



miami-dade election reform coalition

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Via Facsimile

Constance Kaplan
Supervisor of Elections
2700 NW 87th Avenue
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Dear Ms. Kaplan:

We are looking forward to our meeting with you on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. and are especially excited about touring the new Department of Elections facilities. There are just a couple of areas that we would like to talk about on Tuesday. We are listing them below so that we can have a really productive meeting.

1. Were *sample ballots* and *Frequently Asked Questions* mailed out for the March 9, 2004 primary election? This was done for the November 2002 general election and it was our understanding that the Commission voted that it continue to be done in English, Spanish and Creole. The Coalition is exploring ways to make *sample ballots* and *Frequently Asked Questions* available to the disabilities community in a user-friendly manner. One of our members has a contact at the Radio Reading Service and we would like to work with you to approach them.

2. Are they calling people who are newly registered and will be voting for the first time on March 9, 2004?

3. Early Voting. What safeguards are in place so that people cannot vote more than once in one day during early voting? We are hoping for immediate updating of the voter rolls.

4. We have reviewed the training materials on the issue of provisional ballots. We are concerned that the instructions are still unclear with respect to people who move. We are also concerned about the efforts made to verify the eligibility of a voter who is not on the precinct register (Page 32, Items A and C.1.) Is there any written material that can be provided to voters whom your Department thinks should vote by provisional ballot?

5. What are the arrangements for use of back-up paper ballots in case machines fail?

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6. What is the procedure for people who did not receive or do not bring with them their new voter registration cards?

7. We are interested in watching the closing of precincts and counting of signatures.

Thank you once again for your open door policy, your responsiveness to Community concerns and your dedication to the voters of this County.

Very truly yours,

Lida Rodriguez-Taseff
Chairperson

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