### Above and Beyond Section 203: Language Access for Haitian Voters in Miami-Dade County, FL

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# Sec. 12-16. - [Creole translations in voting booths.]

- (a) In those precincts in which the Supervisor of Elections determines that a significant portion of the electorate is Haitian-American, the Supervisor of Elections shall provide voting booths containing Creole translations in addition to booths containing Spanish translations.
- (b) In those elections in which the Supervisor of Elections determines that it is appropriate to provide ballots in Creole, those ballots shall be advertised in a Creole language newspaper selected by the Supervisor of Elections.
- (c) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply only to ballots provided at voting booths in the precincts described in subsection (a) hereof and shall apply only to county-wide elections and other appropriate elections as determined by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall become operative only upon a written finding provided to this Board by the Supervisor of Elections that a certified Creole translator exists who can perform the translations mandated by this section.

(Ord. No. 99-160, §§ 1—4, 11-16-99)

# United States v. Miami-Dade County (S.D. Fla. 2002)

- On June 7, 2002, the United States filed a <u>complaint</u> against Miami-Dade County alleging a violation of Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act arising from the November 2000 Presidential election. The complaint alleged that county poll officials effectively prevented Creole-speaking Haitian-American voters in Miami-Dade County with limited ability to understand English from securing assistance at the polls from persons of their choice.
- On June 17, 2002, the court approved a <u>consent order</u> which required the county to implement and train officials on the requirements of Section 208, assign bilingual English/Creole-speaking poll workers in precincts with significant numbers of Haitian voters, post a Creole language version of the Voter's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, and monitor the performance of election officials on election day. In addition, the parties agreed to permit the United States to monitor elections through December 31, 2005.

Consent Order: United States v. Miami-Dade County (S.D. Fla. 2002)

- Modified trainings for all County poll workers requiring instruction on how to handle requests for language assistance
- Voter education policies
- Employment of bilingual election employees in targeted precincts
- Solicit the assistance of local organizations in the Haitian Community to identify needs
- Advertisement in Haitian Radio and Newspapers





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Miami-Dade County Elections Department

Departmento de Elecciones del Condado de Miami-Dade

Depatman Eleksyon Konte Miami-Dade

Official Sample Ballot Primary Election Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Boleta Oficial de Muestra Elecciones Primarias Martes 28 de agosto del 2018

Echantiyon Bilten Vòt Ofisyèl Eleksyon Primè Madi 28 dawout 2018







Pou plis enfòmasyon, vizite www.iamelectionready.org oswa rele 305-499-VOTE (8683). Pou TTY, rele 305-499-8480.

#### Official Sample Ballot - Primary Election

#### **Boleta Oficial de Muestra - Elecciones Primarias \* Echantiyon Bilten Vòt Ofisyèl - Eleksyon Primè**

#### ALL REGISTERED VOTERS • PARA TODOS LOS ELECTORES INSCRITOS • TOUT VOTÈ ENSKRI

CIRCUIT JUDGE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GROUP 14 JUEZ DE CIRCUITO 11NO CIRCUITO JUDICIAL GRUPO 14 JIJ SIKWI 11YÈM SIKWI JIDISYÈ	COUNTY JUDGE, GROUP 43 JUEZ DEL CONDADO, GRUPO 43 JIJ KONTE, GWOUP 43 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Milena Abreu 146 Miguel "Mike" Mirabal 147	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 12 COMISIONADO DEL CONDADO DISTRITO 12 KOMISYONÈ KONTE DISTRIK 12 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)	COMMUNITY COUNCIL 10 SUBAREA 106 CONSEJO COMUNITARIO 10 SUBZONA 106 KONSÈY KOMINOTÈ 10 SEKSYON 106 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)
GWOUP 14 (Vote for 1) (Vote pou 1)  Vivianne del Rio Renee Gordon 133 Louis V. Martinez 134	KOMISYONÈ KONTE	Jose "Pepe" Diaz 165 Patricio Moreno 166 Rafael Alberto Pineyro 167  SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT 2	Anays "Annie" Acuna 178 Francisco J. Lago 179  COMMUNITY COUNCIL 11 SUBAREA 114 CONSEJO COMUNITARIO 11
CIRCUIT JUDGE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GROUP 25 JUEZ DE CIRCUITO 11NO CIRCUITO JUDICIAL GRUPO 25 JIJ SIKWI 11YÈM SIKWI JIDISYÈ GWOUP 25	(Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Jean Monestime 150 Dorrin D. Rolle 151  COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6 COMISIONADO DEL CONDADO DISTRITO 6 KOMISYONE KONTE	MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA ESCOLAR DISTRITO 2  MANM ASANBLE EDIKASYON DISTRIK 2  (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Brandon Alfred 170 Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall 171  SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	SUBZONA 114 KONSÉY KOMINOTÉ 11 SEKSYON 114 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1) Christian E. Cevallos 180 Christian David Sweeny 181  COMMUNITY COUNCIL 12 SUBAREA 122
(Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Yery Marrero 135  Joe Perkins 136  COUNTY JUDGE, GROUP 2  JUEZ DEL CONDADO, GRUPO 2	DISTRIK 6 (Vate for 1) (Vate par 1) (Vate pau 1)	DISTRICT 4 MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA ESCOLAR DISTRITO 4 MANM ASANBLE EDIKASYON DISTRIK 4 (Vote for 1) (Vote pou 1)	CONSEJO COMUNITARIO 12 SUBZONA 122 KONSÈY KOMINOTÈ 12 SEKSYON 122 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1) Patrick C. Kelly 182
JIJ KONTE, GWÓUP 2 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Rosy Anette Aponte 137	DISTRICT 8 COMISIONADO DEL CONDADO DISTRITO 8 KOMISYONÈ KONTE	Perla Tabares Hantman 172 Irene Torroella-Garcia 173  COMMUNITY COUNCIL 8	Matteo Marchetti 183  COMMUNITY COUNCIL 12 SUBAREA 125
COUNTY JUDGE, GROUP 32 JUEZ DEL CONDADO, GRUPO 32 JIJ KONTE, GWOUP 32 (Vote for 1) (Vote pou 1)	OUSTRIK 8 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Gus A. Barreiro 154  Johnathan A. Burke 155  Daniella Levine Cava 156	SUBAREA 82 CONSEJO COMUNITARIO 8 SUBZONA 82 KONSÈY KOMINOTÈ 8 SEKSYON 82 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)	CONSEJO COMUNITARIO 12 SUBZONA 125 KONSÈY KOMINOTÈ 12 SEKSYON 125 (Vote for 1) (Vote pou 1)
Lizzet Martinez 140 Christopher "Chris" Pracitto 141 COUNTY JUDGE, GROUP 33 JUEZ DEL CONDADO, GRUPO 33 JUJ KONTE, GWOUP 33	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 10 COMISIONADO DEL CONDADO DISTRITO 10 KOMISYONÈ KONTE DISTRIK 10	Anastasios "Stasi" Kamoutsas 174 Caroline Williams 175  COMMUNITY COUNCIL 8 AT-LARGE CONSEJO COMUNITARIO 8	Morgan Elizabeth Anderson 184 Elliott Noel Zack 185
(Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1) Olanike "Nike" Adebayo 142 Eleane Sosa-Bruzon 143 COUNTY JUDGE, GROUP 40	(Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Jose Garrido 160	PARA TODA LA ZONA  KONSÈY KOMINOTÈ 8  POU TOUT ZÔN LAN  (Vote for 1) (Vote pou 1)  A.D. Lenoir Sr 176	
JUEZ DEL CONDADO, GRUPO 40 JIJ KONTE, GWOUP 40 (Vote for 1) (Vote por 1) (Vote pou 1)  Michael Barket 144 Elena Ortega-Tauler 145	Roberto Suarez Jr 164	Fredericke Alan Morley 177	

## Vote Early at Any of the 20 Convenient Locations Below Vote Anticipadamente en cualquiera de los 20 centros comodamente ubicados que se muestran a continuación Vote Pi Bonè nan Nenpòt nan 20 Lokal Konvnab ki anba la a yo

Monday Iunes lendi	Tuesday martes madi	Wednesday miércoles mèkredi	Thursday jueves jedi	Friday viernes vandredi	Saturday sábado samdi	Sunday domingo dimanch
August 13 13 de agosto 13 dawout 7:00 am-3:00 pm	August 14 14 de agosto 14 dawout 7:00 am-3:00 pm	August 15 15 de agosto 15 dawout 7:00 am-3:00 pm	August 16 16 de agosto 16 dawout 7:00 am-3:00 pm	August 17 17 de agosto 17 dawout 7:00 am-3:00 pm	August 18 18 de agosto 18 dawout 8:00 am-4:00 pm	August 19 19 de agosto 19 dawout 8:00 am-4:00 pm
August 20 20 de agosto 20 dawout 11:00 am-7:00 pm	August 21 21 de agosto 21 dawout 11:00 am-7:00 pm	August 22 22 de agosto 22 dawout 11:00 am-7:00 pm	August 23 23 de agosto 23 dawout 11:00 am-7:00 pm	August 24 24 de agosto 24 dawout 11:00 am-7:00 pm	August 25 25 de agosto 25 dawout 8:00 am-4:00 pm	August 26 26 de agosto 26 dawout 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Coral Gables Branch Library 3443 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL 33134

Coral Reef Branch Library 9211 SW 152nd Street Miami, FL 33157

Elections Department (Main Office) 2700 NW 87th Avenue Miami, FL 33172

Historic Garage 3250 S Miami Avenue Miami, FL 33129 (Same property as the former Museum of Science-as you enter on the right hand side)

Homestead Community Center (William F. "Bill" Dickinson) 1601 N Krome Avenue Homestead, FL 33030 John F. Kennedy Library 190 W 49th Street Hialeah, FL 33012

Joseph Caleb Center (Community Meeting Room) 5400 NW 22nd Avenue-Building A Miami, FL 33142

Kendall Branch Library 9101 SW 97th Avenue Miami, FL 33176

Lemon City Branch Library 430 NE 61st Street Miami, FL 33137

Miami Beach City Hall 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach. FL 33139 Miami Lakes Community Center (Mary Collins) 15151 NW 82nd Avenue

North Dade Regional Library 2455 NW 183rd Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056

Miami Lakes, FL 33016

North Miami Public Library 835 NE 132nd Street North Miami, FL 33161

North Shore Branch Library 7501 Collins Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33141

Northeast Dade-Aventura Branch Library 2930 Aventura Boulevard Aventura, FL 33180 South Dade Regional Library 10750 SW 211th Street Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Stephen P. Clark Center (Elections Branch Office) 111 NW 1st Street-Lobby Miami, FL 33128

West Dade Regional Library 9445 SW 24th Street Miami, FL 33165

West Kendall Regional Library 10201 Hammocks Boulevard Miami, FL 33196

West Miami Communtiy Center 901 SW 62nd Avenue West Miami, FL 33144

Wait times for all 20 Early Voting sites will be posted on the Elections Department website and will be updated throughout the day so voters can make an informed decision as to when and where is most convenient to them.

En el sitio web del Departamento de Elecciones se publicarán los tiempos de espera de los 20 centros de Votación Anticipada. Esos datos se actualizarán a lo largo del día para que los electores puedan estar informados a la hora de tomar una decisión con respecto al momento y al lugar en los que les convenga votar.

Tan atant pou tout 20 lokal Vote Pi Bonè yo ap afiche sou sit entènèt Depatman Eleksyon an epi yo va mete l ajou pandan tout jounen an pou votè yo ka pran bonjan desizyon sou lè ak kote ki pi bon pou yo.

Be sure to bring proper ID to the polls. Voted vote-by-mail ballots are **NOT** accepted at Early Voting sites.

Asegúrese de llevar identificación adecuada al centro de votación. En los centros de Votación Anticipada NO se aceptan boletas de voto por correo rellenadas.

Asire w ke ou pote bon jan pyès idantifikasyon nan lokal biwo vòt yo. Yo PA asepte bilten vòt pou vote pa lapòs ki vote nan lokal Vote Pi Bonè yo.