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Subject: Vacancy/HD 114

Hi Maria.

Using the elapsed dates you provided, the earliest election date that complies with all state laws regarding notice and ballot distribution is February 6, 2018 for the Special Primary Election.

However, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners approved 16 mail ballot elections for January 23, 2018. Ballots will be placed in the mail on January 3, 2018.

Approximately, 1200 voters in that mail ballot election overlap with SH 114.

Past practices of the Elections Department have been not to conduct overlapping elections within the same jurisdiction to avoid voter confusion between multiple election ballots arriving in the mail. This can potentially confuse voters who make mistakes in returning multiple ballots in contiguous elections. It is not uncommon for voters to place the wrong election's ballot in the wrong election's envelope even when the elections do not overlap. In the event this occurs, those ballots cannot be counted.

The opportunity for this occurring with overlapping elections will be greater as voters will have two ballots at the same time.

With this in mind, and in the best interest of voters, my suggestion is that we conduct the SH 114 Special Primary Election on February 20 to avoid any potential overlap. Domestic ballots for SH 114 will go out on January 23.

This would mean:

Special Primary Election on February 20, 2018

Special Election on May 1, 2018

However, all of this said, I will of course comply with whatever date the Governor deems appropriate for these elections. I just want to give you all relevant information to consider.

Best Regards,
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SPECIAL ELECTIONS

State Representative, District 114

Option: 1	Counties: Miami-Dade
Election Dates	Special Primary: February 20, 2018 Special General: May 01, 2018
Book Closing Dates	Special Primary: January 22, 2018 Special General: April 2, 2018
Advertising	Two times by December 16, 2017**
Petitions Needed 96,381 = 2016 general election registration (applicable jurisdiction) 964 = 1% 241 = 25% of 1%	241 Petitions
Petitions Submitted to Supervisor of Elections	By 5:00 p.m., December 20, 2017
Petitions Certified to Division of Elections	By 5:00 p.m., December 22, 2017
Qualifying Dates	8 am, December 26, 2018 - Noon, December 27, 2018
Qualifying Fees	\$1,781.82 Partisan \$1,187.88 No Party Affiliation
Vote-by-mail ballots (UOCAVA) (45-days prior)	Special Primary: January 6, 2018 Special General: March 17, 2018
Early Voting Period (Minimum)	Special Primary: February 10-17, 2018 Special General: April 21-28, 2018
10-day Deadline for Receipt of Overseas Vote-By-Mail Ballots	Special Primary: March 2, 2018 Special General: May 11, 2018
Deadline for County's official returns:	Special Primary: March 4, 2018 Special General: May 13, 2018
Reporting Dates	
Report	Cover PeriodDue Date
SP1	Date appointment filed – 01/ /1701/ /17
SP2	01/ /17 – 01/ /1701/ /17
SG1	01/ /17 – 01/ /1701/ /17
SG2	01/ /17 – 01/ /1701/ /17
TR	01/ /17 – 01/ /1701/ /17

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2017 Holidays: Sep 4 – Labor Day; Sep 21 – Rosh Hashanah; Sep 30 – Yom Kippur; Oct 9 – Columbus Day; Nov 11 – Veterans Day; Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Day; Dec 13 – Hanukkah; Dec 25 – Christmas **2018 Holidays:** Jan 1 – New Year's Day; Jan 15 – Martin Luther King Day; Feb 19 – President's Day; May 28 – Memorial Day; Jul 4 – Independence Day; Sep 3 – Labor Day; Sep 10 – Rosh Hashanah; Sep 19 – Yom Kippur; Oct 8 – Columbus Day; Nov 11 – Veterans Day; Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Day; Dec 3 – Hanukkah; Dec 25 – Christmas