

Florida House of Representatives
Representative Frank Attkisson
District 79

March 31, 2008

Representative Nehr:

This is in response to your request to hear HB 1359 Creating the Town of Palm Harbor in Pinellas County. As you are well aware, there is an uncertainty of the property tax situation in Florida and a remaining decline of the housing market, as well as an overall financial strain on the state's budget. In addition, the TBRC continues to debate the future of Florida's tax structure and specifically additional proposals relating to property tax.

Due to these constraints, neither the council, nor the committee that is chaired by Representative Robaina will be hearing bills dealing with the incorporation of new cities in this year's session.

I understand you have worked extremely hard for your constituents in this matter in that you really want to give the opportunity for them to vote on this issue. Unfortunately, in my opinion, this is not the right time to pass this type of legislation. Perhaps in the future, your hard work will pay off by getting this legislation passed.

Sincerely,



Frank Attkisson,
State Representative, District 79