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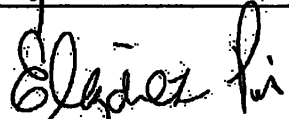
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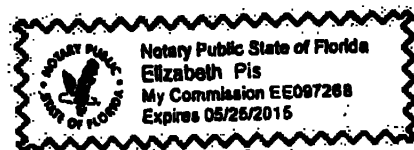
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Subject:

FW: STEARNS TO RUN IN DISTRICT 3

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From: cliff stearns

To: Campaign Manager <[campaign@cliffstearns.net](mailto:campaign@cliffstearns.net)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 11:23 AM

Subject: STEARNS TO RUN IN DISTRICT 3

*Cliff*  
**STEARNS**

## STEARNS TO RUN IN DISTRICT 3

### NEW DISTRICT 3 INCLUDES 70 PERCENT OF PEOPLE IN CURRENT DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTED BY STEARNS

OCALA, FEB. 7, 2012 – “District 6 has changed, like so many others, under the redistricting process,” said Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL). “This week, the Florida legislature will cast final votes on maps for the new congressional and legislative districts, which could be subject to additional changes by the courts. Due to population growth in north Florida, I realized my district would lose more than 116,000 constituents that I currently represent. In the redrawn map, District 3 includes nearly 70 percent of the people I now represent; residents who signed my petition to qualify for the ballot. It also includes two of my current District offices, in Gainesville and Orange Park, serving the people of north central Florida.”

“Although the courts may redraw the map, it is only fair to my constituents and others contemplating running for office, that I make a decision and announce it now,” said Stearns. “I have decided to run in the new District 3, which includes all or parts of six of the eight counties I currently represent.” Stearns has indicated that he will establish residency in the new District 3.

Stearns was the first congressional candidate in Florida to qualify for the ballot by petition, receiving strong support throughout north central Florida. During his tenure, Stearns has represented most of District 3 and understands the needs and concerns of its residents.

Explained Stearns, "While District 5 includes western Marion County, it does not include Ocala which was divided into two Congressional Districts 10 years ago. I'm pleased that the new maps finally put the city back into one district, something that both the city and I encouraged the legislature to do."

"I look forward to the opportunity to continue to represent the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, and the Veterans Hospital in Gainesville," added Stearns. As a senior member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Stearns was vital in securing support for the construction of the new VA Patient Bed Tower in Gainesville. "I also look forward to building a strong relationship with the VA Medical Center in Lake City and its healthcare professionals. I also appreciate the chance to introduce myself and to share my record with new voters, especially in the rural areas. I have a strong record of support for our farmers and the agricultural industry." Stearns again received the Friend of the Farm Bureau Award from the American Farm Bureau Federation in 2011.

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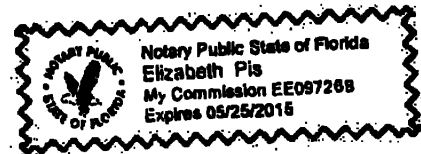
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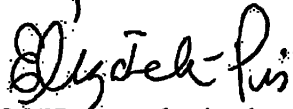
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**FW: Fw: STEARNS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP**

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**From:** cliff stearns ·

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2012 3:15 PM

**Subject:** STEARNS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP

## **STEARNS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP**

**“A QUIET BUT PERSISTENT CRUSADER...AND NOW FINDS HIMSELF AT TWO OF THE BIGGEST CONTROVERSIES IN WASHINGTON. HERE’S A PRIMER ON THE REPRESENTATIVE”**



### **Meet the Man Behind Susan G. Komen's Decision to Stiff Planned Parenthood**

By David Graham – February 2, 2012

*Long-serving Florida Republican Cliff Stearns is suddenly in the spotlight for his investigations into Planned Parenthood and Solyndra.*



When the Susan G. Komen Foundation announced it would end its relationship with Planned Parenthood, it pointed to an investigation into the group launched by Rep. Cliff Stearns, chairman of the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. The Florida Republican has a relatively low profile

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on the national stage, despite serving in Congress for more than two decades. That's all changing now. While many expected Darrell Issa, the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, to be a major thorn in Democrats' and President Obama's side, Stearns -- long a quiet but persistent crusader for his chosen causes -- has in fact been a bigger mover and shaker, and he now finds himself at two of the biggest controversies in Washington. Here's a primer on the representative.

**He's a veteran and a businessman.** Stearns, a Washington, D.C., native, went to George Washington University on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, earning a degree in electrical engineering, then served in the military for four years and reached the rank of captain. After leaving the Air Force, he became a hotelier and restaurateur in Ocala, Florida, near Gainesville. He has three sons. Stearns was elected in 1988, pulling off an upset win over a Democrat who was favored to win the open seat.

**He really doesn't like abortion.** Stearns' investigation into Planned Parenthood focuses on whether the organization used federal funds to pay for abortions, which would be illegal (one school of thought argues that it's irrelevant, because the organization does conduct abortions, and money is fungible -- but that's another question). This is his second charge against the group: he was instrumental in a 2011 push to cut off all federal funding to it. "This is when we're going to defund Planned Parenthood," Stearns told the Los Angeles Times almost exactly a year ago. "Now is the season for us to do this." But the push eventually failed because of the opposition of Senate Democrats. He's been a major backer of pregnancy resource centers, a sort of pro-life alternative to Planned Parenthood clinics, which counsel against abortion. He introduced a bill in January 2011 that would stipulate that federal family-planning money go only to organizations that show women sonograms of fetuses and advise against ending pregnancies.

**But he's otherwise a big privacy advocate.** Stearns was a leading backer of the legislation that created the anti-telemarketing Do-Not-Call list. In January, he joined with liberal Democrat Henry Waxman of California to send a sharp letter to Google questioning the company's privacy practices. At other times in his career, he's supported looser gun controls, and he's a member of the Tea Party Caucus.

**He's been busy digging into the Solyndra case.** In some ways, the blow-up over Planned Parenthood is a distraction from Stearns' main current project, investigating Solyndra. That's the increasingly noisy controversy over a green energy company that received government grants and had close ties to the Obama administration. Stearns' committee is investigating whether White House officials improperly intervened or if they knew that the company was on the brink of insolvency before its eventual bankruptcy filing. The company's failure is a cause celebre in conservative circles, and the GOP is planning to use it as a bludgeon against the president during the election because it's a perfect trifecta: government involvement in the private sector, apparent

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administration incompetence, and a whiff of corruption. That makes Stearns an important figure in House Republican ranks.

**He's no stranger to hot-button issues.** Stearns has been involved for years in various sports-related matters. As chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Trade, he held hearings into steroids in baseball, and later called for MLB Commissioner Bud Selig to resign. He also criticized the NCAA for failing to crack down on shady recruitment practices for college athletes. Stearns has repeatedly authored legislation to cut the budget of the National Endowment for the Arts. He has also flirted with conspiracy theories, and in 1999 attended a Washington screening of a documentary alleging government misconduct in the 1993 Branch Davidian siege in Waco, Texas. "I don't visualize it as propaganda," Stearns said of the film in 1999. "I visualize it as an attempt to bring questions to the American people."

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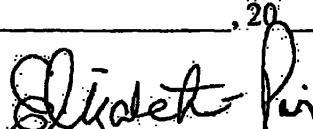
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**Attachments:** Map of Oelrich Home[1].pdf

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**To:** Campaign Manager <campaign@cliffstearns.net>

**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2012 2:59 PM

**Subject:** Senator Oelrich has a home in Cross Creek, located in New and Old Rep. Corrine Brown District

## Press Release

# Senator Oelrich has a home in Cross Creek, located in New and Old Rep. Corrine Brown District

## Will he change his residence to the New District 3 Congressional District?

### *FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

Statement from Friends of Cliff Stearns Campaign Manager Jason Teaman, 352-236-2455:

In a 2/10/12 Gainesville Sun article, Bill Thompson introduces Steve Oelrich as “a Republican from Cross Creek.” It is interesting that Mr. Oelrich would complain about Stearns having a home five miles from new District 3 when Mr. Oelrich himself has two homes in Alachua County, one of them in Cross Creek located in Rep. Corrine Brown’s present Congressional District and in the District in which she is running. His financial disclosure form also lists his residence as being in Cross Creek. He used that address for his financial disclosure statement on June 15, 2010, so the assumption is that he has been voting as a Cross Creek resident. We also should know for how long? So the question he needs to answer is if he’s going to move his residence into District 3?

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It's clear that Mr. Oelrich and Mr. Stearns both may have more than one home. In fact Mr. Oelrich has three homes, including one in Tallahassee; so it is altogether appropriate that Stearns could have a home in Marion County and in Clay County.

The real question is can we trust Mr. Oelrich's word because on 12/1/11 the Gainesville Sun reported him stating, "My intention is not to really run against an incumbent such as Rep. Stearns. I think he does a good job for North Central Florida, and he is a conservative guy."

Is his word his bond? It appears not!

Attached is a map showing the location of Steve Oelrich's home in Rep. Corrine Brown's District 5

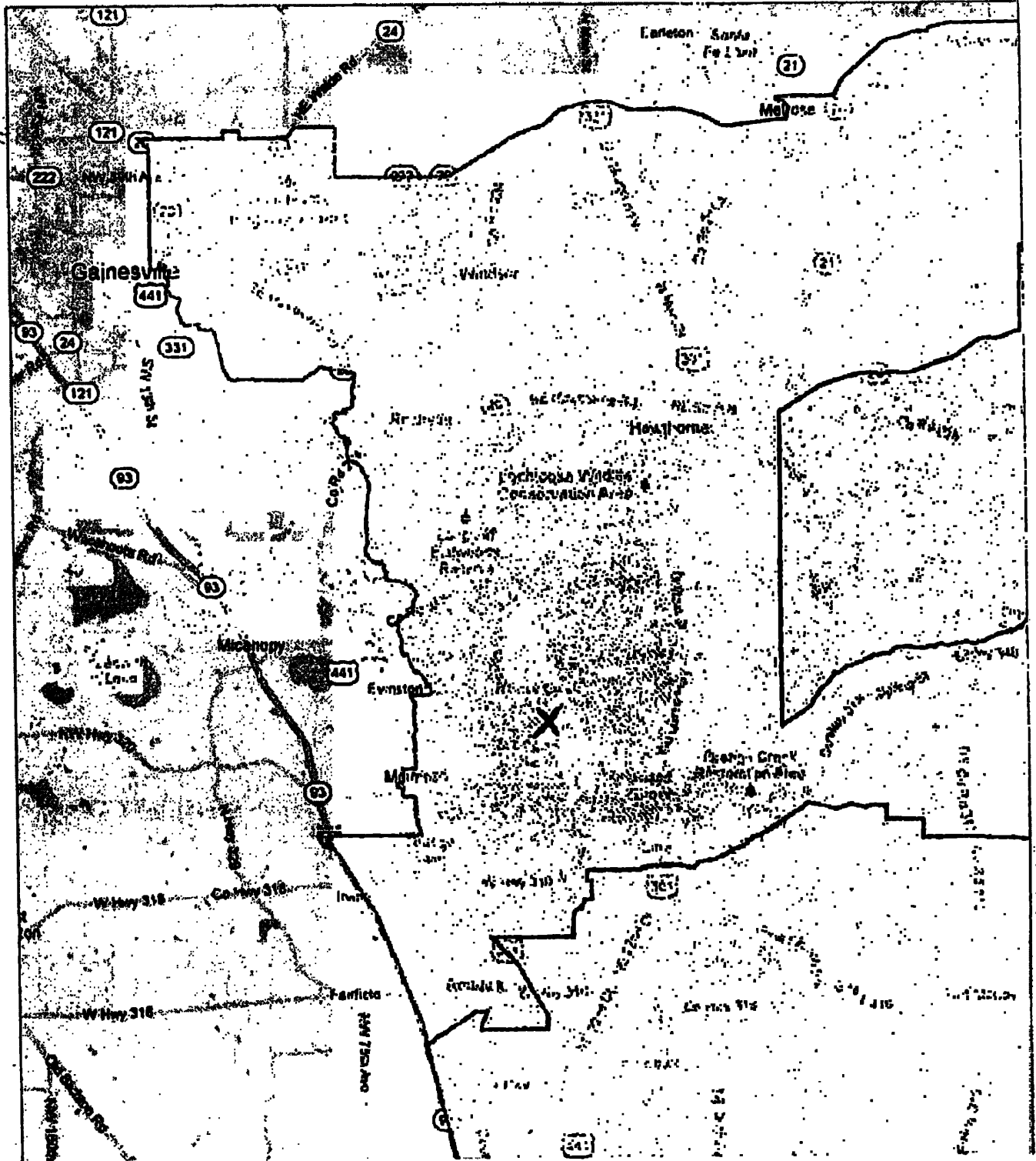
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X location of  
HOME IN  
Rep Corrine Brown  
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To see all the details that are visible on the screen, use the "Print" link next to the map



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Provided are screen shots from May 9, 2012 where candidate Cliff Stearns and the Friends of Cliff Stearns campaign website did not provide appropriate and compliant disclosure statement pertaining to contributions to the federal campaign account. Section 11 CFR 102.5(a)(2)(ii) and (iii) specifies that "a federal committee must inform donors that their contributions will be used in connection with federal elections or that they are subject to the limits and prohibitions of the Act." Instead, the campaign website linked to an outside vendor. The outside vendor's contribution page, PayPal, does not make an effort to ensure contributions are in compliance with FECA regulations prohibiting contributions from "corporations, labor organization, federal government contractors and foreign nationals."

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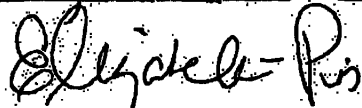
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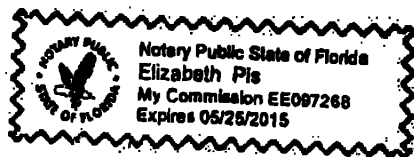
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