

December 14, 2015

Chairman Robert Mulhere
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Dear Chairman Mulhere,

The Village Council has determined that there is no significant benefit to the residents of the Village of Estero to participate in meetings of the Regional Planning Council due to its limited role in reviewing proposed projects.

It is the Council's belief that regional planning councils diminish the local control of city and county government for self-government through "home rule" provided for in the Florida Constitution.

Therefore, the Village Council of the Village of Estero hereby exercises its ability to opt out of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Thank you.

Nicholas Batos
Mayor
Village of Estero