or both will be less well represented based on the residence of the representative.

In summary, we should put aside the almost total focus on preserving the status quo and the incumbency of the current representatives, and get back to representing the people rather than representing the representatives.

Don Long
14 Sunrise Point Court
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Greater York Chamber of Commerce

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April 8, 2011

SC Senate Judiciary Committee
Redistricting Subcommittee
P.O. Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Committee Member:

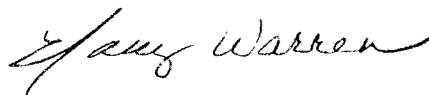
The 2010 Census identified York County as the second fastest growing County in South Carolina with an increase of 61,459 raising the County's total population to over 226,000. An increase in population of this magnitude will require changes in York County's legislative boundaries. The Chamber believes County wide initiatives, unity of purpose, and County integrity are factors warranting consideration when drafting the new Legislative boundaries.

Currently York County is divided into four Senatorial Districts with only one district, District 16, lying wholly within the boundaries of York County, which establishes York County as that Senator's' place of residence. The other three Senators, while they represent portions of York County, do not reside in the County, they reside in that portion of their district where the majority of their constituents live.

With the population growth experienced in York County another State Senate District should be drawn with the majority of the population living in York County. Given that representatives live in their district where the majority of their constituents live, York County could have another resident State Senator.

After review of the 2010 Census data, the unique location of York County as a member of a multi-state metropolitan community, and the need for community cohesion the Board of Directors for the Greater York Chamber of Commerce advocate for an additional resident State Senate District with the majority of voters residing in York County.

Sincerely,



Nancy G. Warren, President
Greater York Chamber of Commerce

cc. York County Legislative Delegation
Greater York Chamber of Commerce Directors
Jim Baker, York County Manager
Eric Winstead, District 3 York County Council

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803-324-2800

March 22, 2011

The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman
Senate Redistricting Subcommittee
Gressette Building, Room 101
Columbia, SC


Dear Senator McConnell:

Residents of the Fort Mill/Tega Cay areas wish these two areas to be united into one district when the district lines are redrawn this spring. They asked that I provide you the attached local government, Chamber of Commerce and School Board Resolutions, signed petitions and a fact sheet prior to the public hearing that will occur in the next few weeks.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



Robert W. Hayes, Jr.

RWHJr:jd

Attachments

Judy Denning

From: Al Steele [fortmillrx@comporium.net]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 12:48 PM
To: Judy Denning
Cc: Mace, Dan; AL STEELE; Brian Wilson; Greg Gregory; Wes Hayes
Subject: Info for Judicial Sub-committee
Attachments: Re-Unification Passed resolutions.pdf; Re-Unification Signed Petitions.pdf; Re-unification FACT SHEETv2 (7).doc

Judy,

Thanks for helping us get our passed Resolutions, Fact Sheet and signed Petitions to the Judicial Redistricting Sub Committee Members before we speak at the public meeting in Rock Hill on March 30th.

If the Signed Petitions are too many pages for you to deal with then only give them the Resolutions passed by the Town of Fort Mill, City of Tega Cay, FM Chamber, TC Chamber, Greater York County Chamber and the Fort Mill School Board.

The Members are:

Glenn F. McConnell, Chairman
Robert Ford
Larry A. Martin
C. Bradley Hutto
Gerald Malloy
Raymond E. Cleary III
Phillip W. Shoopman

Thanks again for your help.

Al Steele
803-242-5058

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RESOLUTION 2011-02

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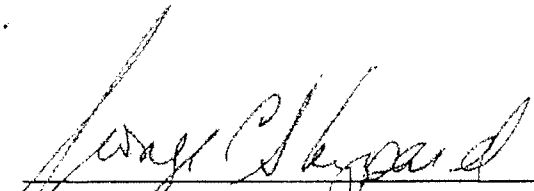
WHEREAS, The City of Tega Cay and Fort Mill Township is currently served by leaders in the South Carolina State Senate and House of Representatives who ably represent the interests of our community together with the disparate interests of others; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tega Cay desire to have their unique interests advanced in a more unified fashion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of Tega Cay pledges support for the redistricting of State of South Carolina lines for State Senator and State Representative to include all of Fort Mill Township in one district.

ADOPTED this 23 day of February, 2011.

SIGNED:

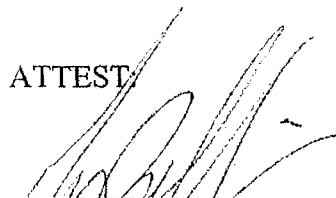


Mayor George C. Sheppard

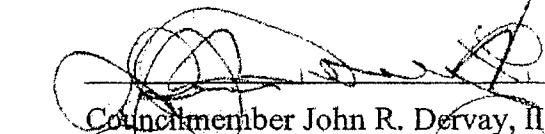


Mayor Pro Tempore Dottie S. Hersey, Esq.


ATTEST:



Grant W. Duffield
City Manager, City of Tega Cay



Councilmember John R. Dervay, II



Councilmember Stephen T. Perkins



TOWN OF FORT MILL

February 17, 2011

Committee for the Reunification of Fort Mill/Tega Cay House & Senate Voting Districts
c/o Dan Mace
Moseley Architects
11430 N. Community House Road
Gibson Building, Suite 225
Charlotte, NC 28277

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Fort Mill Town Council, I would like to announce their unanimous endorsement of the enclosed Resolution indicating their support of a reunification of the Fort Mill/Tega Cay House and Senate Voting Districts. The Town drafted its own Resolution and a copy of it is attached, along with a copy of the agenda and corresponding minutes from their January 24, 2011 meeting.

If you need further information, please contact me at 803-547-2116 or via email at dhudspeth@fortmillsc.org.

Sincerely,

David E. Hudspeth
Town Manager

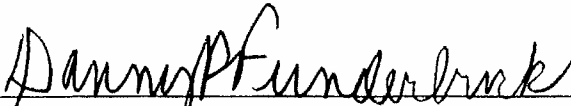
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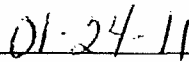
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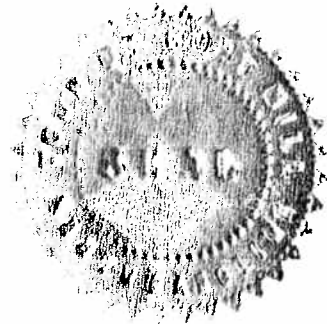
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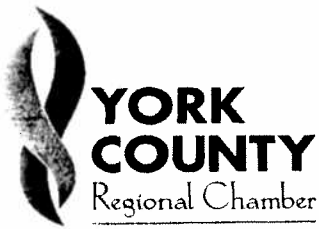


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Attested by David E. Hudspeth, Town Manager





January 19, 2011

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Marvin Smith
Chairman –
Regional Chamber Board of Directors



Tega Cay Area Council

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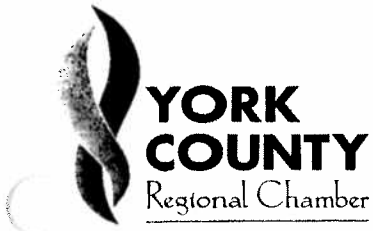
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Roger Metz
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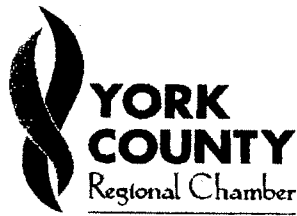
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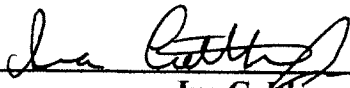
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES)

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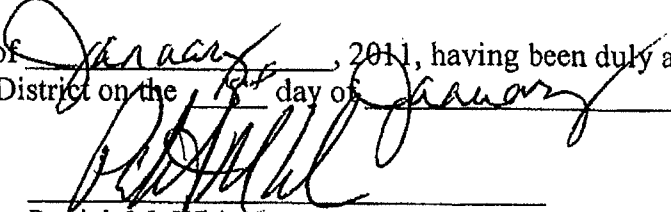
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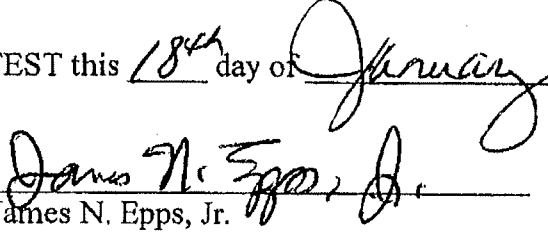
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SIGNED AND SEALED this 18th day of January, 2011, having been duly adopted by the Board of Trustees for the Fort Mill School District on the 18th day of January, 2011.



Patrick M. White
Chairman of the Fort Mill School District
Board of Trustees

ATTEST this 18th day of January, 2011



Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.
Superintendent of the Fort Mill School District

IONS - OUR VIEW

Published: Wednesday, Feb. 09, 2011 / Updated: Wednesday, Feb. 09, 2011 10:35 AM

Sign petition for new districts

A coalition of civic leaders and elected officials are telling the S.C. Legislature to unite Fort Mill and Tega Cay when state house and senate districts are redrawn in the spring.

They need your help.

The initiative includes a petition that was started last month. Delivering it with the signatures of thousands of residents will give the effort added credibility.

Like most changes in this region in recent years, growth is the driver behind the need to redraw district lines. But it's also an opportunity to apply common sense.

The 2010 census results that will be released soon are expected to show that South Carolina's population grew by more than 15 percent. Judging by the continued rise in the number of students educated in Fort Mill's schools, a significant portion of that growth is centered in our area. That means more stress on the common interests Fort Mill and Tega Cay share, mainly the school system and infrastructure.

South Carolina's growth also means an additional seat in the U.S. House, but that new member of Congress won't come from our part of the state, which is represented in the enormous Fifth District. Officials anticipate an additional seat in the State House for the Fort Mill area, and that change makes it the perfect time to consolidate Fort Mill and Tega Cay.

The petition quickly gained the support of the Tega Cay and Fort Mill Area councils of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, as well as the York County Regional Chamber. The Fort Mill School Board supports the petition.

There's another element of this to keep in mind: Redistricting could take place sometime in April or May and that means the candidate who wins the S.C. Senate District 16 seat recently vacated by freshman U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-Indian Land) could be in place while the redistricting haggling is underway. When questioning the crowded field of candidates (we hope readers take that opportunity at public forums; when they encounter candidates on the stump; or by calling and e-mailing them), voters should try to get a feel for which one of them is best suited to make sure our area's concerns influence the decisions.

In the meantime, be sure to add your signature to the petition. It's the right things to do for Fort Mill and Tega Cay.

Let voters decide about teleconferencing

Tega Cay officials recently discussed the possibility of calling a referendum to let voters decide if city council members should be allowed to participate in meetings by phone. Although they tabled any action and it's unclear if and when the subject will come up again, it was interesting to that see council members divided.

On the pro side are council members Dottie Hersey and Stephen Perkins; Councilman John Dervay is opposed and Mayor George Sheppard said he wants more information, but appears to be leaning against the idea, saying, "I believe you should be present for your constituents." Councilman Larry Harper, who's resigning after criticism over the number of meetings he missed due to the demands of his job, is in favor, but it's not likely a vote will come up before he steps down.

The city asked the state attorney general's office for an opinion on allowing council members to participate via teleconferencing and was told it would be legal as long as certain conditions are met. It's unclear if there's a bloc of residents so opposed to the idea that they would challenge such a policy in court.

Certainly, it will be an issue in the special election that will be held to find someone to complete Harper's term.

We're not crazy with the idea that council members should be counted as present and allowed to vote on agenda items if they are not actually at a meeting, but we are in favor of letting voters decide if they should have that option. We'd like to see at least one more public hearing on the issue. Then, schedule a referendum so constituents can tell council members themselves if it's important to be physically present at meetings.

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NEWS - LOCAL

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Fort Mill joins call for unified senate district

By Jenny Overman - joverman@fortmilltimes.com

FORT MILL TOWNSHIP -- The Fort Mill Town Council is the latest group to approve a resolution requesting that Fort Mill and Tega Cay be drawn into the same S.C. Senate and House districts when district lines are redrawn this spring.

The resolution was drafted by township residents Al Steele, Brian Wilson and Dan Mace. They say allowing Fort Mill and Tega Cay to be represented together would help keep the Fort Mill School District strong and well represented in Columbia.

"The key is to speak loudly with a unified voice, quickly and early, so we get our name in the hat first," Mace said.

The resolution has already earned support from the Tega Cay and Fort Mill Area Councils of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, as well as the York County Regional Chamber. The Fort Mill School Board also voted unanimously to support the resolution.

Tega Cay officials were presented with the resolution last month, but have not made a move to approve it.

Mace said that he is also meeting with other civic groups to garner their support, including the Tega Cay Lions Club and Vintage Club.

"We're continuing to spread it around and get verbal and written support," Mace said.

Right now, Tega Cay and Fort Mill are represented by different S.C. House and Senate members.

Recent numbers show population increase in South Carolina of more than 15 percent, which means the Legislature will redraw S.C. House and Senate district lines and also determine new boundaries for the state's Congressional districts, including a seventh congressional seat.

During the redistricting process, the Fort Mill is expected to gain an additional S.C. House seat. S.C. House Representative Ralph Norman estimates that redistricting will take place in April or May.

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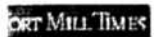
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Rebin Smith	548-2254	Del Ford	548-2694
Ann Faircloth	448-7569	Ronald A. Katter	548-3535
Jeff Smith	548-2254	Del Ford	704-6776661
Suzanne May	984-9079	Erin Beachum	
J. L. Brenner	803-577-8324	Dale	
Michael K. Kopy	803-493-9655	Erin Kiser	
Carl M. Sweeney	803-862-1721	Lu Gikney	
Phyllis E. Gidd		Larry Frost	
Johnnie Webb	803-862-5002	By Bill	
William H. Mason	803-578-1608	Ben Kovic	548-3703
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Jan Morahan	803-547-2675	Matthew Rowles	
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<u>Robert Cummings</u>	<u>547-2093</u>		
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Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 2:11 PM
To: 'ron kirby'
Cc: Mace, Dan
Subject: RE: re-unification

Hey Ron & Dan, please count us in, we support this!
Hope & Robert Trigg

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Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 10:50 AM
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Folks,

I ask that you encourage Tega Cay City Council to unanimously by Resolution to support this petition in all our best interest. Dan and his group have worked very hard on this opportunity. I ask that you respond to Dan in support via email and attend City Council tonight in support of Our District.

Sincerely,
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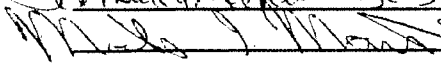
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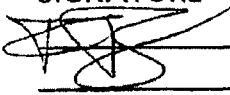
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Leanne Mace

From: Terri Fenwick [tfenwick@me.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:05 PM
To: Leanne Mace
Subject: Reunification

We would like to show our support FOR the Reunification of Tega Cay and Fort Mill for State House and Senate Voting districts. Please contact us if you have any questions:

Charles and Terri Fenwick
911 Derricks Crossing
Fort Mill, SC 29708

803-548-5127

Leanne Mace

From: Delaney Costanzo [dcostanzo1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 7:21 PM
To: Leanne Mace
Subject: RE: Reunification - You can support by email

"yes, I support a re-unified State House and State Senate voting district for the Fort Mill and Tega Cay Communities".
Delaney Costanzo
803-548-2981

--- On Thu, 1/27/11, Leanne Mace <archimace@comporium.net> wrote:

From: Leanne Mace <archimace@comporium.net>
Subject: RE: Reunification - You can support by email
To: "'Leanne Mace'" <archimace@comporium.net>, "'Amy Simpson'" <asimpson@swisherhygiene.com>, "'Beth Chuck'" <bchuck@comporium.net>, "'Carol Hampton'" <mahampton@comporium.net>, "'Corrine Zeidner'" <czeidner322@yahoo.com>, "'Dawn Whitley'" <dawn_whit@comporium.net>, "'Deb Paff'" <debpaff@comporium.net>, "'Diane Papez'" <dpapez@comporium.net>, "'Diane Seco'" <secod1017@yahoo.com>, "'Elizabeth Stacy'" <elizabethstacy@yahoo.com>, "'Gretchen Zimmer'" <clemsonzimmer@yahoo.com>, "'Emily Harris'" <harrise@fort-mill.k12.sc.us>, "'Heather Schwarzkopf'" <schwarzkopf@comporium.net>, "'Jan Prentice'" <janprentice@comporium.net>, "'Judi Phillips'" <phillips.judi@gmail.com>, "'Julia Harris'" <jules2024@gmail.com>, "'Karen Pickitt'" <kwpsc@msn.com>, "'Karol Patyk'" <KarolPatyk@comporium.net>, "'Kim Sharpton'" <kasharpton@yahoo.com>, "'Leeann Harris'" <harristia@aol.com>, "'Lisa Crutchfield'" <lis.yoga@live.com>, "'Lisa Lininger'" <lkluver@yahoo.com>, "'Loretta Weiss'" <LKWSC@comporium.net>, "'Lori Hillman'" <hillmanl@comporium.net>, "'Mary Kathryn Harris'" <joekat@comporium.net>, "'Miriam Stricklin'" <mbs@lanmail.com>, "'Reid Lancaster'" <Mail4reid@aol.com>, "'Shaun Masters'" <dswj@mac.com>, "'Sherry Allen'" <sherrya@us.ibm.com>, "'Susan & Woody Axton'" <axtons@comporium.net>, "'Tami Barre'" <tbarre@comporium.net>, "'Therese MacPhee'" <THEMACS862@aol.com>, "'Tracy Imler'" <imlerrt@aol.com>, "'Bethany Prain'" <PrainB@fort-mill.k12.sc.us>, "'Pam Gibbes'" <pgibbes@innolectinc.com>, "'Austin Nunn'" <austin.nunn@hotmail.com>, "'Beth Klipa'" <eklipa21@gmail.com>, "'Brenda Rose'" <rose.brenda86@yahoo.com>, carola.nitz@gmx.de, "'Celia McCarter'" <celia.mccarter@nljc.com>, "'Debbie Tucker'" <dandebtucker@comcast.net>, "'Delaney Costanzo'" <dcostanzo1@yahoo.com>, "'Elsie Hummel'" <elsienchris@hotmail.com>, "'Tina Botzenhardt'" <mbotzenhardt@comporium.net>, "'Terri Fenwick'" <tfenwick@comporium.net>, StephanieGregory@tppartners.com, "'Stacy Jacobson'" <boodlesj@hotmail.com>, "'Shannon Miller'" <shannon_2525@bellsouth.net>, "'Rence Tate'" <tates@comporium.net>, "'Grenda Dountz'" <gsdountz@comporium.net>, "'Jackie Miller'" <jackie@fittolive.com>, "'Karen Poteet'" <gapoteets@hotmail.com>, "'Kari Burroughs'" <Kari_fortmill@hotmail.com>, "'Karin McKemey'" <McKemey@comporium.net>, "'Missy Quinn'" <melissaquinn4@hotmail.com>, "'Pam Martin'" <pam@martinmediavideo.com>, "'lorie lower'" <lorie@nestfurnish.com>, "'Diane Woods'" <dwoods.profe31@insuremail.net>
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2011, 5:23 PM

The Reunification Committee got approval to get support via email. This is great news. Thanks to those who have already signed the petition. For those who have not and would like to show support by email, please respond

Leanne Mace

To: Tim and Karen Poteet
Subject: RE:

From: Tim and Karen Poteet [<mailto:gapoteets@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 5:44 PM
To: Leanne and Dan Mace
Subject:

yes, I support a re-unified State House and State Senate voting district for the Fort Mill and Tega Cay Communities

**Karen T. Poteet
31017 Executive Point
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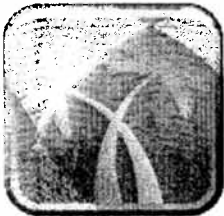
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From: Jackie L. Miller [jackie@myrtlebeachmobile.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 6:21 PM
To: 'Leanne Mace'
Subject: RE: Reunification - You can support by email

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-Jackie Miller



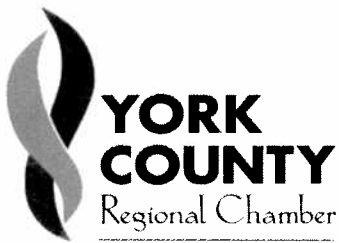
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From: Leanne Mace [mailto:archimace@comporium.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 5:24 PM
To: 'Leanne Mace'; 'Amy Simpson'; 'Beth Chuck'; 'Carol Hampton'; 'Corrine Zeidner'; 'Dawn Whitley'; 'Deb Paff'; 'Diane Papez'; 'Diane Seco'; 'Elizabeth Stacy'; 'Gretchen Zimmer'; 'Emily Harris'; 'Heather Schwarzkopf'; 'Jan Prentice'; 'Judi Phillips'; 'Julia Harris'; 'Karen Pickitt'; 'Karol Patyk'; 'Kim Sharpton'; 'Leeann Harris'; 'Lisa Crutchfield'; 'Lisa Lininger'; 'Loretta Weiss'; 'Lori Hillman'; 'Mary Kathryn Harris'; 'Miriam Stricklin'; 'Reid Lancaster'; 'Shaun Masters'; 'Sherry Allen'; 'Susan & Woody Axton'; 'Tami Barre'; 'Therese MacPhee'; 'Tracy Imler'; 'Bethany Prain'; 'Pam Gibbes'; 'Austin Nunn'; 'Beth Klipa'; 'Brenda Rose'; carola.nitz@gmx.de; 'Celia McCarter'; 'Debbie Tucker'; 'Delaney Costanzo'; 'Elsie Hummel'; 'Tina Botzenhardt'; 'Terri Fenwick'; StephanieGregory@tppartners.com; 'Stacy Jacobson'; 'Shannon Miller'; 'Renee Tate'; 'Grenda Dountz'; 'Jackie Miller'; 'Karen Poteet'; 'Kari Burroughs'; 'Karin McKemey'; 'Missy Quinn'; 'Pam Martin'; 'lorie lower'; 'Diane Woods'
Subject: RE: Reunification - You can support by email

Mace, Dan

From: ron kirby [kirby@comporium.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 12:53 PM
To: Mace, Dan
Subject: FW: re-unification

From: dalewatts [mailto:dalewatts@comporium.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 12:45 PM
To: 'ron kirby'
Subject: Yes: re-unification



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March 30, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: **Senator Glenn McConnell**

Chair – Senate Redistricting Subcommittee

c/o Debbie Hammond, Senate Judiciary Administrative Mgr.

From: **Marvin Smith**

Chairman – York County Regional Chamber

c/o Rob Youngblood, Chamber President

Re: **Resolution Concerning 2011 Redistricting**

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Tega Cay

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Fort Mill, SC 29708

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Please see the attached resolution, presented as a document for the record in addition to testimony, to the SC Senate Redistricting Subcommittee as part of this public hearing.

The document is presented on behalf of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, 116 East Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730. The Chamber is located in SC Senate District #15 and Congressional District #5.

Thank you very much.



RESOLUTION
of
**SUPPORT FOR INCREASING YORK COUNTY BASED REPRESENTATION
IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE
AS A RESULT OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, York County is a vital part of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, York County is home to over 226,000 South Carolina citizens, which is nearly five percent of the state's total population; and

WHEREAS, York County is the state's second fastest growing county (37.3% in ten years) and has the state's seventh largest population; and

WHEREAS, State Senate and House of Representatives district lines are redrawn after and as a result of each census; and

WHEREAS, York County is currently served by leaders in both chambers of the State Legislature who ably represent the interests of the county together with the disparate interests of other counties; and,

WHEREAS, only five of eleven members of the York County Delegation now reside in this county; and

WHEREAS, the county's business community (including resident employees and employers) also desire more direct representation in the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, increased overall county-based representation that is respectful of geographic, economic and local representation needs are in the interest of all of York County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce supports a redistricting process that fairly and equitably apportions York County-based representation in the South Carolina Legislature.

Done and ratified this 18th day of January, 2011.



Marvin Smith

York County Regional Chamber Chairman

Senate Redistricting Mailbox

From: Terry & Roy K Bird [shippey@rhtc.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 10:48 AM
To: Senate Redistricting Mailbox
Subject: Redistricting "Communities of Interest"

Dear Sirs;

Thanks for your allowing me to speak at Baxter Hood on my "Community of Interest" even though I failed to sign the sheet.

You may remember my "Community of interest" is the rural areas where the heart and soul of South Carolina is preserved.

While the Population centers, I.E; "Bedroom communities" for Charlotte, the big business centers of industry we have attracted, The "Retirement Centers" along the Grand Strand and so on, represent the new growth we think is important for jobs and tax revenue, lets not forget that which attracted them here in the first place. The soul of South Carolina!

South Carolina is rich in the history and development of our country, from the revolutionary struggles, which Thomas Jefferson acknowledged the people at the "Battle of Kings Mountain, the turning point of the war and the defeat of Cornwallis. The Struggles between the states and the federal government over states independence and ability to trade with foreign countries tariff free, The slavery question and how to end it, the last last vestiges of the CSA retreating from Richmond through this area and the mysteries of the CSA treasury and its disappearance. The many early small railroads so important to our survival in the years after the civil war. The then industrial centers that large family farms and plantations represented with their forges, wagon shops and many other skills. While the industrial north and bigger population centers "ruled" there were many advances and developments here in our state

Today that spirit still lives where in smaller communities living may not be "easy" but it is still genteel, business is still done based on a reputation and a handshake. Small repair business, equipment sales, commodity transactions keep my "Communities of interest" going. Here is where Family farms still supply the superb food such as the Wilson's farm store straddling the York/Chester county line Where April to Oct., you can still buy homegrown strawberries, peaches, varieties of vegetables, corn in the husk, apples beans and greens, to name a few. Where a young son with a Masters degree marries a well educated granddaughter of the Chester Marion family and yet, they choose to remain on the farm keeping the Wilson Farm Store going strong, You each know of someone like these; we have the fishing boats still plying the coastal waters and delivering fresh fish and shrimp to restaurants along the coast. The struggling Diaries and thee Beef farmers through out our rural areas. Yes, cotton is still ginned in my area and others though it is not king anymore. And we can still find in most communities the "liars Tables" where the locals, black white and native American, all come to eat meals, swap tales, make deals, arrange hay to be cut, fire wood to be delivered, and more. Yes, most of us are descendants of slaves, pioneers, merchants and more, each with our own "grudges" but we still come together in our communities and talk and deal with one another genteelly, loving our life and the envy often of those who choose to get to know us. While this population may not be the most dynamic it is still the majority and yet the flavor, the soul of South Carolina, which is the draw for many of our newer residents. Sure, they first see the low taxes, the available land, the cheap labor as the magnetic but its the "genteel soul" of SC that has created the first impression.

So my "Community of Interest" is just that, the soul of SC, the communities away from the population Centers that have kept slow "easy" growth and stability going in our fine State. While we listen to the population centers and their concerns, lets not "throw the Baby out with the bathwater". Let us not allow the "tail" to wag the dog. At times it crosses my mind that redistricting should tie the "common sense" of the low density areas to a part of each population center so we have some sense of the soul of SC in every District, grounding it to the real world of the "nature of living" out of the high pace, high taxed living of the (sought after) modern world of today's big cities. Only 50 years ago the motto of Charlotte was "A Great Place to Raise a family" and was building parks and such; Today it is a great place to have (High Priced) Pro Sports where at \$100 an event you can see a game, get a hot dog and a drink. While that is good for some, that is not the flavor and soul that draws people to our population centers, Retirees to our grand strand, and tourists to our many wonderful areas. In short, it is our (my) "communities of interest" where the soul, the original flavor, the genteel spirit of South Carolina is ongoing. Do not loose this most important "common sense" soul in the redistricting of our state. Do not allow the population centers a to become the focus of our state without realizing the cost to us all. Your job is not an easy one either, and I sympathize with you as to accomplish preserving what we have through the natural slow growth while pandering to the population centers' "Community of Interest" and the fast growth ensuing there from will be a hard and harsh task, but well worth doing it right.