

Memorandum



Date: October 15, 2013

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: November 5, 2013 Miami-Dade County Special Election Update

Attached is a memorandum from Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections, providing an update on the November 5, 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. In addition, the Supervisor of Elections has also provided a brief summary of key enhancements currently underway to further enhance the voting experience during the 2014 election cycle.

Attachment

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

Memorandum



Date: October 9, 2013

To: Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Supervisor of Elections

Subject: November 5, 2013 Special Election Update

With the November 5, 2013 Special Election less than a month away, below is a summary of important information that you have been accustomed to receiving leading up to a countywide election.

Voter Registration

October 7, was the "book closing" date for this election. There are currently 1,359,946 registered voters in Miami-Dade County, broken down by political party listed below. This number may change as staff continues to process registration applications received by the deadline.

- Democrats 593,685
- Republicans 381,108
- No Party Affiliation 364,872
- Other Minor Party 20,281

Sample Ballot

The sample ballot will be a full page advertisement in the Miami Herald Neighbors Section (all zones) in English, Spanish, and Creole on Sunday, October 13. This ad will contain the county question, the early voting schedule and locations, and information on the three ways to vote – Absentee, Early Voting, and Election Day. Copies will also be available in public libraries, county and commission offices, and city halls beginning Friday, October 11. 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 approximately 190,852 absentee ballot requests on file for this election.
- Absentee ballots were mailed to overseas voters on October 4, 2013.
- Absentee ballots for domestic voters will be mailed on October 15.
- The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is October 30, and the last day for our office to mail out an absentee ballot is November 1.
- Absentee ballots must be received in our Doral or Downtown office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5.
- Daily absentee ballots statistics will be posted on the Elections homepage starting October 18.

Early Voting

Early Voting will be available at 20 sites conveniently located throughout the County. Nineteen of the sites are the same as in previous countywide elections. Please note that the Aventura City Hall, which was commonly utilized as an Early Voting site in prior elections is still under construction and therefore is unavailable for this election. As a result, we will utilize the North Miami Beach Public Library (1601 NE 164th Street) as a replacement site for the Aventura City Hall, just as we did for the May 14, 2013 Special Election.

This change is highlighted in the sample ballot and we will continue to work with our municipal clerks to increase voter awareness. I kindly request the assistance of all County Commissioners in disseminating this important message to our voters.

Early Voting will be available for 14 days with varying hours of operation to accommodate all voters beginning Monday, October 21 through Sunday, November 3. The schedule is included in the sample ballot.

Daily turnout statistics will be posted on the Elections Department homepage starting October 21. 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 is most convenient.

Poll Worker Training

Poll worker training is on schedule. It started on September 16 and will end on October 25. Approximately 7,000 poll workers will be used in this election. Of these, 4,200 have been trained and assigned to a polling place, and the remaining 2,800 will be trained and assigned by November 1.

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 by mail by October 21.
- 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, as well as an updated Voter Information Card by October 21.
- Legal advertising listing all polling place changes will be placed in the Miami Times, Daily Business Review, Diario las Americas, and Haiti en Marche.
- Signage is placed outside of the previous facility in areas that can be seen by voters before leaving their vehicles to minimize 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 Wednesday, October 16. 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 on several key messages to voters through radio, print, and TV news outlets. These reminders include:

- The three 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 be updated. 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, Early Voting and Election Day poll workers are being trained daily, voting equipment is being prepared and tested, and public awareness is being promoted through media outlets. During the next four weeks, the Department will continue to gear up for a successful countywide election. 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.

As we prepare for the November 5th Special Election, we are also preparing for the implementation of technology and administrative enhancements recommended by the Elections Advisory Group for the 2014 Election Cycle. Specifically, in August we began recruiting and introductory training for an additional 800 County employees with administrative and supervisory experience to support more effective polling place management; the procurement processes for electronic poll books and absentee ballot processing equipment are in the final stages with delivery scheduled for early January 2014 and mid-March. A comprehensive reprecincting plan is in its final stages and we anticipate Committee and Board of County Commissioners approval between March and April, 2014.

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

Miami-Dade County Elections Department
Departamento de Elecciones, Condado de Miami-Dade
Departman Eleksyon Konte Miami-Dade

Official Sample Ballot
Miami-Dade County Special Election
November 5, 2013
Boleta Oficial de Muestra
Elección Especial del Condado de Miami-Dade
5 de noviembre del 2013
Echantiyon Bilten Vòt Ofisyèl
Eleksyon Espesyal Konte Miami-Dade
5 novannm 2013

COUNTY QUESTION
PROPUESTA DEL CONDADO
KESTYON KONTE

Funding Modernization and Improvement of Jackson Health System through Issuance of General Obligation Bonds
 Shall Miami-Dade County fund modernization, improvement and equipping of Jackson Health System's facilities located throughout the County, including, but not limited to, emergency rooms, children's ambulatory pavilion and urgent care centers, by issuing, from time to time, General Obligation Bonds payable from ad valorem taxes collected in Miami-Dade County in principal amount not exceeding \$830,000,000, bearing interest not exceeding maximum legal rate and maturing within 30 years from issuance date?

Financiación para Modernizar y Mejorar el sistema de salud Jackson Health System mediante la Emisión de Bonos de Obligación General
 ¿Deberá el Condado de Miami-Dade financiar la modernización, la mejora y el equipamiento de las instalaciones del sistema de salud Jackson Health System situadas en todo el Condado, incluidos, entre otros, las salas de emergencia, el pabellón de atención ambulatoria infantil y los centros de urgencias, mediante la emisión, de tanto en tanto, de Bonos de Obligación General pagaderos de los impuestos ad valorem recaudados en el Condado de Miami-Dade con un valor nominal que no supere \$830,000,000, con un devengo de intereses que no excedan la tasa legal máxima y con vencimiento en un plazo de 30 años desde la fecha de emisión?

Finansman Modèrnizasyon ak Ameyorasyon Sistèm Sante Jackson Health System lan atravè Emisyon Bon ak Obligasyon Jeneral
 Èske se pou Konte Miami-Dade finanse modèrnizasyon, ameyorasyon ak ekliptman etablisman sistèm sante Jackson Health System ki sitye toupatou nan Konte a, ki gen ladan li, men pa limite a, sal dijans, bilding ki bay swan pou timoun ki pa entènen yo epi sant swen jans yo, nan emèt, tanzanitan, de Bon ak Obligasyon Jeneral ki peyab ak lajan taks ad valorem ki kolekte nan Konte Miami-Dade nan yon montan prensipal ki pa depase \$830,000,000, avèk yon entèrè ki pa depase to maksimòm legal la epi ki va vin an echeyans nan lespas 30 an apati dat li te emèt la?

FOR BONDS
 A FAVOR DE LOS BONOS
 POU BON YO

AGAINST BONDS
 EN CONTRA DE LOS BONOS
 KONTR BON YO

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 November 5, 2013 Miami-Dade County Special Election is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013.
 The Elections Department must receive the absentee ballot no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 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 5 de noviembre del 2013 es el miércoles, 30 de octubre del 2013 a las 5 p.m.
 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, 5 de noviembre del 2013.

- 2. Votar anticipadamente** - Escija 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** - Nempòt votè enskri elijib pou resewva yon bilten vòt pa korespondans. Ou pa bezwen ale nan yon biwo vòt pou w vote.
 Dat limit pou mande yon bilten vòt pa korespondans pa lapòs pou Eleksyon Espesyal Konte Miami-Dade 5 novannm 2013 la se 5 p.m. mèkredi 30 oktòb 2013.
 Departman Eleksyon fèt pou resewva bilten vòt pa korespondans la pa pita ke 7 p.m. Jou Eleksyon an, 5 novannm 2013.
- 2. Vote Pi Bonè** - Chwazi jou ak lokal ki pi bon pou w.
- 3. Vote Jou Eleksyon** - Nan biwo vòt ki deziyen pou adrès w an. Tanpri tcheke Kat Enfòmasyon Votè w la pou jwenn nimewo biwo vòt ou an ak adrès li. Ou kapab ale sou sit wèb nou an pou w jwenn enfòmasyon sa-a.

EARLY VOTING CALENDAR

CALENDARIO DE VOTACION ANTICIPADA

ORÈ VOTE PI BONÈ

Monday lunes lendi	Tuesday martes madi	Wednesday miércoles mèkredi	Thursday jueves jedi	Friday viernes vandredi	Saturday sábado samdi	Sunday domingo dimanch
October 21 21 de octubre 7 am-3 pm	October 22 22 de octubre 7 am-3 pm	October 23 23 de octubre 7 am-3 pm	October 24 24 de octubre 7 am-3 pm	October 25 25 de octubre 7 am-3 pm	October 26 26 de octubre 9 am-1 pm	October 27 27 de octubre 1 pm-5 pm
October 28 28 de octubre 11 am-7 pm	October 29 29 de octubre 11 am-7 pm	October 30 30 de octubre 11 am-7 pm	October 31 31 de octubre 11 am-7 pm	November 1 1ro de noviembre 1e novannm 11 am-7 pm	November 2 2 de noviembre 2 novannm 9 am-1 pm	November 3 3 de noviembre 3 novannm 1 pm-5 pm

City of Miami -

City Hall
 3500 Pan American Drive

Coral Gables Library
 3443 Segovia Street

Coral Reef Library
 9211 SW 152nd Street

Elections Department
 1700 NW 87th Avenue

Florida City - City Hall
 404 West Palm Drive

John F. Kennedy Library
 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

Model City Library
 (Caleb Center)
 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 Government Center
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North Miami Public Library
 835 NE 132nd Street

North Shore Branch Library
 7501 Collins Avenue

South Dade Regional Library
 10750 SW 211th Street

Stephen P. Clark Government Center Elections Branch Office
 111 NW 1st Street

West Dade Regional Library
 9445 SW 24th Street

West Flagler Branch Library
 5050 West Flagler Street

West Kendall Regional Library
 10201 Hammocks Boulevard

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 **Hialeah, Homestead, Miami and Miami Beach** may vote on the municipal ballot. Please contact your municipal clerk for a municipal sample ballot.

Veja 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 **Hialeah, Homestead, Miami y Miami Beach** pueden votar en la boleta municipal. Por favor, comuníquese con su secretario municipal para una boleta de muestra de su municipio.

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**NOVEMBER 5, 2013
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION
POLLING PLACE CHANGES**

PERMANENT POLLING PLACE CHANGES				
BCC	PCT	PAST LOCATION	NEW LOCATION	REASON
04	119	Sabal Palm Elementary School 17101 NE 7 th Avenue	Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elem. School 17101 NE 7 th Avenue	Name Change
02	162	Soar Memorial Park 100 NW 83 rd Street	Edison Neighborhood Center 150 NW 79 th Street	Not Available
13	328	Milander Park 4700 Palm Avenue	John F. Kennedy Library 190 West 49 th Street	Per City's Request
13	331	Milander Park 4700 Palm Avenue	John F. Kennedy Library 190 West 49 th Street	Per City's Request
13	352	Miami Lakes Community Ctr. West 15151 NW 82 nd Avenue	Mary Collins Community Center 15151 NW 82 nd Avenue	Name Change
12	450	John I. Smith Elementary School 10415 NW 52 nd Street	John I. Smith K-8 Center – Main Campus 10415 NW 52 nd Street	Name Change
12	454	Doral Middle School 5005 NW 112 th Avenue	John I. Smith K-8 Middle Learning Center 5005 NW 112 th Avenue	Name Change
07	623/675/ 779	University Christian Church 6750 Sunset Drive	Christ Center Church 6750 Sunset Drive	Name Change
07	642/653	University Christian Church 6750 Sunset Drive	Christ Center Church 6750 Sunset Drive	Name Change
07	651/665	Hope Lutheran Church 6330 Bird Road	Iglesia Cristiana Comunidad de Esperanza 6330 Bird Road	Name Change
07	752	Continental Park 10001 SW 82 Ave	Continental Park 10000 SW 82 nd Avenue	Change of Address
08/09	919/939	Homestead Stadium – Clubhouse 1601 SE 28 th Avenue	Keys Gate Country Club 2300 Palm Drive	Not Available

TEMPORARY POLLING PLACE CHANGES				
BCC	PCT	PAST LOCATION	NEW LOCATION	REASON
04	016	North Bay Village 1700 Kennedy CSWY #132	Treasure Island Elementary School 7540 E. Treasure Drive	Not Available
05	036/039	Flamingo Boys & Girls Club 1000 – 12 th Street	Miami Beach Police Athletic League 999 – 11 th Street	Under Construction
02	126	Allen Park Community Center 1770 NE 162 nd Street	Fulford Elementary School 16140 NE 18 th Avenue	Under Construction
02/03	152/178	Veterans of Foreign War Post #471 11911 W. Dixie Hwy	North Miami Jaycees 12100 W. Dixie Hwy	Not Available
10/11	417/458	Tamiami Regional Park 11201 SW 24 th Street	Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo. Center 10901 SW 24 th Street	Not Available
10	418	Tamiami Regional Park 11201 SW 24 th Street	Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo. Center 10901 SW 24 th Street	Not Available
10	420	Coral Estates Park 1405 SW 97 th Avenue	Coral Park Elementary School 1225 SW 97 th Avenue	Not Available
06	430	Miami International Covenant Church 2100 SW 66 th Avenue	Sylvania Heights Elementary School 5901 SW 16 th Street	Building Demolished
05	509	The Universal Church Kingdom of God 3501 W. Flagler Street	Miami International Links/Melreese Country Club 1802 NW 37 th Avenue	Not Available
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02/03	522/597	Moore Park 765 NW 36 th Street	Miami Jackson Sr. High School 1751 NW 36 th Street	Under Construction
03	529	Corpus Christi Catholic Church 3220 NW 7 th Avenue	Jose De Diego Middle School 3100 NW 5 th Avenue	Not Available
06	601	Venetian Pool 2701 Desoto Blvd	Biltmore Hotel 1200 Anastasia Ave	Not Available (due to renovations)
07	745/783	St. Catherine of Siena Church 9200 SW 107 th Avenue	Riverside Baptist Church 10775 SW 104 th Street	Not Available
09/11	759/790	South Kendall Community Church 16550 SW 147 th Avenue	Unity Center of Miami 16320 SW 147 th Avenue	Not Available
08	819	Gramercy Park Nursing Center 17475 S. Dixie Hwy.	Perrine-Peters UTD Methodist Church 18301 S. Dixie Hwy.	Not Available