MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(8)

TO:

Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.

DATE:

October 19,2004

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Robert A. Ginsburg

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution requesting

monitoring for the November 2, 2004 General Election

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson

Robert A Ginsburg

County Attorney

RAG/bw

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Please note any items checked.

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 "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
 Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
Budget required
 Statement of fiscal impact required
 Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
 Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
 Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
No committee review

Approved	 Mayor	
Veto	 Agenda Item No.	10(A)(8)
Override	 10-19-04	

RESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION REQUESTING MONITORING FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, this Board engaged the services of The Center for Democracy to monitor the November 2002 General Election; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires again to have an independent entity provide monitoring for the County's November 2004 General Election; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Democracy has merged into the International Foundation for Elections Systems ("IFES") and has retained Allen Weinstein, the former President of The Center for Democracy, as an active member of IFES; and

WHEREAS, IFES has monitored elections in the past and maintains contact with all political groups,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board requests the County Manager, in conjunction with the County Attorney, to contact IFES to request its assistance in providing monitoring of the November 2, 2004 General Election.

Section 2. The County Manager provide IFES with an outline of requested activities and also request that Allen Weinstein, given his familiarity with Miami-Dade County elections, be designated by IFES as the Project Manager for election monitoring activities for the County.

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Section 3. The Elections Department, to the extent permitted by law, extend to IFES full access to every aspect of the election process, including, inter alia, poll worker training, high level meetings, opening of poll locations, booting up of computers, turning off of computers, vote harvesting, and vote counting.

Section 4. The County Manager shall make every effort to bring back a contract between the County and IFES by this Board's October 19, 2004 meeting, and in the event IFES is not able to provide the requested services, the County Manager is directed, in conjunction with the County Attorney, to use its best efforts to find an alternative entity to provide election monitoring services.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson, and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro
Betty T. Ferguson
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jimmy L. Morales
Dorrin D. Rolle
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of October, 2004. 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.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Murray A. Greenberg