

HB 723 - LEGISLATIVE ALERT!!!!

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Since the House will not hold committee meetings after this week, Hillsborough County's House Bill 723 could appear in the Government Efficiency & Accountability Council as early as next week. PLEASE EMAIL THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND COUNCIL DIRECTOR AND ASK THEM NOT TO PUT THIS BILL ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA:

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TALKING POINTS:

- Not one local government supports this bill in Hillsborough County (not the Cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City nor Hillsborough County)
- Not one citizen has come forward to support this bill locally.
- The bill got here through two highly controversial hearings (all but two speakers opposed), and by "waiving local rules" to get the necessary votes by Hillsborough County's Legislative Delegation. Local bills are supposed to be noncontroversial and a passed by a consensus of the Legislative Delegation (usually 100%). This was done by majority vote instead by our local rules of consensus voting.
- This bill is supported locally by only one county commissioner (through the county's administrator contrary to the vote of the commission) and one development representative. Recently, the Tampa Bay Home Builders Association hired a lobbyist to push this bill through!
- There was no public outcry to change two of these boards - only for the EPC board. The EPC board change was in a separate local bill that was forced to be withdrawn during the delegation hearing.
- This bill appears to be a personal agenda of a few in the name of "equitable representation". HB 723 will have negative consequences on our county when the need

for change has not even been established other than the EPC's board. There isn't even agreement on the makeup of the EPC board as yet.

- **This bill was not created in the public's best interest.**
- **This bill should not be placed on any agenda of any committee or council.**
- **HB 723 is in Tallahassee for all the wrong reasons!**