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October 16, 2014

TO: All agencies of local government and interested parties

FROM: Representative Matt Hudson, Chairman

SUBJECT: Collier County State Legislative Delegation Meeting and Public Hearings

Thursday, December 4, 2014 has been set as the date for the Collier County State Legislative Delegation's Public Hearing for the local bills. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. in the IFAS Auditorium in Immokalee, located at 2685 State Road 29 N, Immokalee, FL 34142 and will last until 11 a.m.

The delegation will reconvene at 2:00 p.m. in the Naples City Council Chamber, located at 735 8th Street South, Naples 34102. This session will last until the completion of the agenda. **Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the delegation about issues not related to local bills upon completion of the local bill agenda.**

All proposals for the local bills are expected to be presented at the hearing and must be drafted in bill form. **Ten (10) copies of the local bill, with 3 punched holes and no staples, should be submitted to my office no later than noon on Friday, November 14, 2014.** Unless there is an emergency, the delegation will consider for introduction only those bills that have been presented at the hearing. Decisions on whether to introduce local legislation will be made at the hearing.

If the local legislative delegation agrees to support the issue and introduce a local bill, a legal advertisement of the proposed bill **must** be placed in a newspaper of general circulation at least 30 days prior to introduction in the House or Senate unless the bill contains a referendum provision. The local entity requesting the proposed bill will be responsible for placing the legal advertisement in the newspaper.

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According to sections 11.021 and 11.03, Florida Statutes, evidence that notice has been properly published must be submitted before a local bill, not subject to referendum, can be introduced.

The notice must be broad enough to include all matters contained in the body of the proposed legislation, although the specific contents need not be listed in detailed form. The function of the notice requirement is to provide reasonable notice to a person whose interests may be directly affected by proposed legislation so that he or she may inquire further into details of the local bill and, if he or she so desires, seek to prevent enactment or to persuade the Legislature to change the substance of the proposed bill.

My staff and I stand ready to assist with any question you may have regarding the notice requirement. We have sent this email to all on the previous email list. If you do not wish to be on this list, please call our office at 239-417-6270 and ask to be removed.

The agenda for the hearing will be released to the news media on Monday, November 24, 2014, so that the citizens of Collier County will have ample time to prepare testimony for or against proposed measures.

If you have any questions or would like to be placed on the agenda for the Collier County State Legislative Delegation Hearings, please contact my office at (239) 417-6270 or email matt.hudson@myfloridahouse.gov. We encourage you to email your request to be placed on the agenda.

Please note that the deadline for submitting requests to appear on the agenda is Friday, November 14, 2014. Please be informed that these hearings are to hear local bills and Community Budget Requests.

Again, my staff and I stand ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a successful delegation meeting for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,



Matt Hudson