



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(B)4

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TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and  
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 7, 2016

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Certificate of County  
Canvassing Board for the  
Miami Lakes Special  
Election

Christopher Agrippa, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

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Attached for your information is the Certificate of County Canvassing Board for the Miami Lakes Special Election held by mail ballot on May 17, 2016.

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Attachment

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 18, 2016

**To:** Christopher Agrippa, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

**From:** Christina White  
Supervisor of Elections Designee

**Subject:** Miami Lakes Special Election  
Election Results Certification

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Enclosed is the **Official Certificate of County Canvassing Board** for the **Miami Lakes Special Election** held by mail ballot on May 17, 2016.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at 305.499.8509.

Enclosure (1)

CLERK OF THE BOARD  
2016 MAY 18 PM 12:48  
CLERK, CIRCUIT & COUNTY OF  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLA.  
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**CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

We, the undersigned, County Judge SHELLEY J. KRAVITZ, **Chairperson**, County Judge ANDREW S. HAGUE, **Substitute Member**, and County Judge DON S. COHN, **Alternate Member**, constituting the Board of County Canvassers in and for said County, do hereby certify that we met on the Eighteenth day of May, A.D., 2016, and proceeded publicly to canvass the votes cast for the proposal herein specified at the **Miami Lakes Special Election** held by mail ballot on the Seventeenth day of May, A.D., 2016, as shown by the returns on file in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. We do hereby certify from said returns as follows:

**Representation of the Town**

The Citizen's Bill of Rights included in the Charter currently provides that the Mayor shall endeavor to designate one or more individuals to represent the Town at all proceedings before County, State and Federal regulatory bodies significantly affecting the Town. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide that the Town designate the representatives rather than the Mayor.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 2,163 votes

NO 916 votes

**Amending the Citizen's Bill of Rights**

The Town Charter currently has a Citizen's Bill of Rights guaranteeing certain rights. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to include two additional rights requiring conservation and protection of the Town's natural resources and scenic beauty and providing for the highest ethical standards.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 2,359 votes

NO 727 votes

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**Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government Rather than a Mayor-Council-Manager Form**

The Town Charter currently provides for a "Mayor-Council-Manager" form of government. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide for a "Council-Manager" form of government.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 1,795 votes

NO 1,280 votes

**Filling a Vacancy in the Mayoral Seat**

The Town Charter provides that a vacancy in the office of Mayor be filled by special election. It is proposed that a vacancy in the office of Mayor be filled by the Vice Mayor for the duration of the Vice Mayor's term and by special election in the event that the remainder of the Mayor's term is longer than the Vice Mayor's term.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 2,237 votes

NO 855 votes

**Providing for the Council to Appoint the Town Manager**

The Town Charter currently provides that the Town Manager be nominated by the Mayor subject to confirmation by a majority of the Council. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide that the Town Manager be appointed by a majority vote of the Council on the basis of certain qualifications and that the Council receive feedback from the community as to nominees for Town Manager.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 2,169 votes

NO 926 votes

**Selection of Acting Manager**

The Charter currently provides that the Mayor may, with the approval of the Council revoke the designation of "acting manager" bestowed on an employee by the Town Manager in his/her absence. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to grant the Council the power to revoke the "acting manager" designation and to appoint a new "acting manager."

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 2,051 votes  
NO 1,023 votes

**Providing for the Council to Appoint the Town Attorney**

The Town Charter currently provides that the Town Attorney be nominated by the Mayor subject to approval by a majority of the Council. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide that the Town Attorney be appointed by a majority vote of the Council on the basis of certain qualifications and that the Council receive feedback from the community as to nominees for Town Attorney.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 2,146 votes  
NO 929 votes

**Providing for Four Councilmembers to Call a Special Meeting**

The Town Charter currently provides that special meetings of the Council be held upon the call of the Mayor or upon the call of four Councilmembers. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to permit a special meeting to be held only upon the call of a minimum of four Councilmembers.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES    1,802    votes  
NO    1,264    votes

**Providing for the Election of Mayoral and Council Candidates by Majority Vote**

The Charter currently provides that Mayoral or Councilmember seat candidates who receive the most votes are elected. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to require that a candidate for a Mayoral or Councilmember seat be elected by more than 50% of the votes cast and that a runoff election be held if no candidate for a seat receives more than 50% of the vote.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES    2,192    votes  
NO    885    votes

**Deleting Obsolete Provision Concerning Charter Revision Commission Membership**

The Charter currently provides that members of the Charter Revision Commission shall reside within each of the four residential areas that were once included in Charter provisions concerning Town Council qualifications, but are no longer included in the Charter for such purpose. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to delete the obsolete residential area provision from the membership requirements of the Charter Revision Commission.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES 1,865 votes

NO 1,201 votes



County Judge SHELLEY J. KRAVITZ

**Chairperson**



County Judge ANDREW S. HAGUE

**Substitute Member**



County Judge DON S. COHN

**Alternate Member**

Total ballots cast in Miami Lakes was 3,125 for a 17.52 percent turnout.