## **RESOLUTION No. 24-228**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CITY CLERK AND TWO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT JUDGES AS THE CANVASSING BOARD IN THE EVENT A RUNOFF ELECTION IS NECESSARY ON DECEMBER 10, 2024 FOR A CITY COUNCIL POSITION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, elections are taking place in the City of Doral (the "City") on November 5, 2024 for the Mayor and two City Council positions; and

WHEREAS, one office on the ballot has three candidates, which may require a run-off election if no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes in the general election; and

**WHEREAS**, the runoff election, if necessary, would be held on December 10, 2024, which is not otherwise a Countywide election day; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is responsible to provide the canvassing board for such runoff election when it falls on a day that is not a Countywide election day; and

**WHEREAS**, neither the City Charter nor the City Code currently address the appointment of a canvassing board for purposes of City elections; and

WHEREAS, applicable state law requires that the County Canvassing Board consist of one County Commissioner (or a County Court Judge in his / her place), one County Court Judge and the Supervisor of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to follow that approach in this particular instance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

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**Section 1.** Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Appointment. The City Clerk and two Miami-Dade County Judges, as designated by the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, pursuant to Administrative Order 24-43, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference, as may be amended, to serve as the Canvassing Board pursuant to state law, if necessary, for a runoff election on December 10, 2022 for the election of any City Council positions.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Implementation.</u> The City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such further action as may be needed to implement the purpose and provisions of this Resolution

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Pineyro who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Puig-Corve and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9 day of October, 2024.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

LORENZO COBIELLA

GASTESI, LOPEZ & MESTRE, PLLC

**CITY ATTORNEY** 

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

## THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 24-2 (Court Administration)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24-43

IN RE: **DESIGNATION OF COUNTY** COURT JUDGE BETSY ALVAREZ-ZANE **SERVE** AS **PRIMARY** TO AND COUNTY MEMBER, COURT JUDGE RAUL CUERVO TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CITY OF DORAL, **FLORIDA** CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE RUN-OFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON **DECEMBER 10, 2024** 

**WHEREAS**, the City of Doral will hold a Run-off Election on December 10, 2024, to conduct the post-election certification voting system audit, as required by section 101.591, Florida Statutes, which will take place on December 10, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, undersigned was requested to appoint a County Court Judge to serve as the Primary Member, and a County Court Judge to serve as an Alternate Member to attend the Runoff Election and all proceedings relative thereto; and

WHEREAS, the HONORABLE BETSY ALVAREZ-ZANE is willing and able to serve as the Primary Member of the Canvassing Board; and

WHEREAS, the HONORABLE RAUL CUERVO is willing and able to serve as an Alternate Member of the Canvassing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, all Canvassing Board members, or a portion thereof, must be present during the proceedings in connection with the Run-off Election, to be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, and continuing through completion.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, the following judicial officers are hereby appointed to serve as members of the City of Doral Canvassing Board for the Run-off Election and all proceedings relative thereto and are hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to said Run-off Election and

## such proceedings:

- 1. Judge Betsy Alvarez-Zane is appointed to serve as the Primary Member.
- 2. Judge Raul Cuervo is appointed to serve as an Alternate Member.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this  $\underline{26^{th}}$  day of September 2024.

JUDGE NUSHIN G. SAYFIE
NUSHIN G. SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA