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DADE COUNTY, FLA.
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Honorable Dennis C. Moss
Chair, Board of County Commissioners
111 NW First Street, Suite 320
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mr. Chairman:

**RE: CERTIFICATION OF PETITIONS FOR RECALL OF
MAYOR CARLOS ALVAREZ**

Pursuant to my duties under Article 8.02 of the Miami-Dade County Charter, I herewith submit the attached formal CERTIFICATION of the results of the Petitions submitted by Norman Braman on November 5, 2010, seeking the recall of Mayor Carlos Alvarez. As per the Charter prescribed timetable, December 21, 2010, therefore starts the clock running for appropriate action to be determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

I will also post this certification with its statistical tabulations on the home page of the Clerk of Courts (COC) website (www.miami-dadeclerk.com) along with a description of the process we utilized to canvass this unprecedented submission.

Technology enabled the canvass to be conducted without exposing the 114,349 individual paper petition forms to loss or damage: they remain in our custody as public records. The process was electronically engineered so that each decision to "accept or reject" was systematically logged to allow for quick access to and retrieval of any individual form for examination by any party or authority for any appropriate purpose.

Wishing you and your family the best for the holidays, I am,

Respectfully,

Harvey Ruvin, Clerk

P.S. Technology doesn't deserve all the credit. I am extremely proud of the some 50 Clerk of Courts employees (pulled from operations) who participated over the 29 working days it took to achieve a methodical, transparent and expeditious canvass. I thank them for their amazing work ethic and careful professionalism. See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHsvAjbIRFs>

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**CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF
CANVASS OF PETITIONS TO RECALL MAYOR CARLOS ALVAREZ
SUBMITTED BY NORMAN BRAMAN**

Article 8, Section 8.02(3) of the Miami-Dade County Charter designates the Clerk of the Circuit Court as the party vested with the ministerial responsibility of canvassing and certifying the results regarding petitions for the recall of the Mayor.

The Miami-Dade County Charter and Section 12-23 of the Miami-Dade County Code specify the requirements for the Form of the Petition; the Disqualification of Forms; and the Disqualification of Signatures.

A total of 114,349 petition forms were submitted to the Clerk on November 5, 2010. They were reviewed as submitted "on their face" as outlined below.

First, applying Section 12-23(3), which states that the Clerk "shall disqualify" all petition forms that violate any of the grounds (A-E) stated therein, 7,070 forms containing 7,070 signatures were so disqualified.¹

Second, applying 12-23(4), petitioners' signatures on the remaining 107,279 petition forms were canvassed, utilizing the Elections Department's database of registered electors with the following results:

Not Registered	6,542
No Signature	24
Duplicate Signature	300
Registered after Signed	117
Bad Signature	2,289
Signature not Dated	10
No Address	4
Removed Ineligible	2,847
Others	4

¹ The specific grounds for the disqualification of these petition forms is so noted on the Clerk's Audit Logs used during the disqualification of forms process. Disqualified forms based on notary, circulator and/or form error are identified as Invalid Circulator in the Elections Department's database. Some forms contained multiple bases for disqualification.

