

Charter Amendments
November 13, 1997

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Agenda Item No. 7(D)2
December 16, 1997

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DADE

We, the undersigned, County Court Judge SCOTT J. SILVERMAN, Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners Chairperson GWEN MARGOLIS, Member, and Supervisor of Elections DAVID C. LEAHY, Member, constituting the Board of County Canvassers in and for said County and appointed pursuant to Section 102.141, Florida Statutes, do hereby certify that we met on the 13th day of November, A.D., 1997, and proceeded to publicly canvass the votes cast in the DADE COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION held on the 13th day of November, A.D., 1997, as shown by the returns on file in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. We do hereby certify from said returns as follows:

GOVERNING BODY OF THE METRO-DADE
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

Shall the Dade County Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that:

1. The independent governing body of the Metro-Dade Fire and Rescue Service District (the "Fire Board") be abolished, and
2. The Board of County Commissioners shall become the governing body of the District?

The whole number of votes cast was 83,443, of which number:

YES received 28,902 votes

NO received 54,541 votes

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COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
CHANGING THE NAME OF DADE COUNTY TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Shall the Charter be amended to change the name of Dade County to Miami-Dade County?

The whole number of votes cast was 87,358, of which number:

YES received 45,366 votes

NO received 41,992 votes

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

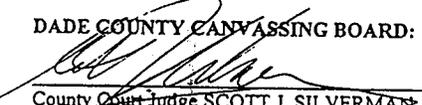
Shall Dade County be authorized to exceed the constitutional millage limitation and levy an ad valorem tax of up to one-half (1/2) mill within the Miami-Dade Library District for a period not to exceed two years, for books, children's programs and automation for the Miami-Dade Public Library System?

The whole number of votes cast was 64,638, of which number:

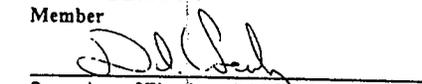
YES received 25,777 votes

NO received 38,861 votes

DADE COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD:


County Court Judge SCOTT J. SILVERMAN
Chairperson


Board of County Commissioners Chairperson
GWEN MARGOLIS
Member


Supervisor of Elections DAVID C. LEAHY
Member

Date Certified: November 13, 1997

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-1016-97

RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION IN
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1997, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF
DADE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE
DADE COUNTY CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED
TO CHANGE THE NAME OF DADE COUNTY TO
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. A county-wide special election is hereby called and shall be held in Dade
County, Florida, on Thursday, November 13, 1997, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified
electors of Dade County, a proposal for amendment to the Home Rule Charter in the form
attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. Notice of such special election shall be published in accordance with _____
Section 100.342, Florida Statutes 1993.

Section 3. The result of such special election shall be determined by a majority of the
qualified electors of Dade County voting upon the proposal. The polls at such special election
shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of such special election. All qualified
electors of Dade County, Florida, shall be entitled to vote at said special election. The County
registration books shall remain open at the Office of the Dade County Supervisor of Elections
until thirty (30) days prior to the date of such special election, at which time the registration

books will close in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws. Votomatics shall be used in such special election, and the question shall appear on the votomatic in substantially the following form:

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DADE COUNTY TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY?**

YES

NO

Section 4. Such question shall appear on the votomatic ballot as a separate question or proposal. Those qualified electors desiring to adopt or approve such proposal shall be instructed to punch out the black dot on the ballot card immediately opposite the number on the ballot page designated "YES". Those qualified electors desiring to reject or disapprove the proposal shall be instructed to punch out the black dot on the ballot card immediately opposite the number on the ballot page designated "NO".

Section 5. Absentee paper ballots may be used by qualified electors of Dade County for voting on this proposal at said special election. The form of such absentee ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the general election laws, and shall have printed thereon the question or proposal hereinabove set forth, with proper place for voting either "YES" or "NO" following the statement of the question or proposal aforesaid.

Section 6. A sample ballot showing the manner in which the question or proposal aforesaid will appear on the votomatic at this special election shall be published and provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of the general election laws.

Section 7. This special election on the proposal aforesaid shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the general laws relating to special elections and the provisions of the Dade County Home Rule Charter. The County Manager, the Finance Director, the Supervisor of Elections and the Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this resolution. This special election shall be a nonpartisan election. Election Inspection Boards, inspectors and clerks to serve as election officials in connection with this special election shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws.

Section 8. This special election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Home Rule Charter.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Dr. Miriam Alonso who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Javier D. Souto and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Miriam Alonso	aye	James Burke	absent
Dr. Barbara M. Carey	absent	Miguel Diaz de la Portilla	nay
Betty T. Ferguson	absent	Bruce C. Kaplan	absent
Gwen Margolis	aye	Natacha Seijas Millán	nay
Jimmy L. Morales	nay	Dennis C. Moss	absent
Pedro Reboredo	aye	Katy Sorenson	aye
Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 11th day of September, 1997. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. RAG

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 1

TO: Hon. Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 11, 1997

FROM: Armando Vidal, P.E.
County Manager



SUBJECT: Charter Election-
Name of County

Attached is a resolution placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor Alex Penelas and
Chairperson Gwen Margolis.

SECTION 9.01. NAME OF COUNTY.

A. The name of Dade County shall officially be changed to Miami-Dade County and all references to Dade County in the Florida Constitution, Florida Statutes, Code of Metropolitan Dade County, federal law, case law and other legal documents, shall be deemed to be references to Miami-Dade County.

B. The Commission shall by ordinance provide a method to implement the official name change.