

December 7, 2021

TO:

Mayor Jerry L. Demings

-AND-

County Commissioners

FROM:

Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Orange County Canvassing Board

DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM DECEMBER 14, 2021

Supervisor of Elections Bill Cowles has requested the appointment of two Orange County Commissioners to serve on the Orange County Canvassing Board for the 2022 elections cycle (see attached letter). One of the Commissioners will serve as an alternate.

The District 1, 3, 5, and 6 Commissioners are eligible to serve since they are not running for re-election. The District 2 and 4 Commissioners and the Mayor are running for re-election and not eligible to serve. Also, canvassing board members cannot be an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate who has opposition in the election being canvassed.

Accordingly, on December 14, 2021, the Board will be requested to appoint one Commissioner and one alternate Commissioner to the Orange County Canvassing Board to serve through the end of 2022.

Please call me if you have any guestions.

Attachment

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Bill Cowles, Orange County Supervisor of Elections CC:

BILL COWLESSupervisor of Elections Orange County, Florida



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Ensure the integrity of the electoral process.

Enhance public confidence.

Encourage citizen participation.

November 11, 2021

The Honorable Jerry L. Demings Orange County Mayor 201 S. Rosalind Avenue Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Mayor Demings,

It's hard to believe that one year from now will be the Florida 2022 General Elections. On March 31, 2022, I will be hosting the statewide County Canvassing Board Workshop here in Orange County. It's already time for me to ask for you to appoint two members of the Board of County Commissioners to the 2022 Orange County Canvassing Board. Florida Election law, F.S. 102.141, requires that one of these be designated as the alternate. We have two countywide elections next year (Primary and General). It would be helpful to address this issue now as it will be critical for the two appointees to begin blocking out the key dates for training, a county orientation meeting and the dates for each of these two elections in 2022.

I will be submitting a similar letter to Chief Judge Lisa Munyon asking that she appoint a County Judge and an alternate County Judge to the Canvassing Board for next year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely.

Bill Cowles

Supervisor of Elections

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cc: Byron Brooks, County Administrator
Darren Gray, Deputy County Administrator

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