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To: Neugent-George <Neugent-George@monroecounty-fl.gov>

Key Largo received \$100 million less for same size project. You'll have to explain why you consider that to be fair. I've explained my thinking over and over again. Staff has presented their counter-arguments and I've debunked their shady math many times over. Calculating the per EDU contribution for each area is simple, straightforward math. (Not in the county's skill set I know!) Key Largo unjustifiably pays more per EDU. This is not rocket science. All of your staff's arguments have been debunked on the blog so I don't have to keep repeating myself.

If KL incorporates, you can take your vote wherever you want. KL will get a guaranteed portion of the IST and other revenue sources. There's nothing the county can do about it. They also get to run their city/town/village the way they want. They've done a great job with the fire district and wastewater district. They run things much more efficiently than the county could ever dream of. Not that the county dreams of running anything efficiently. You're threatening worse unfairness. How could it get any worse?

We do actually agree on something. To a great extent KL lives in a hell of its own making. They should have incorporated 15 years ago. It was a huge mistake and they'll be paying for decades. If KL had incorporated there's no way Cudjoe Regional could have become the tax-sucking monstrosity that it did. There simply would not have been enough cash.

KL will have to decide what they want going forward. I don't do spine implants, I just put the information out there. People can do what they want with it. But one thing is very clear, if KL doesn't incorporate the county will continue to take advantage. You've said as much. Thanks for your honesty.

Happy Valentine's Day to you, too.

On Sun, Feb 14, 2016 at 4:17 PM, Neugent-George <Neugent-George@monroecounty-fl.gov> wrote:

I appreciate your research and you providing the info.

There has been a tremendous transformation of Monroe County & municipalities. Going back to the 80s when I arrived here Key West was "strongly" in charge politically, even into the late 90s. It's why Islamorada incorporated and to a great degree Marathon.

The county was not prepared or capable of dealing with the different community's personalities. It's still extremely difficult. You allow my vote/district to go back to the lower keys - Key Largo would then be wise to consider incorporating. However, the county, by statute, is guaranteed a greater percentage of IST than you think.

I am still having a hard time buying your thinking that KL is getting short shrift, beyond arguable points, on IST.

Anyway Happy Valentines Day 

Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 14, 2016, at 3:17 PM, Margaret Blank <margaret.h.blank@gmail.com> wrote:

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