

**Miami-Dade County  
2012 County Commissioner Candidates  
Candidate Qualifying Information**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.04]

1. Qualified elector of Miami-Dade County.
2. Resident of Miami-Dade County at least three (3) years prior to qualifying.
3. Resident of District at least six (6) months prior to qualifying.

**TYPE OF ELECTION:** Nonpartisan [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.03]

**ELECTION AREA:** District [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.04]

**DISTRICTS TO BE ELECTED:** [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(A)]

<b>District</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
1	Barbara J. Jordan
3	Audrey M. Edmonson
5	Bruno A. Barreiro
7	Xavier L. Suarez
9	Dennis C. Moss
11	Joe A. Martinez
13	Esteban Bovo, Jr.

**TERM:** Four (4) years [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(A)]

The term for County Commissioners shall commence on the second Tuesday next succeeding the date of the general election in November (November 20, 2012). [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(C)]

**SALARY:** \$6,000 Annual [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.06]

**ELECTION DATES:** August 14, 2012 – Primary [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(A)]  
November 6, 2012 – General [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(B)]  
(Should a runoff election be required, the race will be included in the General Election)

**PUBLIC FINANCING:** If applying to receive contributions from the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund, the candidate is required to file an Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund ([Form MD-ED 13](#)) no later than ninety (90) days after opening a campaign account or thirty (30) days before the first day of qualifying with the Supervisor of Elections, whichever shall come first. Since the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of qualifying falls on Sunday, April 22, 2012, we strongly encourage candidates to submit this form by Friday, April 20, 2012. If the form is provided to the Supervisor of Elections' Office after the close of business on Friday, it must be received via email at [soemaco@miamidade.gov](mailto:soemaco@miamidade.gov) or fax at 305-499-8501 no later than Sunday. The original signed document must be provided to the Supervisor of Elections' Office in order to be processed. [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-22(c)]

**QUALIFYING DATES:** 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012, through Noon, Tuesday, June 5, 2012  
[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04(A)]

A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior (May 8, 2012) to the beginning of the qualifying period, to be processed and filed during the qualifying period. [F.S. 99.061(8)]

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## **QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:**

The following items must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department:

### **Qualifying Method – Qualifying Fee**

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))\*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))\*
3. Receipt of Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))\*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirements for Miami-Dade County ([Form MD-ED 10](#))\*
5. Declaration and First Amendment Waiver ([MDC Ethics Commission Waiver](#)) (optional)
6. Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office ([Form MD-ED 25](#))
7. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest – 2011 (CE Form 6) along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with filing officer at time of qualifying. The 2011 CE Form 6 will be available after January 1, 2012, in the [Florida Commission on Ethics website](#).
8. Qualifying fee of \$360.00 is to be paid by means of a bank check drawn from the candidate's campaign account as prescribed in F.S. 106.11(1)(a), made payable to the Board of County Commissioners. (Filing fee of \$300.00 plus an election assessment equal to 1% of the annual salary as of July 1 of the preceding year). [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04(A) and F.S. 99.092(1)]
9. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office.

*\* These forms must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department at time of announcing candidacy.*

### **Qualifying Method – Petitions**

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2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))\*
3. Receipt of Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))\*
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8. Candidate Petition ([Form DS-DE 104](#))
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## Who Can Sign Petitions? [F.S. 99.095]

Any registered elector in the geographical area of candidacy may sign a petition.

Signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates pursuant to F.S. 106.021 and valid only for the qualifying period immediately following such filings.

Petition signatures of at least 1% of the total registered electors in the geographical area represented by the office sought for the immediately preceding general election are required as follows:

### **2012 Petition Signature Requirements by District for Miami-Dade County Commissioner Registered Voters as of Book Closing on October 4, 2010**

District	Total Registered Voters in District	1% of Total Registered Voters
1	94,846	949
2	85,295	853
3	85,605	857
4	91,770	918
5	77,317	774
6	82,284	823
7	108,486	1,085
8	110,047	1,101
9	103,765	1,038
10	94,827	949
11	105,028	1,051
12	82,282	823
13	84,218	843

## Deadline for Submitting Petitions: [F.S. 99.095]

Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no later than noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (April 24, 2012).

## Petition Verification: [F.S. 99.097]

There is a charge of 10 cents per name for verification of signatures, which must be paid to the Miami-Dade Elections Department upon submission of petitions. The candidate may file an "[Affidavit of Undue Burden](#)" with the Miami-Dade Elections Department to waive the cost of verification. [F.S. 99.097(4)]

If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, an undue burden oath may not subsequently be filed in lieu of paying the fee to have signatures verified for that petition. If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any that are submitted thereafter shall be paid by the candidate who submitted the undue burden oath. [F.S. 99.097(6)]

The Supervisor of Elections must certify the number of valid signatures no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of the qualifying period (May 15, 2012) and submit such certification to the Division of Elections. [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04(B)]

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he/she may still qualify by paying the qualifying fee.

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**Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund** [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-22]

If applying for Public Funding, candidate must:

1. File the Public Financing Acknowledgement Statement ([MD-ED 11](#)).
2. File the Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund for Initial and Runoff Elections ([MD-ED 13](#)) no later than ninety (90) days after opening a campaign account or thirty (30) days before the first day of qualifying with the Supervisor of Elections, whichever shall come first. . Since the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of qualifying falls on Sunday, April 22, 2012, we strongly encourage candidates to submit this form by Friday, April 20, 2012. If the form is provided to the Supervisor of Elections' Office after the close of business on Friday, it must be received via email at [soemaco@miamidade.gov](mailto:soemaco@miamidade.gov) or fax at 305-499-8501 no later than Sunday. The original signed document must be provided to the Supervisor of Elections' Office in order to be processed.
3. Submit the Contributions List for Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund ([MD-ED 15](#)) before or at least twenty (20) business days prior to the first day of qualifying for office after applying for public funding (April 24, 2012).
4. Receive the required number of contributions between \$100 and \$500 from the required number of qualified contributors in the District (at least 300 but no more than 360 contributors).
5. Limit the loans or contributions from the candidate's personal funds to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).
6. Attend, along with the Campaign Treasurer, a seminar conducted by the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission regarding state and local campaign financing laws, which shall be completed prior to the receipt of contributions from the Fund.
7. File the Trigger Reporting Form for Public Financing Candidates Only ([MD-ED 16](#)) (Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-22). Any candidate for County Commissioner that is participating in the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund must file a report within 24 hours of receiving contributions or making expenditures that exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable expenditure limits. The expenditure limits are as follows:

Initial election for County Commissioner	\$200,000	(100%)
Runoff election for County Commissioner	\$150,000	(100%)

Such reports must be filed with the Miami-Dade Elections Department using the Trigger Reporting Form together with a Campaign Treasurer's Report covering the period from the date of the last report to the date that the ceiling was reached. Additionally, the Campaign Treasurer's Report must be filed electronically through the website provided by the Elections Department.

# Miami-Dade County 2012 County Commissioner Candidates Candidate Forms and Additional Resources

## CANDIDATE FORMS

The following list is a compilation of forms to be used by County Commissioner candidates who qualify with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department and their campaign treasurer(s). For your convenience, a hyperlink has been provided for each form.

<b>Opening of Account</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 9</a>	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
<a href="#">DS-DE 84</a>	Statement of Candidate
<a href="#">MD-ED 2</a>	Receipt of Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida
<a href="#">MD-ED 10</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirements for Miami-Dade County
<a href="#">MDC Ethics Commission Waiver</a>	Declaration and First Amendment Waiver (optional)
<b>Public Funding</b>	
<a href="#">MD-ED 11</a>	Public Financing Acknowledgement Statement
<a href="#">MD-ED 13</a>	Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund
<a href="#">MD-ED 15</a>	Contributions List for Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund
<a href="#">MD-ED 16</a>	Trigger Reporting Form – 24 hours after exceeding 100% of the applicable ceiling
<a href="#">ACH FORM</a>	Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit of Miami-Dade County Warrants
<b>Qualifying</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 104</a>	Candidate Petition
<a href="#">Affidavit of Undue Burden</a>	Affidavit of Undue Burden – if unable to pay for the verification of signatures
<a href="#">MD-ED 25</a>	Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office
<a href="#">CE Form 6</a>	Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest - 2011; along with any other forms, if applicable. <b>The form will be available after January 1, 2012, in the Florida Commission on Ethics website.</b>
<a href="#">MD-ED 12</a>	Irrevocable Statement for Candidates Voluntarily Abiding by Campaign Financing Limits – If not applying for Public Financing, it is voluntary
<b>Campaign Reporting</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 12</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary
<a href="#">DS-DE 13</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions
<a href="#">DS-DE 14</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures
<a href="#">DS-DE 94</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers
<a href="#">DS-DE 87</a>	Waiver of Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 86</a>	Request for Return of Contribution
<a href="#">DS-DE 2</a>	Contributions Returned
<b>Termination Reports</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 73</a>	Campaign Loans Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 73A</a>	Campaign Loans Report Itemized
<b>Elected Officials – Opening an Office Account</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 48</a>	Office Account Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 48A</a>	Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information

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**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [2012 Reporting Dates for Campaign Treasurer's Reports](#)
- [2011 Election Laws of the State of Florida](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment and Charter](#)
- [2012 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook](#)
- [Candidate Petition Handbook](#)
- [Year on Ballot and Terms of Offices](#)
- [2012 List of Offices to be Elected](#)
- [Precincts in County Commission Districts](#)