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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: June 21, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution rescinding Resolution
No. R-457-15; approving the
adoption of 758 voting precincts
in Miami-Dade County; directing
Supervisor of Elections to take
all necessary actions

Resolution No. R-536-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Elections Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: June 21, 2023

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Rescinding Resolution R-457-15; Approving and Adopting
758 Voting Precincts; and Directing the Filing of the Precinct Map for
Miami-Dade County

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve the attached resolution rescinding Resolution R-457-15 and adopting 758 voting precincts in Miami-Dade County (County). These changes will align voting precinct boundary lines with the newly adopted Congressional, State Senate, State House, County Commission, School Board, and other legislative district lines that were amended during the 2022 redistricting process.

Scope

The scope of this resolution is countywide in nature. Precinct boundary modifications were made in all 13 BCC districts as depicted in the included map and will remain on file with the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Board's Office.

Delegation of Authority

The Supervisor of Elections will have the authority to take all actions necessary to effectuate the adoption of 758 voting precincts as set forth in the revised precinct map. In addition, the Supervisor of Elections is authorized to make any necessary changes to the precinct boundaries within the City of Miami caused by pending litigation, as described in Section 3 of the resolution.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The estimated fiscal impact for countywide reprecincting is projected at \$1,326,875. This amount was adopted in the Fiscal Year 22-23 Budget, and includes staff time to perform analysis, make changes within the voter registration system, and canvassing of polling places; direct mailout to voters with a new Voter Information Card and explanation letter; and voter outreach.

Social Equity Statement

The proposed resolution has a positive social impact. Currently, as a result of the 2022 redistricting process, polling places throughout Miami-Dade County have multiple "split precincts" in them. This is complicated for election administration and difficult for poll workers to manage on Election Day. Properly aligning precinct boundary lines with the newly formed legislative district lines allows all voters in a single precinct to have the same set of representatives. This will improve the voters' experience.

Track Record/Monitor

The Elections Department, under the direction of the Supervisor of Elections, will monitor and manage this process.

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Background

Every ten (10) years, upon completion of the decennial census, jurisdictions at the local, state and federal level proceed with redistricting as a result of the census data, ensuring equitable representation.

After which, Supervisors of Elections in all 67 Florida counties review and propose necessary updates to their county's voting precincts to conform the precinct boundaries to the adopted district boundaries. This is defined as "reprecincting" and is necessary to ensure a single precinct has a single set of representatives. This is a necessary process for accurate and efficient election administration. The voters' Election Day experience is improved by streamlining procedures for poll workers and reducing potential error.

The release of the 2020 census data was delayed due to COVID, which delayed redistricting. Because reprecincting causes certain voters to be assigned to a new polling location, the County did not move forward with the reprecincting process until 2023 to prevent any disruption to voters so close to the 2022 election cycle. Performing this work now allows sufficient time to educate affected voters ahead of the 2024 election cycle.

A methodical and conservative approach was taken while developing this reprecincting plan, resulting in less than 11 percent of registered voters countywide being assigned to a new voting location on Election Day.

This is compared to 55 percent the last time reprecincting occurred in Miami-Dade County.

However, it is important to note when considering the actual voter impact, you must factor in overall voter turnout in any given election and that many voters, sometimes more than 70 percent, opt for Vote by Mail and Early Voting. Therefore, changes only impact voters who traditionally go to their polling location on Election Day.

When taking this into consideration, the impact is estimated at less than 1.5 percent of registered voters countywide.

The new countywide precinct map is attached hereto and will be provided in electronic format to the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Board's Office and will remain on file for review. Each Commissioner will also be provided a copy of their district map.

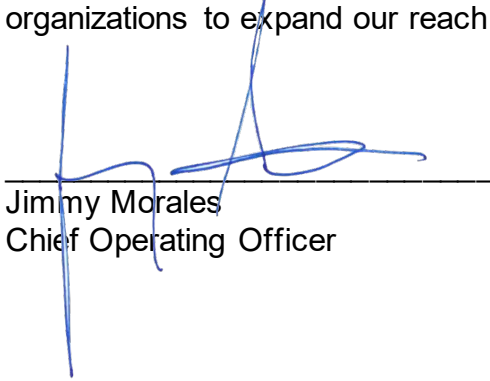
Upon passage, the Elections Department will engage in a multi-faceted outreach initiative to ensure affected voters are properly notified:

- Voter Information Cards with a letter explaining potential changes will be mailed commencing in September 2023.
- Affected voters residing in Miami, Miami Beach, Homestead, and Hialeah will vote in their new precinct for their upcoming November 7, 2023 election.

- Countywide, affected voters will vote in their new precinct for the March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary.
- There are additional municipal elections scheduled in 2024, so by the August 20th Primary and November 5th Presidential Elections, many voters would have become accustomed to the change.
- Moreover, voters will also be able to access their new precinct information through the Miami-Dade Elections Department website (<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections>) or by calling the County's 3-1-1 Answer Center beginning in September 2023.

The Elections Department will engage in a strategic voter awareness campaign that will surround the Voter Information Card mailout and will continue as a complement to scheduled outreach efforts exercised prior to a presidential election cycle.

This campaign will include a paid media plan; engage voters through radio, print, TV news outlets, and social media; partner with elected officials and municipalities that represent the affected voters; attend community events; and partner with community organizations to expand our reach to affected voters.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 21, 2023

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(2)
6-21-23

RESOLUTION NO. R-536-23

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-457-15;
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF 758 VOTING PRECINCTS
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; DIRECTING SUPERVISOR OF
ELECTIONS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS

WHEREAS, section 101.001, Florida Statutes, requires the Board of County Commissioners in each county, upon recommendation and approval of the Supervisor of Elections, to alter or create precincts for voting in the county; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2015, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-457-15, rescinding Resolutions No. R-288-14 and adopting 783 voting precincts to conform the voting precincts to the legislative districts created after the 2010 census; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved Resolution No. R-457-15 as part of a reprecincting plan to achieve operational efficiencies, distribute voters countywide, and allow for sustained growth over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, this proposed plan once again conforms voting precincts to the legislative districts modified after the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, a map delineating the new precinct 758 boundaries are attached hereto, on file electronically with Miami-Dade Clerk of the Board's Office, and available in GIS shapefiles upon request at the Supervisor of Elections' Office; and

WHEREAS, proposed precinct boundaries were drawn in accordance with section 101.001(3), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, legal descriptions of the redrawn precincts will also be on file with the Secretary of State's Office in accordance with section 101.001(4), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in *Grace, Inc. v. City of Miami* (Case No. 1:22-cv-24066-KMM) recently issued a preliminary injunction requiring the City of Miami to create and implement a remedial map for its commission district boundaries and that such remedial map would be provided to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no later than August 1, 2023, so that it can be used in the City of Miami's November 2023 municipal election; and

WHEREAS, any changes to city commission district boundaries resulting from the Court-mandated remedial map may impact the voting precincts established for the City of Miami in accordance with this resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlines in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board adopts the foregoing recitals as though fully set forth herein.

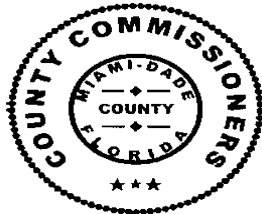
Section 2. This Board adopts the recommendation of the Mayor and the Supervisor of Elections, rescinds Resolution No. R-457-15, approves the adoption of 758 voting precincts as set forth in the revised precinct map on file with the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Board's Office, and directs the Supervisor of Elections to take all actions necessary to effectuate the adoption of these voting precincts.

Section 3. This Board authorizes the Supervisor of Elections to make any necessary changes to the precinct boundaries within the City of Miami that are caused by the adoption of a remedial map in accordance with orders issued by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in *Grace, Inc. v. City of Miami* (Case No. 1:22-cv-24066-KMM) or any appellate courts.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman | absent | | |
| Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman | aye | | |
| Marleine Bastien | aye | Juan Carlos Bermudez | aye |
| Kevin Marino Cabrera | absent | Sen. René García | aye |
| Roberto J. Gonzalez | aye | Keon Hardemon | absent |
| Danielle Cohen Higgins | aye | Eileen Higgins | absent |
| Kionne L. McGhee | aye | Raquel A. Regalado | aye |
| Micky Steinberg | aye | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of June, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

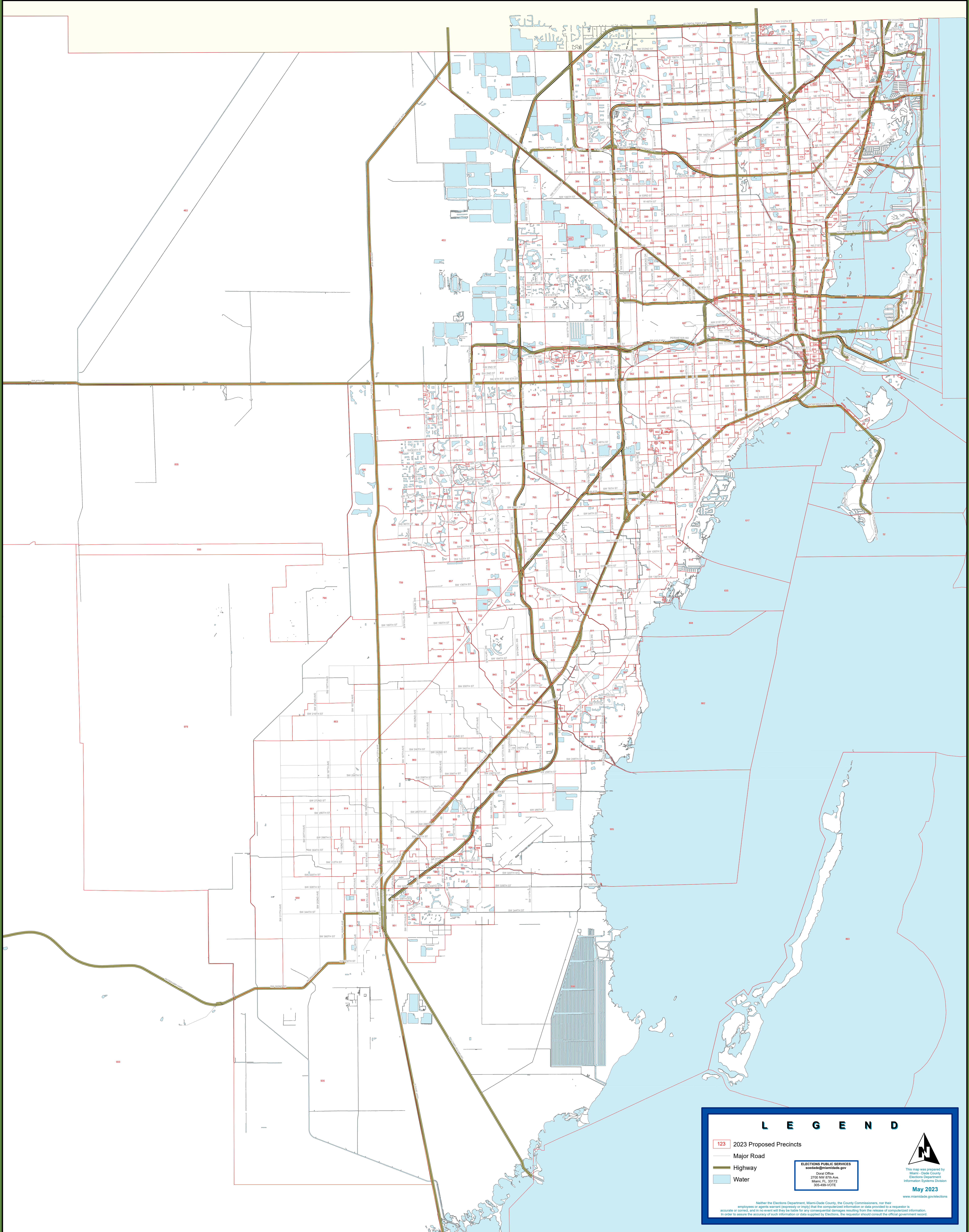
Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Michael B. Valdes



MIAMI - DADE COUNTY

2023 Proposed Reprecincting Map



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2023 Proposed Precincts

Major Road

Highway

Water

ELECTIONS PUBLIC SERVICES

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305-499-VOTE

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Miami - Dade County

Elections Department

Information Systems Division

May 2023

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