

Memorandum



Date: April 22, 2013

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members
Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez 
Mayor

Subject: May 14, 2013 Miami-Dade County Special Election Update

Attached is a memorandum from Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections, providing an update on the May 14, 2013 Miami-Dade County Special Election. Important information including the availability of the sample ballot, absentee ballot and early voting schedules, and polling place changes are included.

Attachments

c: Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor/County Manager
R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections

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Date: April 19, 2013

To: Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

From: Penelope Townsley
Supervisor of Elections

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With the May 14, 2013 Special Election just three weeks away, I am pleased to provide you the following update:

Voter Registration

Monday, April 15 was the "book closing" date for this election. Currently, there are 1,347,025 registered voters in Miami-Dade County. This number may change as staff continues to process registration applications received by the deadline. As of today, the breakdown is as follows:

- Democrats 589,052
- Republicans 381,945
- No Party Affiliation 356,067
- Other Minor Parties 19,961

Sample Ballot

We advertised the sample ballot as a full page publication in the Miami Herald Neighbors Section (all zones) in English, Spanish, and Creole on April 18 and 21 to maximize readership. This ad contained the county question, the early voting schedule and locations, and explained the three ways to vote – Absentee, Early Voting, and on Election Day. Copies will also be available in public libraries, county and commission offices, and city halls by April 23. A proof of the sample ballot is attached for your information.

Voters are also encouraged to view their customized sample ballot on the Elections Department's website.

Absentee Ballots

- There are 184,912 absentee ballot requests on file for this election.
- Absentee ballots were mailed to overseas voters starting on April 16.
- Absentee ballots for domestic voters will be mailed starting on April 23.
- The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is May 8.
- The last day for our office to mail out an absentee ballot is May 10.
- Absentee ballots must be received in our office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 14.
- Daily absentee ballot statistics will be posted on the Elections homepage starting April 25.

Early Voting

Early Voting will be available at 20 conveniently located sites throughout the County. Nineteen of these sites are the same as used in previous countywide elections. However, Aventura City Hall is under construction and therefore unavailable for this election. As a replacement site for Aventura City Hall, we will utilize the North Miami Beach Public Library (1601 NE 164th Street).

This change is highlighted in the sample ballot and advertisements will be placed in the Miami Herald Neighbors Sections and Aventura News. The City of Aventura is also assisting by placing electronic

signage outside of their city hall, and notifying their residents via their website, email, social media, and through condominium associations.

I have communicated this change to Commissioner Heyman since both the original site and relocated site are within District 4, and kindly request the assistance of all County Commissioners in disseminating this important message.

Early Voting will be available for 14 days with varying hours of operation to accommodate voters beginning Monday, April 29 through Sunday, May 12. The schedule is included in the sample ballot.

Daily turnout statistics will be posted on the Elections Department homepage starting April 29. Wait times for all 20 Early Voting sites will also be posted on the Department's website and will be updated throughout the day so that voters can make an informed decision as to when and where it is most convenient to vote early.

Poll Worker Training

Poll worker refresher training is on schedule. It started on April 15 and ends on May 3. To date, 30% of those scheduled for training have completed the course. To ensure veteran and knowledgeable poll workers are utilized, all of the 5,400 poll workers assigned to this election will have experience from the 2012 election cycle.

Polling Place Changes

As is customary, some polling places used in past elections are not available for this election. However, the Department has already identified alternative sites that are equally convenient and accessible to the voters in those areas.

All affected voters are notified in a number of ways:

- Voters who are assigned to a temporary polling place will receive an official notice via mail by April 30.
- Voters assigned to a new permanent polling place, one that will continue to be utilized for all future elections, will receive a letter indicating the change to a new voting location, as well as an updated Voter Information Card by April 30.
- Legal advertising listing all polling place changes will be placed in the Miami Times, Daily Business Review, Diario las Americas, and Haiti en Marche.
- The Department continues to place signage outside of the previous facility in areas that can be seen by voters before leaving their vehicles to further minimize any inconvenience.
- Voters are able to view their polling place address as well as a photograph of the polling place by visiting our website.

The list of temporary and permanent polling place changes, including the nature of the change and the corresponding Commission district, are attached for your information.

Logic and Accuracy Test

The Logic and Accuracy Test (L&A) of the optical scan voting equipment and the ADA iVotronics will be held on April 24. As with all elections, the Department will conduct a thorough examination of the equipment through rigorous testing that simulates Election Day conditions, from opening the equipment to transmitting and tabulating results. This is just one of the three levels of equipment testing performed prior to deployment and/or use.

Outreach and Media Relations

The Department continues to focus outreach efforts on educating our voters through radio, print, social media, and TV news outlets on several key messages, such as reminding voters:

- There are three convenient ways to vote: via Absentee Ballot, Early Voting, and on Election Day at their assigned polling place.
- The importance of keeping their signature current to ensure the signature on an absentee ballot matches the signature on record.
- The importance of signing inside the red box on the back of the absentee ballot envelope.
- Not to give their absentee ballot to anyone other than an authorized designee as prescribed by Section 12-14 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
- Postage is not necessary when returning an absentee ballot for this election.
- The Elections Department website has a wealth of online tools including the ability to view their voter registration status, polling place, ability to submit an absentee ballot request, and track their absentee or provisional ballot, to name a few.
- The County's 311 Answer Center is equipped to answer many of the most common inquiries.

Reporting Results

As you know, our website and MDTV remain the most effective outlets to obtain up-to-the-minute election night results. We expect to release results as follows:

- Absentee Ballots Results – 7:15 p.m.
- Early Voting Results – 7:30 p.m.
- Subsequently, there will be periodic updated precinct results every 20 to 30 minutes through completion. Since state law allows any voter in line by 7:00 p.m. to vote, the number of releases will vary based on polls closing.
- Messaging at the top of the Results Page will clearly indicate what results are included, and what is pending tabulation.
- Absentee ballot results will continue to be updated until completion. It is important that viewers understand that not all absentee ballots are included in the first release and totals will continue to adjust. Therefore, clear messaging will be included.

In Closing

Election preparations are going well - absentee ballots for military and overseas voters have been mailed, absentee ballots to domestic voters are scheduled for mailing, poll workers and Early Voting staff are being trained daily, voting equipment is being prepared, and public awareness is being promoted through media outlets.

While we are operating on a compressed preparation schedule, rest assured that the Department is committed to conducting this election with integrity, and voters can feel confident they will have a pleasant voting experience. While preparing for this election, all recommendations in the Department's November 6, 2012 After Action Report were reviewed and procedural changes are being implemented where practicable.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Library Department, Public Works and Waste Management, Internal Services Department, Information Technology Department, Community

Information and Outreach, Corrections and Rehabilitation, Aviation, Regulatory and Economic Resources, Water and Sewer Department, Office of Management and Budget and all other County departments for their continued support and commitment in this very important effort. Our ability to conduct this election in the condensed timeframe is largely due to their staff's involvement and dedication.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 305-499-8509.

Attachments: Sample Ballot Proof
Temporary and Permanent Polling Place Changes

C: Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor

MAY 14, 2013 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION

TEMPORARY POLLING PLACE CHANGES				
BCC	PCT	PREVIOUS LOCATION	NEW LOCATION	REASON
4	016	North Bay Village 1700 Kennedy CSWY #132	Treasure Island Elementary School 7540 E. Treasure Drive	Not available
5	036/039	Flamingo Boys & Girls Club 1000 – 12 th Street	Miami Beach Police Athletic League 999 – 11 th Street	Under construction
4	103	Aventura Government Center 19200 W Country Club Drive	Aventura Community Recreation Center 3375 NE 188 th Street	Under construction
4	109	Aventura Government Center 19200 W Country Club Drive	Aventura Community Recreation Center 3375 NE 188 th Street	Under construction
2	126	Allen Park Community Center 1770 NE 162 nd Street	Fulford Elementary School 16140 NE 18 th Avenue	Under construction
2/3	152/178	Veterans of Foreign War Post #471 11911 W. Dixie Hwy.	North Miami Jaycees 12100 W. Dixie Hwy.	Not available
2/3	153	Stanton Memorial Baptist Church 50 NE 119 th Street	Miami Union Academy 12600 NW 4 Ave	Not available
13	352	Miami Lakes Community Center West 15151 NW 82 nd Avenue	Town of Miami Lakes Government Center 6601 Main Street	Under construction
10	420	Coral Estates Park 1405 SW 97 th Avenue	Coral Park Elementary School 1225 SW 97 th Avenue	Not available
3/2	522/597	Moore Park 765 NW 36 th Street	Miami Jackson Sr. High School 1751 NW 36 th Street	Under construction
2/3	525/527	Juan P. Duarte Park 1776 NW 28 th Street	Maya Angelou Elementary School 1850 NW 32 nd Street	Under construction
3	529	Corpus Christi Catholic Church 3220 NW 7 th Avenue	Jose Diego Middle School 3100 NW 5 th Avenue	Not available
6	601	Venetian Pool 2701 Desoto Blvd.	Biltmore Hotel 1200 Anastasia Avenue	Not available
7	611/638	Coral Gables Sr. High School 450 Bird Road	Coral Gables Congregational Church 3010 Desoto Blvd.	Under construction
7	632	Bet Shira Congregation 7500 SW 120 th Street	Palmetto Middle School 7351 SW 128 th Street	Not available
7	721	Kings Creek Village Rec. Center 8333 SW 81 st Avenue	Continental Park/Dice House 10001 SW 82 nd Avenue	Under construction
7	745/783	St. Catherine of Siena Church 9200 SW 107 th Avenue	Riverside Baptist Church 10775 SW 104 th Street	Under construction
10	770	Kendall Village Center 8625 SW 124 th Avenue	West Kendall Fire Station #57 8501 SW 127 th Avenue	Not available
10	784	Kendall Village Center 8625 SW 124 th Avenue	West Kendall Fire Station #57 8501 SW 127 th Avenue	Not available
11	792	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 11291 SW 142 nd Avenue	West Kendall Regional Library 10201 Hammocks Blvd.	Not available
8	819	Gramercy Park Nursing Center 17475 S. Dixie Hwy.	Perrine-Peters UTD Methodist Church 18301 S. Dixie Hwy.	Under construction
8/9	919/939	Homestead Stadium – Clubhouse 1601 SE 28 th Avenue	Keys Gate Country Club 2300 Palm Drive	Not available
9	923/951	Florida City Town Hall 404 W. Palm Drive	Community Plaza 777 West Palm Drive	Not available

PERMANENT POLLING PLACE CHANGES				
BCC	PCT	PREVIOUS LOCATION	NEW LOCATION	REASON
13	328	Milander Park 4800 Palm Avenue	Milander Park 4700 Palm Avenue	Change of address
13	331	Milander Park 4800 Palm Avenue	Milander Park 4700 Palm Avenue	Change of address

Official Sample Ballot

Special Election - May 14, 2013

Boleta Oficial de Muestra

Elección Especial - 14 de mayo del 2013

Echantiyon Biften Vòt Ofisyèl

Eleksyon Espesyal - 14 me 2013

COUNTY QUESTION
 PROPUESTA DEL CONDADO
 KESTYON KONTE

Modernization of Sun Life Stadium Used by Dolphins and Hurricanes

Resolution 279-13 proposes using 7,500,000 dollars a year, adjusted annually for growth, from additional tourist room taxes to be levied to modernize stadium conditioned on:

- Dolphins' remaining long-term in County;
- Private funding for majority of costs;
- Stadium owners paying County at least 112,000,000 dollars in 30 years;
- Stadium owners paying penalties up to 120,000,000 dollars for not bringing premier football and soccer events to stadium; and
- Award, in May 2013, of Super Bowl.

Modernización del Estadio Sun Life Utilizado por los Dolphins y Hurricanes

La Resolución 279-13 propone utilizar 7,500,000 dólares al año, ajustados anualmente en función del crecimiento, de los impuestos adicionales sobre el alojamiento turístico que se han de recaudar para modernizar el estadio a condición:

- De que los Dolphins permanezcan en el Condado a largo plazo;
- Del financiamiento privado de la mayoría de los costos;
- De que los dueños del estadio le paguen al Condado al menos 112,000,000 de dólares en 30 años;
- De que los dueños del estadio paguen multas hasta de 120,000,000 de dólares por no traer al estadio eventos de fútbol americano y fútbol ("soccer" o balompé) de primer nivel; y
- De su designación, en mayo del 2013, como sede del Super Bowl.

Modernización Sun Life Stadium ki itilize pa Ekip Dolphins ak Hurricanes

Rezolisyon 279-13 pwopoze itilize 7,500,000 dola pa ane, ajiste chak ane pou kwasans, ki soti nan taks adisyonèl sou chanm tourists ki pral enpoze pou modernize stad la sou kondisyon ke:

- Ekip Dolphins la rete nan Konte a atòmènt;
- Finansman prive kouvri majorite nan depans yo;
- Mèt estad la yo peye Konte a omwen 112,000,000 dola nan 30 ane;
- Mèt estad la yo peye penalite jiska 120,000,000 dola si yo pa pote evanmanm foutbol ameriken ak foutbol ("soccer") enpòtan vin nan estad la; epi
- Yo akòde, an me 2013, Super Bowl la.

○ FOR THE PROPOSED USE
 A FAVOR DEL USO PROPUESTO
 POU UTILIZASYON PWOPOZE A

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○ AGAINST THE PROPOSED USE
 EN CONTRA DEL USO PROPUESTO
 KONIT UTILIZASYON PWOPOZE A

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There are Three Ways to Vote

1. Vote Absentee - Any registered voter is eligible to receive an absentee ballot. There is no need to go to a polling place to cast your vote. The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the May 14, 2013 Miami-Dade County Special Election is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

The Elections Department must receive the absentee ballot no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, May 14, 2013.

2. Vote Early - Pick the day and location most convenient for you. **3. Vote on Election Day** - At your assigned voting location. Please refer to your Voter Information Card for your precinct number and address. You can also visit our website to obtain this information.

Hay tres maneras de votar

1. Votar como elector ausente - Cualquier elector inscrito cumple los requisitos para recibir una boleta para elector ausente. No es necesario acudir a un centro de votación para votar.

El último día para solicitar una boleta para elector ausente para la Elección Especial del Condado de Miami-Dade del 14 de mayo del 2013 es las 5 p.m. del miércoles, 8 de mayo del 2013. Es preciso que el Departamento de Elecciones reciba la boleta para elector ausente a más tardar a las 7 p.m. el Día de las Elecciones, 14 de mayo del 2013.

EARLY VOTING CALENDAR

CALENDARIO DE VOTACION ANTICIPADA

ORÈ VOTE PI BONÈ

Monday lunes lendi	Tuesday martes maidi	Wednesday miércoles mèkredi	Thursday jueves jedi	Friday viernes vandredi	Saturday sábado samdi	Sunday domingo dimanch
April 29 29 de abril 7 am-7 pm	April 30 30 de abril 7 am-3 pm	May 1 1ro de mayo 7 am-3 pm	May 2 2 de mayo 7 am-3 pm	May 3 3 de mayo 7 am-3 pm	May 4 4 de mayo 9 am-1 pm	May 5 5 de mayo 1 pm-5 pm
May 6 6 de mayo 11 am-7 pm	May 7 7 de mayo 11 am-7 pm	May 8 8 de mayo 11 am-7 pm	May 9 9 de mayo 11 am-7 pm	May 10 10 de mayo 11 am-7 pm	May 11 11 de mayo 9 am-1 pm	May 12 12 de mayo 1 pm-5 pm

City of Miami - City Hall

3500 Pan American Drive

190 W 49th Street

Kendall Branch Library

9101 SW 97th Avenue

Lennon City Library

430 NE 61st Street

Miami Beach City Hall

1700 Convention Center Drive

Miami Lakes Public Library

6699 Windmill Gate Road

John F. Kennedy Library

2211 NW 54th Street

North Dade Regional Library

2455 NW 183rd Street

North Miami Beach Public Library

1601 NE 164th Street

Replacement Site for Aventura City Hall

Local de votación que reemplaza a Aventura City Hall

Lokal pou Ramplase Aventura City Hall

Model City Library

(Caleb Center)

835 NE 132nd Street

North Shore Branch Library

7501 Collins Avenue

South Dade Regional Library

10201 Hammocks Boulevard

Stephen P. Clark Government Center Elections Branch Office

111 NW 1st Street

North Miami Public Library

9445 SW 24th Street

West Dade Regional Library

5050 West Flagler Street

West Kendall Regional Library

10201 Hammocks Boulevard

Stephen P. Clark Government Center Elections Branch Office

111 NW 1st Street

2. Votar anticipadamente - Escoja el día y el sitio que más le convengan a usted.

3. Votar el Día de las Elecciones - En el local de votación que se le ha asignado. Por favor remítase a su tarjeta de información del elector para ver el número y la dirección de su recinto electoral. También puede ver esta información en nuestro sitio web.

Genyen Twa Fason pou Vote

1. Vote Pa Korespondans - Nèpòt votè enskri elijib pou resewa yon biften vòt pa korespondans. Ou pa bezwen ale nan yon biwo vòt pou w vote.

Dat limit pou mande yon biften vòt pa korespondans pa lapòs pou Eleksyon Espesyal Konte Miami-Dade 14 me 2013 la se 5 p.m. mèkredi 8 me 2013.

Dat limit pou soumèt yon biften vòt pa korespondans se 7 p.m. Jou Eleksyon an, 14 me 2013.

2. Vote Pi Bonè - Chwazi jou ak lokal ki pi bon pou w.

3. Vote Jou Eleksyon - Nan biwo vòt ki dezinyen pou adrès w an. Tanpri tcheke Kat Enfòmasyon Vòt w la pou jwenn nimewo biwo vòt ou an ak adrès li. Ou kapab ale sou sit web nou an tou pou w jwenn enfòmasyon sa-a.

Go to www.miamidade.gov/elections to find your polling place, view your customized sample ballot, check your registration status and much more. You can also call 305-499-VOTE (8683). For TTY, call 305-499-8480.

Voters residing in **North Miami** and **Sweetwater** may vote on the municipal ballot. Please contact your municipal clerk to get a municipal sample ballot. Vaya a www.miamidade.gov/elections para buscar su centro de votación, ver su boleta de muestra personalizada, verificar el estatus de su inscripción y mucho más. También puede llamar al 305-499-VOTE (8683). Para servicio TTY, llame al 305-499-8480.

Los electores que residen en **North Miami** y **Sweetwater** pueden votar en la boleta municipal. Por favor, comuníquese con su secretario municipal para obtener la muestra de su municipio.

