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DATE: February 24, 1997  
TO: Parties of Record  
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSB/cp*  
Division of Records and Reporting  
RE: Docket No. 961153-TL - Petition for numbering area relief for 904 area code,  
by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

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This is to inform you that the Commission has reported the following communication in the above-referenced docket.

- Letter from Councilman George Banks, City of Jacksonville, dated January 28, 1997.

The letter from Councilman Banks and Commissioner Garcia's response, copies of which are attached, are being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

BSB/cp

Attachments

cc: Rob Vandiver/w/letter



**OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**GEORGE BANKS**  
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January 28, 1997

220 EAST BAY STREET  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
32202

**Mr. Joe A. Garcia, Commissioner  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL. 32399-0865**

**Dear Commissioner Garcia:**

My constituents and I are deeply disappointed with the Commission's decision regarding the 904 area code change, especially in view of the fact that your own staff's recommendations were rejected in the process. Because of the staff recommendations, we felt we had reason to hope that the Jacksonville area would be treated more fairly.

One of the main thrusts of my Council term is pursuing international trade. To that end, I will soon be an appointed member of the International Relations Marketing Development Commission. I am also very involved in the Sister Cities organization, serving as Chairman of the Subcommittee for Masan, Korea, in which I am currently working to facilitate a multi-million dollar Masan incinerator project that will utilize Jacksonville businesses. I am concerned that the area code change will disrupt and complicate our international relationships, many of which are conducted by phone or fax.

An additional concern is the serious blow this would be to our business community. Mayor Delaney and the City Council have tried hard to create a favorable business climate that would attract new companies, and we feel this change would have a major negative impact on those efforts as well as our economy as a whole.

I respectfully request your reconsideration of your decision.

Sincerely,

  
**GEORGE BANKS**  
Councilman, District 5



**Joe Garcia**  
Commissioner

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## **Public Service Commission**

February 19, 1997

Honorable George Banks  
Councilman, District 5  
City of Jacksonville  
220 East Bay Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Councilman Banks:

Our office is in receipt of your letter dated January 28, 1997. By this time, Commission staff has been in contact with the City of Jacksonville to explain what the City's options are. It is my understanding that those options are quite limited.

As you know, Commissioner Garcia voted in the minority on this issue, and to my knowledge shares some of the same concerns expressed in your letter. Unfortunately, being in the minority precludes Commissioner Garcia from asking the Commission to reconsider the issue on its own motion.

If we can be of any assistance on this or any other matter in the future, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Braulio L. Baez".

Braulio L. Baez  
Executive Assistant

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MEMORANDUM

RECEIVED  
FEB 25 1997

TO: Blanca Bayó  
Director, Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Commissioner Joe Garcia

RE: Written Communication Regarding Docket 961153TL

DATE: February 19, 1997

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Please place the attached written communication(s) in the file for the above proceeding. The communication(s) may be considered ex parte under Chapter 350, Florida Statutes.

Please give notice of the communication(s) to all parties to the docket and inform them they have ten (10) days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

- No response was made to this communication.
- A copy of the response is attached.

BLB:ks

*RPR note: No additional e-mails were sent to Comm aides, since initial letter to Comm Garcia generated an e-mail.*