



SPECIAL MEETING
Board of County Commissioners
November 19, 2007

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**MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007

9:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 15, 2007

FROM: Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Notice of Special Meeting
November 19, 2007

Kay Sullivan

Pursuant to Section 2-1, Rule 3.02(a), of the Code of Miami-Dade County, notice is given that a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners has been called for Monday, November 19, 2007 at 9:30 AM, in the Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 N.W. First Street, Miami, Florida.

The meeting is called to consider proposed Charter amendments relating to: the salary of County Commissioners; term limits for County Commissioners; limits on outside employment by County Commissioners; the transfer of the duties of the County Tax Collector, Sheriff, and Supervisor of Registration or Elections from a person appointed and supervised by the Mayor to a person elected and subject to recall by the voters and the method of appointment, reappointment and dismissal of the Supervisor of Registration or Elections and the Police Department Director; and various amendments proposed by the Charter Review Task Force and County Commissioners. Consideration of the proposed Charter amendments at the Special Meeting is contingent upon compliance with the requirements of Rule 4.01(h)(1), (2) or (3) or (j)(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the County Commission.

Attachment
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cc: Hon. Harvey Ruvin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
Hon. Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
George Burgess, County Manager
Robert Cuevas, County Attorney
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor
Dianne Davis, Agenda Coordinator
Victoria Mallette, Communications Director, Office of the Mayor
Carol Dickson, Building Manager

Position for Consideration	Charter Review Task Force Recommendations	Board Resolutions
County Supervisor of Registration or Elections	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED By the Clerk for the record.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOV 19 2007</p> <p>Item _____ Exhibit _____ Meeting _____</p> <p>Appointed by the Mayor for a period of four (4) years, at the expiration of each term subject to reappoint; that the appointment can be vetoed by a super majority (two-thirds) vote of the County Commission; that the Supervisor of Elections could be removed by the Mayor subject to the consent of a simple majority vote of the County Commission; or by the County Commission subject to a super majority (two-thirds) vote. Once appointed, that person shall carry out the functions of the office independent of the Mayor and County Commission except for funding and budgeting matters.</p>	<p>Special Item 4-Gimenez, Diaz and Heyman: Supporting CRTF recommendation. Supervisor of Registration/Elections will be appointed by Mayor for renewable 4-yr term, unless disapproved by 2/3s vote of BCC; can be dismissed by Mayor with majority vote of BCC or by 2/3s vote of BCC; except for inquiries, budgeting and funding, shall perform duties without interference from Mayor/Manager.</p> <p>Special Item 5-Martinez: Supervisor of Registration/Elections shall be <i>elected</i> every four years; county employees assigned to this office <i>shall not</i> lose their status as county employees or any accrued civil service rights/privileges; if a vacancy occurs, BCC shall fill with a majority vote within 30 days (through to next election) or BCC may call an election; functions of the office <i>shall not</i> be performed under the supervision of the Manager/Mayor; if the Mayor or a County Commissioner qualifies to run for the position, such official <i>shall not</i> be required to resign office unless required by State. may be subject to a recall petition per current Section 8.02 of the Code. <i>Policy directed by BCC.</i></p>
County Tax Collector	Remain an appointed position	<p>Special Item 6-Martinez: County Tax Collector shall be elected every four years; county employees assigned to this office shall not lose their status as county employees or any accrued civil service rights/privileges; if a vacancy occurs, BCC shall fill with a majority vote within 30 days (through to next election) or BCC may call an election; functions of the office shall not be performed under the supervision of the Manager/Mayor; if the Mayor or a County Commissioner qualifies to run for the position, such official shall not be required to resign office unless required by State; may be subject to a recall petition per current Section 8.02 of the Code. <i>Policy directed by BCC.</i></p>

From Cmr Martinez

<p>County Sheriff</p>	<p>The Public Safety Director (i.e. Sheriff, Police Chief) shall be appointed by the Mayor for a period of four (4) years, at the expiration of each term subject to reappointment; that the appointment can be vetoed by a super majority (two-thirds) vote of the County Commission; that the Public Safety Director could be removed by the Mayor subject to the consent of a simple majority vote of the County Commission; or by the County Commission subject to a super majority (two-thirds) vote. Once appointed, that person shall carry out the functions of the office independent of the Mayor and County Commission except for funding and budgeting matters.</p>	<p>Special Item 8-Gimenez, Diaz and Heyman: Supporting CRTF recommendation. Police Department Director will be appointed by Mayor for renewable 4-year term, unless disapproved by 2/3s vote of BCC; can be dismissed by Mayor with majority vote of BCC or by 2/3s vote of BCC; except for inquiries, budgeting and funding, shall perform duties without interference from Mayor/Manager.</p> <p>Special Item 7-Martinez: Public Safety Director/Sheriff shall be elected every four years; county employees assigned to this office shall not lose their status as county employees or any accrued civil service rights/privileges; if a vacancy occurs, BCC shall fill with a majority vote within 30 days (through to next election) or BCC may call an election; functions of the office shall not be performed under the supervision of the Manager/Mayor; if the Mayor or a County Commissioner qualifies to run for the position, such official shall not be required to resign office unless required by State; may be subject to a recall petition per current Section 8.02 of the Code; Services shall be performed on a countywide basis; contracts between County and municipalities shall be honored; powers <i>do not include</i> those functions that pertain to corrections and the operation of county jails; <i>Policy directed by BCC.</i></p>
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Honorable Bruno A. Barreiro
Chair,
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
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RE: Placement of Charter Amendments on the Ballot

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

The Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) has been closely following the deliberations of the Charter Review Task Force (CRTF) throughout the summer. As the civic blueprint for Miami-Dade any changes to the Charter would have a direct impact on the state of community relations in our county. We have been delighted to see that the Task Force meetings have been extremely thorough, thoughtful, and have engaged the membership in much needed debates covering a broad range of issues facing our community. We also appreciate the unprecedented efforts made to provide opportunities to members of the public to hear about, understand and to comment upon the Task Force recommendations or any other proposed Charter amendments.

As you know, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) recently approved a time extension for the CRTF to continue its proceedings, which will allow a more thorough debate on pending issues. However, we understand that some preliminary recommendations were issued by the Task Force and forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). In response, members of the Board of County Commissioners have proposed several resolutions addressing Charter amendments and that the BCC will decide at a Special Meeting on November 19, 2007 whether to call a Special Election in Conjunction with the Statewide Election to be held on Tuesday January 23, 2007.

The CRB strongly feels that any significant Charter questions must be submitted to the voters in an election projected to have the highest turnout. Given that 2008 is a Presidential election year, we recommend that any Charter questions be tabled until that election. Holding Charter questions in November 2008 would not only allow for the highest turnout, but will permit the Charter Review Task force to issue final recommendations on their proceedings. Any proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter may then be submitted to voters in a comprehensive manner rather than piece meal.

Therefore, the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board recommends that a Countywide Special Election not be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2008 for the purpose of submitting to electors amendments to the Home Rule Charter. The CRB strongly recommends that these critical determinations about the structure and operations of County Government be placed on the ballot of the Countywide Election to be held in conjunction with the National Elections in November 2008.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input and for your continued support of our efforts to address intergroup relations concerns and to build bridges of understanding and respect among our diverse populations. If you have any further questions or comments about this matter or other CRB activities, please contact Dr. Larry Capp, Executive Director, Office of Community Advocacy, (305) 375-5730.

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Sincerely,

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