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August 20, 2008

The Honorable Lester Sola  
Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections  
Post Office Box 521550  
Miami, FL 33152-1550

RE: Revised Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) Protected Records Voter  
Acknowledgement of Understanding and Voter Registration Instructions

Dear Mr. Sola:

The Office of the Attorney General administers the Address Confidentiality Program (Florida Statute 741.401-741.409). This program was established by the Florida Legislature in recognition that persons attempting to escape from actual or threatened domestic violence frequently establish new addresses in order to prevent their assailants or probable assailants from finding them. The purpose of the statute is to enable state and local agencies to respond to requests for public records without disclosing the location of a victim of domestic violence.

All ACP participants over the age of 18 and eligible to register to vote may vote as Protected Records Voters. As a Protected Records Voter they can participate in national, state, and local elections without endangering the confidentiality of their location.

Enclosed please find the new ACP Protected Records Voter Acknowledgement of Understanding and Voter Registration Instructions. Each participant must have one of these forms when they come in to register to vote via absentee ballot. Please keep a copy on hand for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 414-3300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie N. Miller".

Leslie N. Miller  
Program Administrator

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Enclosures



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## **VOTER REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS**

All Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) participants over the age of 18 and eligible to register to vote, may vote as "Protected Records Voters." As a Protected Records Voter you can participate in national, state, and local elections without endangering the confidentiality of your location. The only way to keep your voting records confidential is to be a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program and to register to vote at the Supervisor of Elections Office. ACP participants may request an absentee ballot and may vote in the same manner as an absentee voter. If you wish to be a Protected Records Voter, please follow these simple steps:

1. Do **NOT** register to vote when you renew or obtain a new driver's license.
2. Do **NOT** register to vote by any other means than by going in person to the Supervisor of Elections Office in your county.
3. Go to the Supervisor of Elections Office and ask for the person authorized to assist Address Confidentiality Program participants in becoming Protected Records Voters. Our office can let you know who this person is if you contact us before you register to vote.
4. Show the authorized personnel your ACP Authorization Card.
5. If you are already registered to vote in the State of Florida, ask the authorized personnel to cancel your current voter registration. This is very important.
6. The authorized personnel will ask you to fill out the required paperwork. If you do not know what something means, ask the person helping you to explain. One of the forms you will sign will be an "Acknowledgment of Understanding." Do not sign the acknowledgment until you understand it.
7. In the paperwork the Supervisor of Elections Office asks you to fill out, they will ask you to reveal your true residence address. Providing this information guarantees that the Supervisor of Elections Office sends you the correct ballot for all future elections. If you give them any other location than your true location, the ballots you vote will be disqualified. When you give the authorized personnel at the Supervisor of Elections office your true residence address, it is for the sole purpose of sending you the proper ballot and will not appear on any registered voter list that the Supervisor of Elections Office produces, nor will your ballots be sent to your true residence address. They will be sent to the substitute address and forwarded to you by the ACP. While you are a Protected Records Voter, you **will not be** able to vote at the polling place, only by Absentee Ballot because your ballot is being mailed to you.
8. Once you fill out all the paperwork, keep a copy of the documents for your records. You should have a copy of the election districts in which you are eligible to vote.
9. As long as you are an ACP participant, the Supervisor of Elections Office will automatically send you an absentee ballot. With your ballot, you should receive instructions for voting and an envelope to mail it back to the Supervisor of Elections Office. You are responsible for paying postage for your ballot.



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**PROTECTED RECORDS VOTER**  
**Acknowledgment of Understanding**

- ▶ I understand to register as an Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) Protected Records Voter, I must go in person to the Supervisor of Election's Office to register in the same manner as an Absentee Voter. I must cancel my current voter registration (if applicable).
- ▶ I understand my absentee ballot will be sent to the ACP substitute mailing address and ACP staff will forward the ballot to me.
- ▶ I realize that as long as I am a Protected Records Voter, I will **not** be allowed to vote at my local polling place because my ballot is mailed to me.
- ▶ If the United States Postal Service returns my absentee ballot to the ACP for any reason, I may lose my Protected Records Voter status as well as my certification to participate in the ACP.
- ▶ My status as a Protected Records Voter will continue as long as I am a participant in the program.

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Signature of ACP Protected Records Voter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Supervisor of Elections Authorized Personnel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE: Please forward a copy to the Address Confidentiality Program (see address above).**