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'Nesting': A districting concept that makes sense

Tallahassee, FL -- The League of Women Voters of Florida, National Council of La Raza's Florida state operation (formerly known as Democracia, Inc.), and Florida Common Cause have submitted a unique House redistricting plan and an updated Senate plan for consideration by the Legislature and have asked House Redistricting Chairman Will Weatherford to offer them to his committee for consideration at their meeting this Friday, January 27.

The legislative plans submitted are unique in that they "nest" three House districts into each Senate district. "Nesting" would give the voters the advantage of having a more efficient and logical form of representation with a dedicated delegation that can work together to serve the needs of their communities. Nesting would make it easy for voters to know their Senator and Representative and would create a political community within a reasonably compact area.

This nesting concept is exactly what the Fair Districts amendments were intended to produce: compact, common sense, non-gerrymandered districts that were created without regard for protecting incumbents or political parties.

We have asked Chairman Weatherford to offer our maps as strike-all amendments and alternatively, if he is unwilling, we have asked that any other member of the committee offer them.

A similar offer was made to Chairman Gaetz and the members of the Senate Reapportionment Committee on January 6, 2012.* Not a single incumbent was willing to offer the maps up for a vote. Click to read our letters to Chairmen [Weatherford](#) and [Gaetz](#).

We hope the House committee will be open to passing maps that are drawn with no partisan intent, no intent to protect incumbents and are otherwise fully compliant with the FairDistricts amendments.

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*Although the letter to Chairman Gaetz is dated December 6, 2012, it was meant to say January 6, 2012 and was sent on January 6 of this year.