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DATE: November 8, 2000
TO: Blanca Bayo, Director of Records and Reporting
FROM: Bob Casey, Regulatory Analyst Supervisor, Division of Competitive Services *BC*
RE: Docket No. 990517-TL, Request for Review of Proposed Numbering Plan Relief for the 904 Area Code

Please place the attached letters from the City of Palatka in the above official docket file. Thank You.

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COMMISSIONER JABER

The Honorable Lila A. Jaber, Commissioner
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2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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Dear Commissioner Jaber:

The Palatka City Commission wishes to express its deep concerns over our community's being split into three differing area codes by the new 386 area code assignment.

Governor Bush agrees with us that it is a shame that our community will now be divided by differing area codes, and asked us to write to you, his appointee, to express our concern with the new area code assignments. West Putnam has already been split away into the 352 area code; if these plans remain unchanged, Putnam County will have 3 different area codes. The Public Service Commission has voted to assign the 'center' of our county with the new 386 area code, while areas east of the St. Johns River with the 692 area code will remain with the 904 area code.

We urge you to leave the remainder of Putnam County (that part which is not already 352) in the 904 area code. This is not New York City, where people living next door to each other can expect to have different area codes. This is Putnam County, a rural area where life is somewhat less complicated and slower-paced than in our larger, more urban neighboring cities. With this change, someone who makes a call to a neighbor a block away may have to pay a long distance charge for that call.

Governor Bush assured us that you will give every consideration to our request. We pray that you will reconsider the area code boundaries. We understand the necessity of assigning more area codes, and hope this change can be made more palatable to the citizens of Palatka and Putnam County.

Sincerely yours,



Tim Smith
Mayor

bjd/s

Cc: Putnam County Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Commissioner Jaber:

We met and spoke with Governor Jeb Bush here in Palatka on Monday, October 2, while he was making an appearance at our downtown waterfront amphitheater. While speaking with him, we expressed our deep concerns over our county's being assigned three different area codes with the new area code assignment. In Putnam County, all areas east of the St. Johns River with the 692 exchange are remaining with the 904 exchange, all areas in the 'center' of the county are being assigned the new 386 area code, while some areas of west Putnam County were assigned 352 some time ago.

Governor Bush agreed with us it is a shame that our county will now be divided by three differing area codes, and urged us to write to you, his appointee, to express our concern with the new area code assignments. As stated before, West Putnam has already been split away into the 352 area code; if these plans remain unchanged, Putnam County will have 3 different area codes. Neighbors may be forced to make a long-distance call to someone who lives a block away.

We urge you to leave the remainder of Putnam County (that part which is not already 352) in the 904 area. This is not New York City, where people living next door to each other can expect to have different area codes. This is Putnam County, a rural area where life is somewhat less complicated and slower-paced than in our larger, more urban neighboring cities. Palatka and Putnam County considers itself a part of the "Florida's First Coast Coalition" and wish to remain with Duval County, Nassau County, Clay County and St. Johns County as part of the 904 area code.

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Allen R. Bush
City Manager

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