

**Charter Amendments**  
**March 12, 1996**

# CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DADE

We, the undersigned, County Court Judge LINDA SINGER STEIN, Chairperson, County Court Judge LESTER LANGER, appointed by the Chief Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit, pursuant to Florida Statute 102.141(d), as a Substitute Member for a Member of the Board of County Commissioners, and Supervisor of Elections DAVID C. LEAHY, Member, constituting the Board of County Canvassers in and for said County, do hereby certify that we met on the 12th day of March, A.D., 1996, and proceeded to publicly canvass the votes cast in the **SPECIAL ELECTIONS** held on the 12th day of March, A.D., 1996, as shown by the returns on file in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. We do hereby certify from said returns as follows:

## COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATING TO ROLE OF COUNTY COMMISSION'S PRESIDING OFFICER

To further separate executive and legislative powers, shall the Charter be amended to provide that commencing with the mayoral election in 1996:

- ♦ The Commission's presiding officer shall no longer be the Mayor, but shall be a Commissioner selected by the County Commission;
- ♦ The presiding officer of the Commission, not the Mayor, shall appoint committee members and chairpersons?

The whole number of votes cast was 118,219, of which number:

YES received 58,541 votes

NO received 59,678 votes

**COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
RELATING TO VETO POWER OF THE MAYOR**

To further separate executive and legislative powers, shall the Charter be amended to provide that commencing with the mayoral election in 1996, the Mayor's veto could be overridden by a vote of a majority plus one of the Commissioners present, rather than by a 2/3 vote of the Commissioners present?

The whole number of votes cast was 109,955, of which number:

YES received 47,959 votes

NO received 61,996 votes

**COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
RELATING TO MAYOR'S POWER  
TO APPOINT COUNTY MANAGER**

Commencing with the mayoral election in 1996, shall the Charter be amended to provide that whenever one person succeeds another in the position of Mayor, the successor shall have the right to appoint the County Manager, subject only to the approval of a majority of Commissioners then in office?

The whole number of votes cast was 116,313, of which number:

YES received 62,984 votes

NO received 53,329 votes

**COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
RELATING TO REMOVAL OF COUNTY MANAGER**

Commencing with the 1996 mayoral election, shall:

- ♦ the Mayor's right to remove the Manager be subject to Commission override by a vote of a majority plus one, instead of a 2/3 vote, of the Commissioners then in office;
- ♦ the Commission be able to remove the Manager by a vote of a majority plus one, instead of a 2/3 vote, of the Commissioners then in office?

The whole number of votes cast was 111,538, of which number:

YES received 49,709 votes

NO received 61,829 votes

**COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
RELATING TO RECALL**

Shall the County adopt the state law recall provisions, thereby deleting the existing recall provisions, to provide among other things: an increased number of signatures; a statement of the specific grounds for recall; an opportunity to present defenses; and a two-petition process?

The whole number of votes cast was 106,583, of which number:

YES received 45,945 votes

NO received 60,638 votes

**COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT COMMISSION  
ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

Shall the Citizens' Bill of Rights of the County Charter be amended to create an independent Commission on Ethics and Public Trust to be implemented by ordinance and comprised of five members who shall have the authority to review, interpret, render advisory opinions, and enforce the County and municipal:

- Code of Ethics ordinances;
- ♦ conflict of interest ordinances;
- ♦ lobbyist registration and reporting ordinances;
- ♦ ethical campaign practices ordinances, when enacted;
- ♦ Citizens' Bill of Rights?

The whole number of votes cast was 105,455, of which number:

YES received 54,893 votes

NO received 50,562 votes

**NON-BINDING QUESTION RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL  
STRUCTURE OF UNINCORPORATED DADE COUNTY**

Which proposal do you prefer? (Vote for One Only):

- A. Continue to have the County consider applications for new cities on a case by case basis, or
- B. Continue to have the County provide city services for residents of unincorporated Dade County, but simultaneously create community councils to serve as local zoning appeals boards with authority to make recommendations to the County Commission regarding various other governmental services, or
- C. Develop a plan for creating cities throughout the entire unincorporated area.

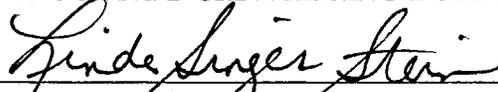
The whole number of votes cast was 57,914, of which number:

A received 19,839 votes

B received 26,445 votes

C received 11,630 votes

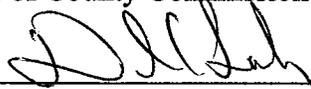
**DADE COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD:**



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Chairperson



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Date Certified: March 13, 1996