



Office of the
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Brian Sullivan
Legislative Affairs & Communications Manager

DATE: October 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Resolution Requesting the Legislature Enact a General Bill Amending Boundary Line between Indian River County and St. Lucie County

BACKGROUND

Oskar and Gretchen Szentirmai own the property located at 2498 S. Highway A1A, which is located on the east side of Highway A1A (the "Szentirmai property"). Part of the Szentirmai property is in Indian River County and part of the Szentirmai property is in St. Lucie County. Back in 1991, St. Lucie County and Indian River County entered into an Agreement Regarding Construction of Home on St. Lucie County and Indian River County Line (the "Agreement"), which addressed issues pertaining to the development of the Szentirmai property, including permitting, impact fees and concurrency. The Agreement, however, did not address issues relating to the provision of services to the Szentirmai property. Oskar Szentirmai has recently reached out to Indian River County, St. Lucie County and Senator Debbie Mayfield about the enactment of a boundary change, which would allow for the entire Szentirmai property to be located in Indian River County. The boundary change would assist in eliminating any confusion about the provision of services to the Szentirmai property.

County staff has had initial discussions with St. Lucie County staff about the boundary change. In order to make a boundary change more equitable, as part of those discussions, we have examined having the properties located on the west side of Highway A1A, located between Highway A1A and the Indian River Lagoon, be switched to being in St. Lucie County. SBM Associates, LLC owns the property on the west side of Highway A1A. St. Lucie County has reached out to the representatives of SBM Associates, LLC who have indicated their initial support of the boundary change.

County staff has reached out to the School District of Indian River County, the Indian River County Mosquito Control District and the Indian River County Hospital District staffs and have received initial support for the boundary change.

At the September 17th meeting of the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, the Board voted to support the statutory boundary change, authorized staff to draft a resolution in support of the boundary change and further authorized County staff to take any other actions necessary to assist in the boundary change process. Pursuant to the Board's direction, County staff has drafted the attached resolution.

Any county line boundary change can only be effective upon the enactment of a general law by the Florida Legislature.

FUNDING

Based upon the taxable value of the property located on the east and west sides of Highway A1A, the boundary change will have minimal fiscal impact on Indian River County.

RECOMMENDATION

The County Administrator recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution which requests the Florida Legislature enact a general law reflecting the county line boundary change.

ATTACHMENT

Property Map