

December 21, 2010

**CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF
CANVASS OF PETITIONS TO RECALL MAYOR CARLOS ALVAREZ
SUBMITTED BY NORMAN BRAMAN**

Article 8, Section 8.02(3) of the Miami-Dade County Charter designates the Clerk of the Circuit Court as the party vested with the ministerial responsibility of canvassing and certifying the results regarding petitions for the recall of the Mayor.

The Miami-Dade County Charter and Section 12-23 of the Miami-Dade County Code specify the requirements for the Form of the Petition; the Disqualification of Forms; and the Disqualification of Signatures.

A total of 114,349 petition forms were submitted to the Clerk on November 5, 2010. They were reviewed as submitted "on their face" as outlined below.

First, applying Section 12-23(3), which states that the Clerk "shall disqualify" all petition forms that violate any of the grounds (A-E) stated therein, 7,070 forms containing 7,070 signatures were so disqualified.¹

Second, applying 12-23(4), petitioners' signatures on the remaining 107,279 petition forms were canvassed, utilizing the Elections Department's database of registered electors with the following results:

Not Registered	6,542
No Signature	24
Duplicate Signature	300
Registered after Signed	117
Bad Signature	2,289
Signature not Dated	10
No Address	4
Removed Ineligible	2,847
Others	4

¹ The specific grounds for the disqualification of these petition forms is so noted on the Clerk's Audit Logs used during the disqualification of forms process. Disqualified forms based on notary, circulator and/or form error are identified as Invalid Circulator in the Elections Department's database. Some forms contained multiple bases for disqualification.

The remaining petition signatures were distributed by Commission district as follows²:

Commission District 1	8,745	Commission District 2	6,634
Commission District 3	6,049	Commission District 4	3,163
Commission District 5	7,120	Commission District 6	10,421
Commission District 7	8,074	Commission District 8	4,462
Commission District 9	4,461	Commission District 10	11,277
Commission District 11	9,072	Commission District 12	6,856
Commission District 13	8,808		

After the results were tabulated using the Elections Department's database, the 2,289 questionable signatures identified as bad/illegible were further reviewed by handwriting expert, Dianne Flores, who verified and recommended acceptance of 357 additional signatures.³

The total number of signatures required to validate the petition is 51,992 as certified by the Supervisor of Elections on October 6, 2010. Upon conclusion of the canvassing of signatures, the total number of valid signatures of registered electors is 95,499.

State of Florida)
) ss:
County of Miami-Dade)

I, HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, hereby certify the above results of the Canvassing of the Petition for Recall above cited to be true and accurate.


HARVEY RUVIN
Clerk of the Circuit Court



Attachments

Cc:

Hon. Dennis C. Moss, Chairman and Members
of the Board of County Commissioners
Hon. Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
George Burgess, County Manager
Hon. Chief Judge Joel Brown
Robert Cuevas, County Attorney
Lester Sola, Supervisor of Elections

² Pursuant to Section 8.01(2) of the Miami-Dade County Charter, no more than 25 percent, or 12,998 of the valid signatures required shall come from voters registered in any single county commission district.

³ The signatures verified by Ms. Flores were added manually because the Elections Department database could not be adjusted to reflect the additional signatures.