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Subject: Message Regarding the Plant City Downtown Luncheon Club to the 2010 Charter Review Board

From: David Sullivan [mailto:DAVIDS@platinumbank.com]
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Edith;

On August 5th I had the opportunity to speak to the Downtown Luncheon Club in Plant City. This is a group of 35 +/- civic and community leaders in the Plant City/East Hillsborough County area and is very influential group. The group had asked that I speak to them concerning the activities of the CRB to date. I shared with them about the various topics discussed thus far and there was a great deal of interest in the issue of the number of County Commissioners. The group discussed it at length and overwhelmingly supports the BOCC remaining under its existing structure of 4-3 with a total of 7 commissioners. The group feels very strongly that this issues the county has faced is not a structure issue or a Charter issue. Rather they are firmly convinced the issues we have been facing have arisen due to a lack of strong leadership.

The group, in fact, took a vote that was unanimous to stay with the current structure of 4 single member districts and 3 at large districts as a way of demonstrating their position on this matter. They voiced concern over the cost to expand the commission during a very difficult economic environment and felt it would in no way improve the efficiency of our county government. Additionally they felt the County has historically done very well when under the direction of a County Administrator that was a strong leader, citing the success of the county under Mr. Karl's leadership.

As I will be unable to attend the meeting on the 12th, I ask that you please have the message of this group presented to the CRB and placed of record.

Sincerely;
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