

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(1)

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

DATE: April 16, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution amending Resolution No. R-536-23; approving and adopting certain voting precincts to conform to new legislative boundaries established in the City of Miami Gardens; approving district boundaries for County executive committees for the Democratic Party of Florida and Republican Party of Florida in accordance with section 103.091, Florida Statutes; and directing the Supervisor of Elections to take all necessary actions

Resolution No. R-328-24

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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Date: April 16, 2024

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
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From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Approving and Adopting Addendum to Voting Precincts in the City of Miami Gardens; Establishing Revised District Boundaries for the Miami-Dade Democratic and Miami-Dade Republican Executive Committees; and Directing the Filing of Revised Maps for Miami-Dade County

Executive Summary

This item requests approval of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to amend Resolution No. R-536-23 and adopt certain voting precincts to conform to new council districts established in the City of Miami Gardens. This is a necessary process for accurate and efficient election administration and to improve voters' Election Day experience. The item also requests approval of district boundaries for the County Executive Committees for the Democratic Party of Florida and Republican Party of Florida, in accordance with Florida law. The Department worked collaboratively with both political parties throughout this process. Both parties have approved their respective maps.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the BCC approve the attached resolution approving and adopting three maps:

1. Amended Voting Precincts also known as "reprecincting" in the City of Miami Gardens, resulting from the city's recently adopted 2023 redistricting plan (see map in Exhibit A);
2. Revised District Boundaries for the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committees (DEC) (see Exhibit B); and
3. Revised District Boundaries for the Miami-Dade Republican Executive Committees (REC) (see Exhibit C).

Scope

The scope of this resolution is countywide in nature. Precinct boundary modifications were made only in the City of Miami Gardens. All other precincts previously established by this Board under Resolution No. R-536-23 remain unaffected by this resolution. District boundary modifications for DEC and REC districts were made throughout Miami-Dade County. These changes are depicted in the attached maps 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 five impacted voting precincts and revised district boundaries as set forth in the revised precinct maps. Additionally, the Supervisor of Elections is authorized to make any necessary changes to the relevant boundaries within the City of Miami that are caused by the potential 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.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The estimated fiscal impact for reprecincting within the City of Miami Gardens is \$5,250 and is associated with mailing a new Voter Information Card and explanation letter to affected voters. This cost will be charged to the City of Miami Gardens. There is no fiscal impact for establishing revised district boundaries for the Miami-Dade Democratic and Miami-Dade Republican Executive Committees.

Social Equity Statement

The proposed resolution has a positive social impact. Properly aligning precinct boundary lines and 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.

Background

Every 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 ensures 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 BCC previously approved the countywide reprecincting plan on June 21, 2023 per Resolution No. R-536-23.

The City of Miami Gardens Council had not yet begun their redistricting analysis when Resolution No. R-536-23 was adopted. The Elections Department was provided with the city's new district boundaries on December 21, 2023. These changes have caused the need to "reprecinct" the five voting precincts in Miami Gardens.

Separately, modifying REC and DEC boundary lines are the last step in the redistricting/reprecincting process as their district lines conform to precinct lines once they are established and approved. The Department worked collaboratively with both political parties throughout this process. Both parties have approved their respective maps. In compliance with Florida Statute 103.091, both maps are being presented to the BCC for final approval.

The three referenced maps are 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.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer



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(Revised)

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Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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 _____

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4-16-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-328-24

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.
R-536-23; APPROVING AND ADOPTING CERTAIN
VOTING PRECINCTS TO CONFORM TO NEW
LEGISLATIVE BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED IN THE
CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; APPROVING DISTRICT
BOUNDARIES FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF
FLORIDA AND REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 103.091, FLORIDA
STATUTES; AND DIRECTING THE 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 June 21, 2023, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-536-23, rescinding Resolution No. R-457-15 and adopting 758 voting precincts to conform the voting precincts to the legislative districts created after the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved Resolution No. R-536-23 as part of a reprecincting plan to achieve operational efficiencies, distribute voters countywide, and allow for sustained growth over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, after the passage of Resolution No. R-536-23, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens approved Ordinance No. 2023-012-468 amending the residential area boundaries of their city council districts; and

WHEREAS, under section 103.091, Florida Statutes, political parties in Florida are organized to have county executive committees that are usually comprised of two members per voting precinct; and

WHEREAS, however, section 103.091, Florida Statutes, also provides that in counties with more than 40 precincts, like Miami-Dade County, the political party may opt to create districts and have the county executive committee members elected at the district, rather than precinct, level; and

WHEREAS, when a political party opts for a district unit of representation in a county, section 103.091, Florida Statutes, requires the state executive committee for that political party to request the Supervisor of Elections in that county to provide for election districts as nearly equal in number of registered voters as possible and for the Board of County Commissioners to approve those district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with section 103.091, Florida Statutes, both the Democratic Party of Florida and the Republican Party of Florida are requesting approval and adoption of their new district boundaries and maps; 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 relevant changes to precinct boundaries within the City of Miami Gardens is attached hereto as Attachment 1, and a complete map delineating all 758 precinct boundaries in Miami-Dade County shall be available on file electronically with the 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 proposed boundaries for county executive committees were drawn in accordance with section 103.091(1), 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, there is a current legal challenge to the commission district boundaries established by the City of Miami that remains pending before 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), and the resolution of this litigation could result in changes to those commission district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, any changes to city commission district boundaries resulting from this litigation 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 outlined 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 County Mayor and the Supervisor of Elections, amends Resolution No. R-536-23, and approves and adopts the changes to precinct boundaries in the City of Miami Gardens as set forth in the revised precinct map attached as Attachment 1. A complete map delineating all 758 precinct boundaries in Miami-Dade County shall be available on file with the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Board's Office.

Section 3. This Board directs the Supervisor of Elections to take all actions necessary to effectuate the adoption of these voting precincts. The rescission of the current precincts and the adoption of the new precincts shall become effective on May 1, 2024.

Section 4. This Board approves the district boundaries established for county executive committees by the Democratic Party of Florida and the Republican Party of Florida as set forth in the maps attached as Attachments 2 and 3, respectively, in accordance with section 103.091(1), Florida Statutes.

Section 5. This Board authorizes the Supervisor of Elections to make any necessary changes to (a) voting precincts or (b) county executive committee districts of the Democratic Party of Florida and the Republican Party of Florida 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 **Anthony Rodriguez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2024. 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.

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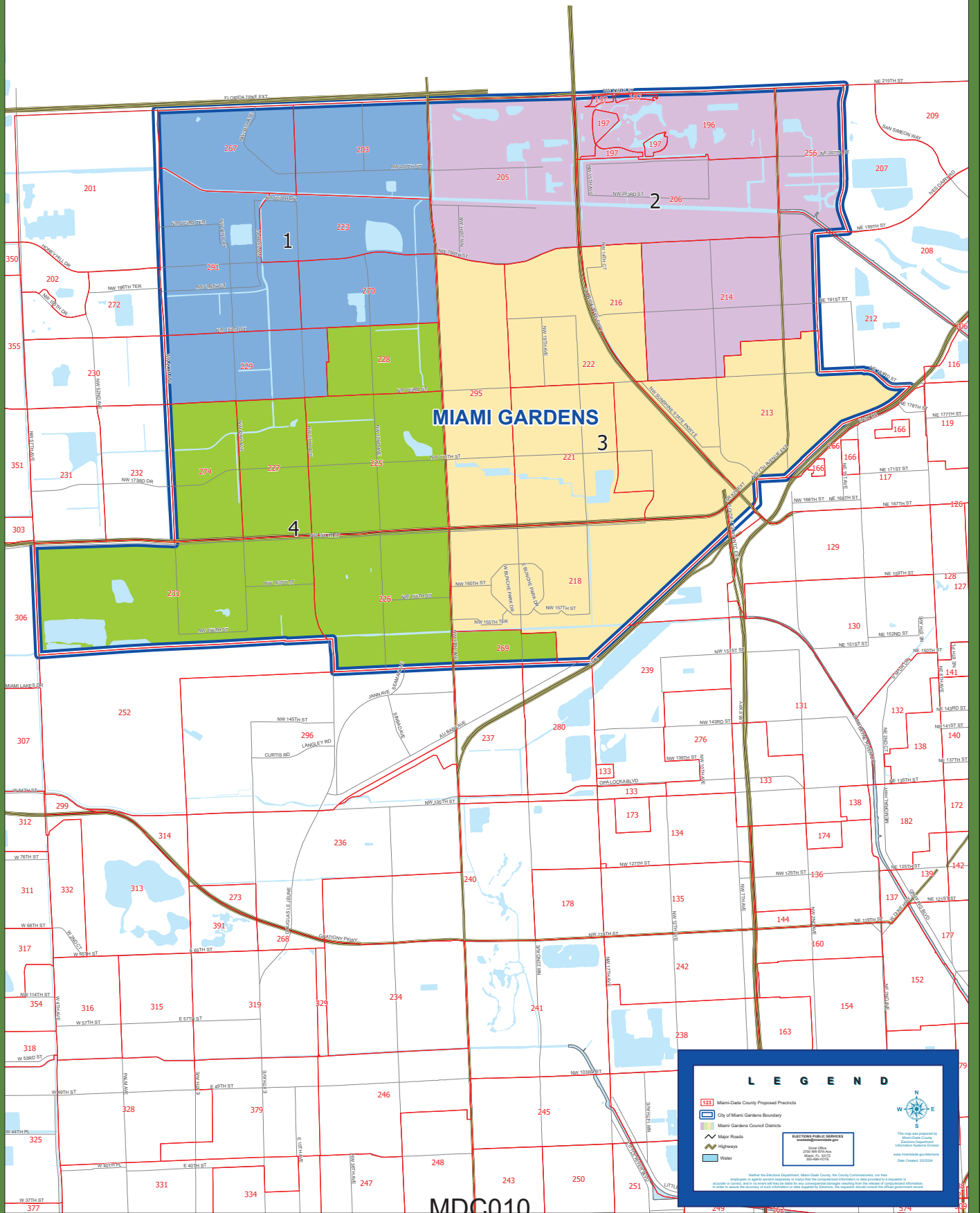
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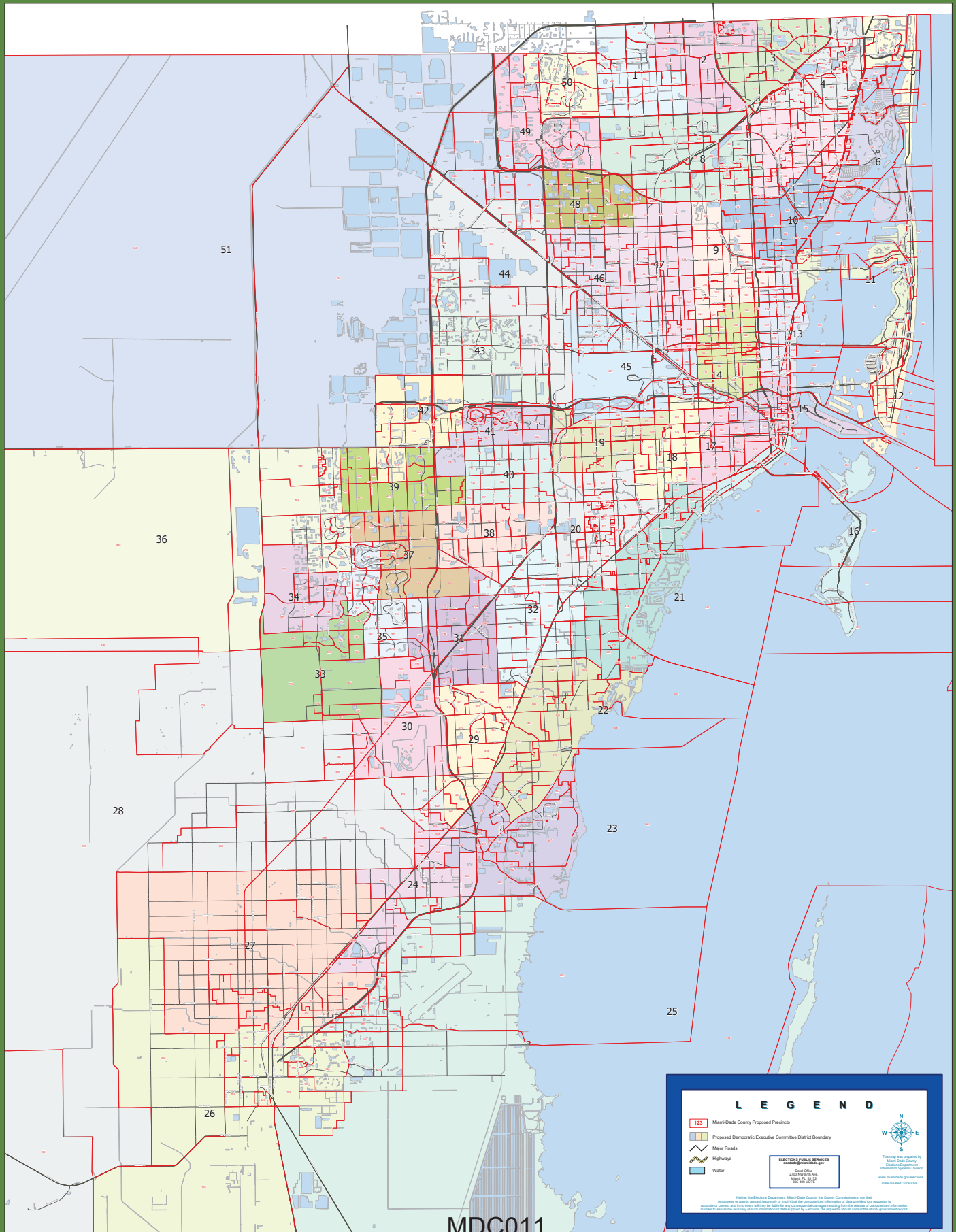


MIAMI - DADE COUNTY

City of Miami Gardens Council Districts with Proposed Precincts

Attachment 1





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LEGEND

- 123 Miami-Dade County Proposed Precincts
- Proposed Democratic Executive Committee District Boundary
- Major Roads
- Highways
- Water

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