



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor & Council Members

FROM: Carly Sanseverino, Staff Attorney

DATE: March 2, 2022

RE: **Redistricting Public Comments #1 - #56**

In coordination with the City's redistricting process, the below comments were received by staff as public comment to date. We will continue to collect written comments to be included with the redistricting record and provide them to City Council.

CJS/

Attachment [Record of Redistricting Comments]

cc: Arleen M. Hunter, City Manager
Matt Feeney, Assistant City Manager
Derek Rooney, City Attorney
Debbie Filipek, City Clerk
Lora Taylor, Communications Director

Comment #1

From: DHNPHN <dhnphn@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 11:00 AM

To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: Redistricting Workshop Comments

This email is our total support and we request the board workshop to make changes in Bonita Springs Council District 4 outline.

District 4 has an overwhelming voting control related to the large populations living in the coastline associations. Our East side of the district is made up of smaller non gated associations and privately-owned single-family units, and often we feel left out of Council decisions.

History shows, in the past few years, all District 4 council members have been from the larger associations located on the western side of the district. It's time to put the western side HOA & Condo associations into one district.

Making this change will give we members of the present East side of the district 4 an opportunity to be equally represented on the City Council when district lines are changed. My wife and I are 20+ year owners, request this board to make the changes in District 4 which will reflect equal representation for all.

Thank you,

Herb Nelson and Peggy Paulsen
25806 Cockleshell Dr.
Bonita Springs, FL.

Comment #2

From: G Groves <greggroves3@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:10 AM

To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: Comments concerning Redistricting

Dear Members of the 2022 Redistricting Committee

I am excited to see redistricting on the City Council Agenda. It's obvious that Bonita Springs has experienced a tremendous amount of growth in population since the previous census. The diversity of growth and increase in commerce in our city is so exciting.

When I look at a map of the current City Council Districts and apply the population growth, I believe our city has outgrown six districts. The current boundaries of District Four have the council person representing a very diverse neighborhood/city experience. By dividing the district, the representation on the city council would more acutely reflect the experience of all citizens living in Bonita Springs. I would suggest dividing District Four into two districts. One would be a new district. In reviewing the current district map several things become readily apparent. I believe the population growth in the current district has exploded since the last census. In looking at the map of current population vs. square mile, it's obvious that this area deserves more representation in local government.

When viewing the current district map, you can't help but notice the difference in the number of large, gated HOA's in one area of the district, while other areas have fewer communities involved with an HOA.

While citizens who are not involved with an HOA certainly have considerably less expense, they also have a disadvantage when things in the neighborhood go in the wrong direction. Those citizens deserve someone in local government to represent them who understands the quality and quantity of issues these individuals may experience. Those of us living with no or a small HOA need a council person who understands and can relate to the challenges that living with few restrictions can bring. Of course, this affects our quality of life since home ownership is our strongest and biggest asset and we need a voice on the City Council.

Greg Groves
24945 Paradise Rd
405-204-9330
greggroves3@gmail.com

Comment #3

From: MICHAEL RECHIN <mrechin@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:02 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: common sense

folks, please consider having all of pelican landing and all of bonita bay be in the same district. it makes no sense to have a sliver of estero in pelican landing.

Comment #4

From: bernie jacobs <bernie9142002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Bonita Redistricting 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to ask questions. First one would be, why the re-districting? What does this accomplish? And, lastly, what are the ramifications to PLCA members/owners?

Bernadette Ranelli
25161 Sandpiper Greens Ct
Bonita Springs

Comment #5

From: P Ozga <pozga@netscape.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:11 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Bonita Redistricting 2022

Hello,

Pelican Landing send its residents a map of the proposed redistricting. Can you please answer two questions as I'm always concerned about how this process can be used to suppress voter representation.

1. What was the racial and ethnicity representation of each district before the redistricting?
2. What is the racial and ethnicity representation of each district after the redistricting?

Also, Pelican Landing did not send us the "before" map, so that would be appreciated also for comparison. It's always a good practice to be transparent in these communications and proactive in addressing these types of concerns so that there is a high level of trust and integrity in the process.

Thank you.
Polly Ozga

Comment #6

From: dkchristi <dkchristi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitareddistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: alternatives

I suggest the plan that includes diversity of residents in each district, not one gated community filling the district. If the districts are diverse already than a plan with small changes to meet the pop requirements.

Comment #7

From: Joyce bolt <jdbolt22@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitareddistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Alternative 1

Please put us in this district. We want Chris Corrie we voted for him.

Comment #8

From: girlsonguns <girlsonguns@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 6:13 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitareddistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: I Support Alternative 1 Redistricting Plan

Comment #9

From: Deb Orton <ortondeb2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 6:36 AM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitareddistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: I support Alternative 1 plan

I've reviewed the redistricting plans and I favor the least disruption in the Alternative 1 plan.

Deborah Orton
25690 Streamlet Ct
Bonita Springs

Comment #10

From: Philip Dupont <phil@pdupont.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: I support Alternative 1 plan
Regards,
Phil Dupont
860-573-6867

Comment #11

From: Philip Dupont <phil@pdupont.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Changed my vote to Alternative 2-A
Regards,
Phil Dupont
860-573-6867

Comment #12

From: Jean Melcher <jeanmelcher@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: I support Alternative 1 plan

I would like to keep Chris as my representative.

Jean C Boyd
24981 Fairwinds Lane
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Sent from my iPhone

Comment #13

From: Bob McMullen <bob@bobmcmullen.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 11:21 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: I support Alternative 1 plan

Dear City of Bonita Springs Council members,

As a resident of Bonita Springs living in my home for 19 years, please know that I support Alternative 1 plan. I pray that you will take my support of Alternative 1 plan into your consideration in making your decision that will impact the redistricting.

Thank you and may God be with you as you make decisions for our city. Be safe and healthy!!!!

Robert A. McMullen, Jr.
10354 Wild Turkey Ave
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
239-370-5654.

Comment #14

From: James Bradlin <jimbradlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistributing

As a resident of Bonita Bay my wife (Lori Wald) and I would oppose any redistricting that would dilute our representation on city council from current status.

Respectfully Yours,
Jim Bradlin & Lori Wald
26366 Mahogany Pointe Ct.

Comment #15

From: Gaye Kastning <chester9031@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 5:08 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Bonita Bay

As one of the major contributors to the city, we deserve to keep our present number of representatives.

Gaye Kastning
Bonita Bay resident

Comment #16

From: erroflynn@verizon.net <erroflynn@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 3:20 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Debbie,

Please share this email with the Council members. Thank you.

As a full-time resident of Bonita Bay, I want to share my thoughts on the redistricting proposals the Board will be considering. I understand that one of the three will keep my community and Pelican Landing in two separate districts, while the other two would place us (along with some others) in the same district. Because I also understand that these communities collectively provide more than 50% of the City's tax revenue, I respectfully suggest that it would be grossly unfair to assign us only one of the seven votes on Council.

Please maintain the current arrangement that keeps Bonita Bay in a separate district from Pelican Landing. Thank you very much for this consideration, and for your service for our Bonita Springs community.

Errol Flynn
4120 Bayhead Drive, #304, Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #17

From: Tom Lammert <tlammert11@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 3:57 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Districts

I just learned that a redistricting project is underway and that one of the proposals being studied is combining Pelican Landing with the Bonita Bay, Highland Woods and Cedar Creek. My understanding is that this combination would produce 50% of the City's tax revenue but would only have one vote out of 7 or 14%.

I would oppose that solution since it significantly reduces the influence of people that are contributing 50 % of the tax revenue.

Tom Lammert

Comment #18

From: Steve Tippmann <stippmann@tippmanngroup.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 5:02 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Redistricting

I am really concerned even having an option much less 2 options that would include Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing into a single district. Our individual communities contribute such a large portion of the tax revenue why would anyone even consider taking away one of our representatives. I specifically request that Pelican Landing and Bonita Bay be in separate districts.

Steve Tippmann
26418 Brick Lane
Bonita Springs' FL 34134

Comment #19

From: BRENDA HEIN <brendalts@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting for tax purposes

Dear Madam Mayor,

I am a concerned citizen of Bonita Springs. I think we seriously need to consider redistricting to allow for proper representation. As the old saying goes "no taxation without representation." People that pay the majority of taxes in our community should be allowed to be fairly represented. Please consider a plan for for redistricting that allows for fair representation.

Thank you for all the hard work you do for Bonita Springs.

Blessings,
Brenda Hein

Comment #20

From: Michele Brown <michele5@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 6:33 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Bonita Springs Redistricting

To the City of Bonita Springs

As long time residents of Bonita Bay my husband and I have seen huge growth over the years in our community and the city. As such we feel our voice and representation should remain consistent with the financial responsibility we bear in taxation. We request that you vote for the redistricting option which keeps the higher number of seats representing our large and active community.

Thank you
Michele and David Brown
3580 Creekview Dr.
518-339-5504

Comment #21

From: Jeffery A. Key <jakey@attglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 10:30 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Bonita Springs Proposed Redistricting - TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

To: Bonita Springs Mayor and City Council,

I am and have been a resident of Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs. As a member of the community, I am writing to voice strong objection to redistricting the City in a manner as to severely repress and dilute my representation in the City by improperly gerrymandering two large groups, Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing, into a single council district. Two of your consultant's proposals do just that and it means that a total of HALF the City's taxpayers will have *only ONE of 7 Council seats*. That creates oppression and taxation without adequate representation.

A consultant hired by you has developed three redistricting proposals. One of the proposals is largely the same as our current districting which includes communities along Spring Creek to its headwaters north of Shangri-La Road. This is reasonable and supportable.

However, the other two proposals would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. Together with Cedar Creek and Highland Woods which are already in our District, Bonita Bay and these communities would **provide more than 50% of the City's tax revenues**. But we would have **just 1 or 14% of the 7 Council seats**. In other words, our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our electoral influence. That is likely unconstitutional. But more than that, it is unfair and would demonstrate an abuse by our elected leaders.

Please do the right thing and reject your consultants 2 proposals that create biased and unfair representation!

Sincerely

Jeffery Key
4120 Bayhead Dr., #206
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #22

From: Sandy Robinson <RobinsonSandy@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: Chris Corrie <ccorrie001@gmail.com>
Subject: Re Districting Proposals

We are residents of Bonita Springs, and live in Bonita Bay. We have been Florida residents here for 24 years. We were here as Bonita Springs fought for its independence and the creation of the City of Bonita Springs from unincorporated Lee County because our tax dollars were being funneled to other areas of Lee County without any appropriate input from the citizens of Bonita Springs. Even though at that time Bonita Springs was the fastest growing part of Lee County's tax base. The creation of the City of Bonita Springs allowed our residents to have appropriate representation for our share of the tax base we represented.

We understand a similar type of issue may arise if some proposed new District maps are approved for Bonita Springs. Apparently several possible redistricting maps combine Pelican Landing and Bonita Bay into one District, as opposed to the 2 separate districts they now have. Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing generate over 50% of the tax revenues for the City of Bonita Springs. But if they are placed under one District they will have only 1 vote out of 7 on the Council, which means over 50% of the tax base only receives 14% representation. This does not seem appropriate nor fair. In fact sounds like the type of misrepresentation of a tax base which led to the creation of the City of Bonita Springs.

We urge you not to approve a re districting which would combine Pelican Landing and Bonita Bay into one District. It would create an inappropriate imbalance of tax base and its citizens and their representation on the Council for matters directly impacting those citizens.

Thank you so much.

Alexander & Patricia Robinson
27830 Riverwalk Way
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Comment #23

From: Robin Petty <r2petty@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting

As a resident of Bonita Springs I hold to the principle that representation within the community should be in reasonable proportion to the contribution made to it. As a resident of Bonita Bay I object to the idea of combining Bonita Bay with Pelican Landing whereby one of the two communities would potentially lose its representation at City Council compared to the current districting.

Regards,
Robin Petty

Comment #24

From: LORRAINE WILSON <ltwilsonmd@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com; rwilson5717@cox.net
Subject: Redistricting Bonita Springs

Dear Council Members and Mr Mayor,

As homeowners in Bonita Springs (Bonita Bay), we would like to express our thoughts on the mandatory redistricting options for Bonita Bay which currently is in district 4.

We strongly oppose combining Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. If we are combined with Pelican Landing, Bonita Bay, while providing 50% of the tax revenues, have only a 14% representation at the council. This does not seem fair or just.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter

LW

Lorraine Wilson, MD MBA
ltwilsonmd@aol.com

Oklahoma Kidney Care

RW

Robert Wilson MD MBA
rwilson5717@cox.net

Comment #25

From: Melinda Scott <melinda.l.scott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 7:40 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Redistricting

Please keep the City Council representation of Bonita Bay as it is now. Do not consolidate our district with Pelican Landing. Bonita Bay contributes a large percentage of the city's tax base. If we are combined with Pelican Landing, our financial contribution to the City of Bonita Springs would be three and a half times as great as our electoral influence. Bonita Bay is a unique community that is very committed to Bonita Springs as exemplified by our volunteers and donations such as United Way and Habitat for Humanity.

NO TAXATION WITHOUT **ADEQUATE** REPRESENTATION!

William H. and Melinda L. Scott
3390 Riverpark Ct.
Bonita Springs
269-277-1484

Comment #26

From: Edith Hunt <hunt.edith@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:37 AM

To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Cc: Chris Corrie <ccorrie001@gmail.com>; Edith Hunt <hunt.edith@gmail.com>

Subject: Bonita Springs Redistricting

Dear Debbie,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Bonita Bay. I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting.

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting that will combine Bonita Bay with any other community, thereby diluting our voice in local matters.

I understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence.

This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

I ask you to share this comment with other Council members, and reflect it during the meeting this week.

Thank you for your consideration.

Edith Hunt
4931 Bonita Bay Blvd, #1601
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #27

From: Charles Drayton <cfdrayton@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:41 AM

To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Cc: Chris Corrie <ccorrie001@gmail.com>

Subject: Bonita Springs Redistricting

I do not support the two redistricting proposals that would combine Bonita Bay with Pelican Landing as I feel these under-represent these two communities in relation to their financial contribution. I support the redistricting proposal in which Pelican Landing and Bonita Bay are in separate districts.

Karen & Charles Drayton
4440 Green Heron Ct, Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #28

From: Gay Mannning <ghm1964@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Redistricting

I object to the Two proposals combining Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing into a single district. Bonita Bay's population grew 22% since 2010. We should have our district.

Sincerely ,
Gay Manning
Bonita Bay Resident

Comment #29

From: Cathy Garea <cathygarea@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>; ccorrie001@gmail.com;
Precint43LeeDems@gmail.com; Ray Garea <rgarea@axiacap.com>
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Ms. Filipek,

Please forward my comments to the Mayor, Rick Steinmeyer and the council members Amy Quaremba, Jesse Purdon, Laura Carr, Chris Corrie, Michael Gibson, Jr., and Fred Forbes:

As residents of Bonita Springs for almost ten years, we are concerned that our voices and interests are given proportionate and fair representation by our city government.

By creating one district out of Pelican Landing and our community, Bonita Bay, our voices would be muffled - one vote out of seven for a district that contributes half of the tax revenues that fund our city. Please do not adopt a plan that would be so obviously unfair.

To quote the founders of the country: No taxation without representation.

Every time I use our new library and enjoy the upgraded downtown and the improvements on Terry Street, I am delighted that we chose Bonita Springs to call home. I hope that you will treat our "part of town" fairly so that we can continue to feel "at home" in Bonita Springs.

Very truly yours,
Cathy & Ray Garea
26960 Wyndhurst Ct #201
Bonita Springs FL 34134

Comment #30

From: kishpk@comcast.net <kishpk@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Input regarding Redistricting Precinct 43 Bonita Bay

Mayor and Bonita Springs City Council:

I am opposed to diluting the electoral representation of the Bonita Bay community in Bonita Springs. I'm not requesting increased representation, just fair and equitable representation in accordance with our population.

It is an injustice to reduce our representation to half our "fair-share" based on our community's population by combining us with another community. Our current representation is population appropriate:

- 6,500 population of Bonita Bay divided by 53,644 population of Bonita Springs = 12.1%.
- This is very appropriately aligned with 1 seat out of 7 for Bonita Bay = 14%, as our representation stands currently before redistricting.

Particularly when we contribute much greater than "fair-share" in terms of our tax dollars, reducing our influence ignores all elements of equitable treatment.

Sincerely,
Paulette Kish
Tavira Highrise, Bonita Bay

Comment #31

From: cathymcguire10@gmail.com <cathymcguire10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 12:16 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Redistricting

Hello, we are FL residents living in Bonita Bay. I hope the Mayor and Council members recognize that with so many residents in our neighborhood, (approximate 6500) it makes sense to keep Bonita Bay district the same, or close to the same as now, and not merge us with Pelican Landing, another very large neighborhood.

We've lived in Bonita Springs since 2015. What wonderful improvements you've made these past 7 years. The new Library, downtown streetscape, Terry Street, enhanced Wonder Gardens, and more— you've accomplished a great deal to improve the quality of our lives.

Our saddest time was driving around flooded Bonita Springs neighborhoods post Irma. Thank you for the increasing focus on water management — we all need to pull together to find fixes for these water issues.

And landing on the right future plan for Bonita Beach Rd/Tamiami intersection will require solid citizen input.

There is amazing talent in both Pelican Landing and Bonita Bay, let's tap into that and build on the enthusiasm so many of us have for keeping the best of Bonita Springs and finding the solutions for existing problem areas.

Thank You,
Cathy McGuire
27290 Oakwood Lake Dr, Unit 201
Bonita Springs, FL
608-338-9589

Comment #32

From: Joseph Calabrese <jcalabrese1948@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:19 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: City Redistricting

Council members:

Of the three redistricting proposals you are considering, I ask that you approve the only proposal that does not lump Bonita Bay in the same district as Pelican Landing and Highland Woods,

The residents of these three communities contribute over 50% of the City's tax revenue.

We deserve the fair representation on City Council that only one of the three proposals provides.

Again, I ask that you adopt the proposal that largely maintains the same current districting as in the past which includes the communities along Spring Creek to its headwaters north of Shangri-La Road.

Joseph Calabrese
27408 Arbor Strand Drive

Comment #33

From: Bruce Hobbs <b4hobber@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: ccorrie001@gmail.com
Subject: Bonita Springs Redistricting Proposals

We are against the proposal to combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues having just 1 or 14% of the 7 Council seats which means our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our electoral influence. This reduced representation would have negative consequences for our community and our residents.

W. Bruce and Roberta A. Hobbs, 27416 Arbor Strand Drive, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Comment #34

From: karen orman <karenorman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting proposals

To the Bonita Springs Mayor and City Council:

It is my understanding that Bonita Springs is contemplating combining Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing.

This would result in a material inequity for Bonita Bay residents. Our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our electoral influence due to our reduced representation on the Council. I am against this proposal.

I appreciate your taking my view and many of my neighbors into consideration.

Respectfully,

Karen Orman
Bonita Bay resident

Comment #35

From: Cheryl Foote <mc9428@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 5:57 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>Amy Quaremba <amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Jesse Purdon <jesse.purdon@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Laura Carr <laura.carr@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Mike Gibson <mike.gibson@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Fred Forbes <fred.forbes@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: Foote Cheryl <mc9428@yahoo.com>
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Bonita Springs Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Bonita Bay. I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting.

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting that will combine Bonita Bay with any other community, thereby diluting our voice in local matters. I understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

I ask you to seriously consider this comment and reflect it during the meeting this week. Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl and Mike Foote

Comment #36

From: Betty Frank-Bailey <bettyfrankbailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 6:11 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Amy Quaremba <amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Jesse Purdon <jesse.purdon@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Laura Carr <laura.carr@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Mike Gibson <mike.gibson@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Fred Forbes <fred.forbes@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Bonita Bay Representation

Dear Bonita Springs Council Members,

I am writing as a very concerned resident of Bonita Bay. I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting.

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting that will combine Bonita Bay with any other community, thereby diluting our voice in local matters. I find this unacceptable. I understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

I ask you to seriously consider this comment and reflect it during the meeting this week. Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Frank-Bailey
Michael Bailey

Comment #37

From: LEMUEL ARIARATNAM <kingari4@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 6:24 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Amy Quaremba <amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Jesse Purdon <jesse.purdon@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Laura Carr <laura.carr@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Mike Gibson <mike.gibson@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Fred Forbes <fred.forbes@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting

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three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

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Anil Sanghera
4971 Bonita Bay blvd
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #38

From: LEMUEL ARIARATNAM <kingari4@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 6:20 PM

To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Amy Quaremba <amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Jesse Purdon <jesse.purdon@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Laura Carr <laura.carr@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Mike Gibson <mike.gibson@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Fred Forbes <fred.forbes@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: Redistricting

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Lemuel Ariaratnam
4971 Bonita Bay blvd
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #39

From: Melinda Scott <melinda.l.scott@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 7:56 PM

To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: Redistricting

I am a resident of Bonita Bay and I strongly opposed to any redistricting that will diminish Bonita Bay's voice in local matters. I understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of

the City's tax revenues, but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

NO TAXATION WITHOUT ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION.

Melinda Scott
3390 Riverpark Ct.
Bonita Springs

Comment #40

From: Emmy Young <iluv2cdo@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 8:26 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: REDISTRICTING

Dear Bonita Springs Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Bonita Bay. I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting.

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting that will combine Bonita Bay with any other community, thereby diluting our voice in local matters. I understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

I ask you to seriously consider this comment and reflect it during the meeting this week. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Emma Lee Young
3440 Riviera Lakes Court
Bonita Springs 34134

Comment #41

From: Leo Hansen <leohansen1@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:28 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Amy Quaremba <amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Jesse Purdon <jesse.purdon@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Laura Carr <laura.carr@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Mike Gibson <mike.gibson@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Fred Forbes <fred.forbes@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Bonita Springs Council Members,

I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting. I also understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence.

I have been a home owner in Bonita Bay for 20 years and a voting resident in Bonita Springs for ten years. We participate in community activities and volunteer in Bonita Springs non-profits. I feel my wife and I are very much a part of this community. We pay a lot of taxes and enjoy the services provided. We feel we should receive equal representation.

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting that will combine Bonita Bay with any other community, thereby diluting our voice in local matters. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

I ask you to seriously consider this comment and reflect it during the meeting this week. Thank you for your consideration.

Leo and Janet Hansen
3079 Greenflower Ct
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #42

From: Helene Scolnick <helene_scolnick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:52 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: redistricting

Dear Bonita Springs Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Bonita Bay. I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting.

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting that will combine Bonita Bay with any other community, thereby diluting our voice in local matters. I understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

I ask you to seriously consider this comment and reflect it during the meeting this week. Thank you for your consideration.

Helene Scolnick
4731 Bonita Bay Blvd. #1901, Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #43

From: Susan Hager <susan.k.hager@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:15 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: Chris Corrie <ccorrie001@gmail.com>
Subject: Redistricting Proposal

To: Mayor and Council members

We oppose two of the three redistricting proposals that are before you for consideration.

These proposals would significantly reduce the representation of Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing by lumping them into a single district. It is not clear what the benefit is for the City for such a plan to advance.

You may recall the American Revolutionary war cry: "No taxation without representation". We are about to dump tea into Estero Bay, but we do think the principle of equitable representation is very important to the residents of this city.

We appreciate your consideration.

Susan and Thomas Hager
26300 Devonshire Court #203
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Comment #44

From: Jane Rathbone <jane.rathbone@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:34 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Amy Quaremba <amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Jesse Purdon <jesse.purdon@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Laura Carr <laura.carr@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Mike Gibson <mike.gibson@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Fred Forbes <fred.forbes@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: REDISTRICTING

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I am writing as a concerned resident of Bonita Bay. I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting.

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I ask you to seriously consider this comment and reflect it during the meeting this week. Thank you for your consideration.

Jane Rathbone
4440 Riverwatch Drive 101
Bonita Springs 34134

Comment #45

From: DAVID LEWIS <dalewis@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:41 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Bonita Springs Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Bonita Bay. I understand that Bonita Springs redistricting will be discussed at the March 1 City Council meeting.

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting that will combine Bonita Bay with any other community, thereby diluting our voice in local matters. I understand that two of the proposals being considered would combine Bonita Bay into a single district with Pelican Landing. This would result in a district that pays more than 50% of the City's tax revenues but would have just 1 of the 7 Council seats. In other words, our population would be underrepresented, and our financial contribution to the City would be three and a half times as great as our reduced electoral influence. This would result in an unfair and disproportionate representation.

I ask you to seriously consider this comment and reflect it during the meeting this week. Thank you for your consideration.

David Lewis
4931 Bonita Bay Blvd
Bonita Springs, FL

Comment #46

From: Murphyjoeterri <murphyjoeterri@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 1 PALN

I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 1 PLAN MY NAME IS JOSEPH P MURPHY AND WIFE TERRI S MURPHY WE LIVE AT 10131 BROOK RIDGE LANE BONITA SPRINGS FL. 341235 MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS murphyjoeterri@aol.com THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Comment #47

From: nancy turkal <nancyturkal@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting

I support alternative 1 plan

Nancy Turkal
Nancyturkal@embarqmail.com

Comment #48

From: Mashelle Pavey <mashelle@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:11 PM

To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: I support Alternative 1 plan

I support the Alternative 1 plan.

Mashelle Pavey
10171 Brook Ridge
Bonita Springs, FL

Comment #49

From: Larry Kellam <larry@kellamgroup.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:11 PM

To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Cc: Joe Calabrese <jcalabrese1948@gmail.com>; Deluca-Ford Judy <judyford56@gmail.com>; Brian Garofalo <BG@patientalliances.com>; Sandy Hollenhorst <sandyhollenhorst@yahoo.com>; Susan Hager <susan.k.hager@gmail.com>; Celia Seifert <CeliaS@bbcahome.com>; Robin Leete <robinl@bbcahome.com>

Subject: Redistricting Proposals

City Council Members,

I understand that at the Council meeting on March 2nd you plan to discuss the re-districting consultant's proposals that include three options.

Please support and vote for the the re-districting option that largely maintains the same current districting as in the past with minor modifications for population changes.

To support either of the two options which combine Bonita Bay, Pelican Landing, Cedar Creek and Highland Woods into one District would reduce the limited diversity we have in the current District's today and consolidates far too much of Bonita Springs tax revenues in one District. Having about half of the tax revenue base in one district with only one of the seven Council votes makes no logical sense and undermines fairness.

Charles L. Kellam
3411 Riverpark Court
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Comment #50

From: Nicki Dawson <bonitanicki@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 9:28 AM

To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: BOUNDARY CHANGES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

I support Alternative 1 plan. I believe it's the least disruptive to my neighborhood. Thank you.
Nicolene Dawson
10130 Brook Ridge Lane
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Comment #51

From: Donna Paci <donnarpaci@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Cc: Corrie Chris <ccorrie001@gmail.com>
Subject: Change in Districts Bonita Springs

To: Bonita Springs City Council

My husband John & I, Bonita Bay residents, strongly object to your proposed change in District representation.

Combining Bonita Bay, Pelican Landing & Highland Woods into one district, with 14% of the 7 city council seats, is unfair. Our combined financial contribution to the city would be three-and a half times as great as our electoral influence. Our financial contribution to the city continues to grow. You are reducing our influence in community affairs.

Currently, Bonita Bay is in District 4 and Pelican Landing is in District 1.

Please review how much the Bonita Bay Community supports fundraising efforts to medical, educational, social welfare programs and veterans affairs in Bonita Springs. You do not want to frustrate & treat unfairly a voice from a community that gives time and money to these projects outside of government issues.

Donna Paci

Comment #52

From: David Yoder <dyoder002@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:23 AM
To: City Meetings <citymeetings@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting - Alternative 1

I support Alternative 1.

Dave Yoder
25790 Creekbend Drive
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Comment #53

From: Richard Bull <richardsbull3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:10 PM
To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Distinguished Members,

A few points;

-We, the people of Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing are "comfortable", and are more than willing to pay our taxes even if we end up paying extra into the budget relative to our benefits received. We want our community to be financially well off and to continue making improvements.

-At today's Breakfast Club meeting I spoke of the redistricting plan(s) with a number of my neighbors. We all agreed that we try our best to support the businesses in Bonita Springs. We want our sales taxes to be adequate to keep our town healthy financially.

- We don't feel put upon at all by not receiving our perceived "fair share" of tax expenditures. (Have either of our communities made any unreasonable requests to the City?)

We WILL however feel put upon if 50% of the tax receipts for the City are only represented by >20% of the city government.

If it's not broken, don't fix it! There are options on where our shopping and dining, as well as banking and legal services can be performed.

Sincerely,

Richard Bull
Bonita Bay Homeowner

Comment #54

From: MB Borre <shoozelda@mac.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:34 PM

To: Debbie Filipek <debbie.filipek@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Amy Quaremba <amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Jesse Purdon <jesse.purdon@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Laura Carr <laura.carr@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Chris Corrie <chris.corrie@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Mike Gibson <mike.gibson@cityofbonitasprings.org>; Fred Forbes <fred.forbes@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: Redistricting in Bonita Springs

Dear Bonita Springs City Councilors, as a resident and voter of Bonita Bay, District 4, I am writing to ask you to maintain the separation of Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing in 2 districts.

Each Council seat represents 14% of the electoral base of Bonita Springs. Bonita Bay alone currently makes up 12% of the City's population. With the addition of Pelican Landing, the new district would make up almost 19%.

In addition to the population disparity, the 2 communities make up 50% of the City's tax base. This would result in taxation without adequate representation.

During this redistricting process, please maintain 2 separate districts for Bonita Bay and Pelican Landing.

Thank you.

Mary Beth Borré
26170 Isle Way

Comment #55

From: Dwight Esmon <dwrightflorida@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:47 PM

To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: I support the Alternative Plan #1

Alternative 1 is the least disruptive and the one I personally prefer. It has the least deviation of all the plans.

The other two alternatives are more drastic in that they move all of the Paradise Road area into D1 and move all of Pelican Landing into D4. Plus, larger sections of D6 are moved to other districts.

There will be continued growth in all districts - even the downtown area as more apartments are built. It seems foolish to attempt to estimate population growth rather than use the facts as there are now.

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Dwight Esmon

Comment #56

From: Barbara Ogle <bjogle@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:04 PM

To: Bonita Redistricting 2022 <bonitaredistricting2022@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Subject: Redistricting

I support Draft alternative number 1. It would be the least disruptive and be a better balance for the city.

Barbara Ogle
24981 Carnoustie Ct
Bonita Springs Fl 34135
