



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(B)3

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 8, 2012

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2012-42
Village of Biscayne Park

Christopher Agrippa, Division Chief
Clerk of the Board Division

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution 2012-42 of the Village Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park in support of early voting, urging all Florida Supervisors of Election to maximize opportunities for voter participation in early voting; providing for an effective date.

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Attachment



Village of Biscayne Park

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Village Clerk

October 11, 2012

Clerk of the Miami Dade County
Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Christopher Agrippa
111 NW 1st Street
Suite # 17-202
Miami, FL 33131

Re: Resolution 2012-42

Dear Mr. Agrippa;

Enclosed please find our resolution no. 2012-42 of the Village of Biscayne Park, supporting early voting and urging all Florida Supervisors of Election to maximize opportunities for voter participation in early voting.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely yours,
Village of Biscayne Park

Maria C. Camara
Village Clerk

Encl: Resolution 2012-42

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1 whose schedules lack flexibility, the elderly, students, people with disabilities, and low-income
2 individuals, many of who do not have easy transportation to polls; and,
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4 WHEREAS, the public has a general expectation that election officials are responsible
5 for promoting voter turnout through outreach and education;² and,
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7 WHEREAS, the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park (“Village”) advocates for
8 the right to vote as a fundamental right of citizenship, supports access to voting and encourages
9 its citizenry so that all persons wishing to vote may be afforded every meaningful opportunity
10 to do so; and,
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12 WHEREAS, early and advance voting options, which include allowing for additional
13 days during which voters may go to the polls at designated locations in advance of Election
14 Day accommodate an increased number of potential voters and benefit all, especially
15 individuals with inflexible family, employment and life obligations.
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF
18 THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA:
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20 **Section 1:** That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by
21 this reference.
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23 **Section 2:** The Village supports early and advance voting, as a measure of protecting
24 the fundamental right of all voters from diminishment and unwarranted restrictions to voting.
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26 **Section 3:** The Village urges all Florida Supervisors of Elections to schedule early
27 voting and select early voting sites to allow the maximum number of days, hours and
28 accessible locations to promote increased voter participation.
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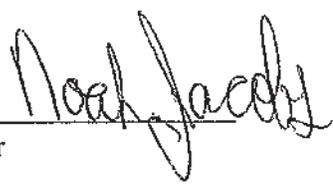
30 **Section 4:** That the Village Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the
31 Florida Secretary of State, Supervisors of Elections, Clerk of the Miami Dade County Board of
32 County Commissioners, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., the Miami Dade County League of
33 Cities, and other agencies as deemed appropriate.
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35 **Section 5:** That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by
36 majority vote of the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park, Florida.
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39 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2012.
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² *Institute of Public Policy Truman Policy Research*, Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, “Public Attitudes on State Election Administration, Goals, and Reforms” (Konisky and Powell 2009).

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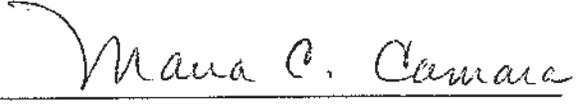


Noah Jacobs, Mayor

The foregoing resolution upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

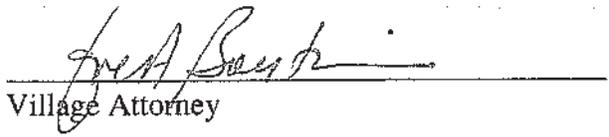
- Mayor Jacobs: Yes
- Vice Mayor Ross: Yes
- Commissioner Anderson: Yes
- Commissioner Cooper: Yes
- Commissioner Watts: Yes

Attest:



Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:



Village Attorney