

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

**CASE NO. 21-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 21-06**

**IN RE: DESIGNATION OF CIRCUIT
COURT JUDGE CARLOS GUZMAN,
COUNTY COURT JUDGE CARLOS
GAMEZ, COUNTY COURT JUDGE
CHRISTINE BANDIN (ALTERNATE),
AND CITY CLERK BILLY Y. URQUIA
TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE
CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE
GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION OF
TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2021 AND RUN-
OFF ELECTION, IF REQUIRED, IN
THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES,
FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2021, the City of Coral Gables will hold an election for mayor and two open commission seats, and in accordance with Section 18-2 (c) of the Coral Gables City Code, a Canvassing Board must be appointed to canvass absentee ballots for said election; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-2 (c) states, in part, that the Canvassing Board “shall include two members of the City Commission who are not candidates with opposition in the election being canvassed;” and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 18-2 (d), in the event that any member of the Canvassing Board specified in the City Code is unable to serve on the Board of Canvassers, then the City Commission shall appoint a qualified elector of the City as a substitute member who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed; and

WHEREAS, the current members of the City Commission Board who would have otherwise been eligible to serve on the Canvassing Board, cannot do so due to an anticipated participation in the campaign(s) of the candidates with opposition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and consistent with Section 18-2 of the City Code and City Charter of Coral Gables, the City of Coral Gables adopted Resolution No. 2021-32, requesting the Chief Judge to appoint Judge Carlos Guzman, Judge Carlos Gamez and

Judge Christine Bandin (alternate), respectively, as qualified electors of the City, to serve as Members of the Canvassing Board for the City of Coral Gables, Florida for the General Biennial Election scheduled to take place on April 13, 2021, and Run-Off Election, if required; and

WHEREAS, Judge Guzman, Judge Gamez and Judge Bandin (alternate) have agreed to serve as members of the Canvassing Board for the City of Coral Gables, Florida for the General Biennial Election, and Run-Off Election, if required;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Judge Guzman, Judge Gamez and Judge Bandin (alternate) are hereby designated to serve as members of the Canvassing Board for the for the City of Coral Gables, Florida, for the General Biennial Election of Tuesday April 13, 2021, and Run–Off Election, if required.

In such capacity, all such Judges are hereby authorized to attend all meetings convened for the County Canvassing Board, as required, and are hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to the subject Election.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 23rd day of March 2021.

**BERTILA SOTO, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**