Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs

Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

Constitutional Office of the Supervisor of Elections

On May 5, 2022, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners held a Special Meeting to discuss the transition to and implementation of five elected constitutional offices. One of the items adopted at the Special Meeting was Special Item No. 2 which, among other things, directed the Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs to study the functions, responsibilities and operations of the County Supervisor of Elections for the ten (10) largest counties in Florida.

The questions included below will serve as the basis for the conversation between our office and the appropriate representatives from your County's Supervisor of Elections.

County Demographics

County: Palm Beach

Population: 1,538,450

Registered Voters: 990,193

Supervisor of Elections

Staffing & Personnel

Budgeted Full-Time Employees: 65

Budgeted Part-Time Employees: .5 FTE

Are SOE Employees Considered County Employees? If not, please explain: Employees are SOE employees. Hired by SOE. However, there are some overlapping areas. (Example, SOE employees are required to obtain a health assessment through the County, complete a driving module to drive County vehicles.

Bargaining Units: NA

Staffing Plans for Elections (Temp Employees, Accessing County Employees, etc.): Poll Worker Department: Temp employees for Election Day start 2-3 months before the election. Temp employees needed: 4-7 office staff, 20-25 Trainers needed for training classes. 30-40 Field Clerks needed as support 2 weeks before and on election day. 4-8 Drivers needed 5 days before and on election day. 4,000 – 5,000 Poll Workers needed for election day they are hired from the general public. Requests are sent to other county offices by the SOE for participation, but it is up to the Supervisors if the county workers can work, it is on a volunteer basis not mandatory.

Funding & Administrative Support

Total Adopted Budget (detailed by funding source): \$21,644,051 (\$21948,539 County Appropriation)

Support Functions Received from the County (IT, Human Resources, Financial Administration, etc.): SOE participates in group insurance and other benefits available to County employees, plant operations, drive county vehicles, custodial services, and currently ISS.

Support Functions Provided to the County (Financial Disclosures, Outside Employment, etc.): None

Operations & Additional Functions

Number of Polling Sites: 423 Before redistricting

Number of Precincts: 873 Before redistricting

Number of Satellite/Regional Offices: 3

Number of Owned/Leased Facilities and Their Purpose: SOE is leasing a warehouse that serves as the Voting Equipment Center. This is temporary while a new building is being built.

Law Enforcement Support During Elections (contract(s) with Sheriff or Municipal Departments): SOE contracts with Sheriff and outside security during elections

If any, List Additional Functions Performed Beyond Statutory Duties: N/A

Contact Person (Name, Title, E-Mail, Phone Number): Wendy Sartory Link, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, wendylink@votepalmbeach.gov, (561) 656-6200.

If available, please attach the following documents with your response:

- Table of Organization
- Any Service Agreement(s) with the County
- Any Agreements with other Constitutional Offices
- Any Agreements with other Jurisdictions