

# MEMORANDUM

## RE: ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

In IVR surveys conducted in March and April 2018, *of likely 2018 general election voters in Florida, shows strong support for a constitutional amendment that would ensure that constitutional officers in Florida's counties are chosen by an election of the people of each county.*

### Key Findings

- **This high level of support comes when voters are provided a plain language explanation of the proposal originally named Proposal 13, which is now part of the amendment named P 6005.** Nearly 2/3 of the voters interviewed in these IVR surveys agreed after being told of the proposal's purpose that these officers should be elected by county residents.
- **86% of respondents in a statewide survey in March 2018 agreed that constitutional officers like Sheriff and Property Appraiser should be elected by the majority voter of county residents.** Just 6% of respondents disagreed with this statement.
- **In an April 2018 follow-up survey of voters in Miami-Dade County alone,** 76% of respondents agreed that Miami-Dade County's Sheriff and Property Appraiser should be independent and elected, and just 10% of respondents disagreed with that sentiment.

### Methodology

Interactive voice response (IVR) surveys were conducted on March 17-19, 2018 and April 12-15, 2018. Survey respondents in two statewide surveys were registered voters in Florida who were sampled through turnout prediction scoring using a probability-based algorithm. In lay terms, a voter who is predicted to have a 40% chance of voting in the 2018 general election had a 40% chance of being sampled. This ensures that samples capture the bulk of interviews from voters with a high likelihood of voting but does not neglect interviews from voters with lower voting likelihoods who still do vote in small numbers.

868 voters completed the March 2018 statewide survey over those evenings. Survey results have a margin of error of +/- 3.3% within a confidence interval of 95% and are weighted to proportions of voter turnout in the 2014 general election by age, race, gender and county commission district. A follow-up statewide survey in April was completed by 629 respondents statewide, and a follow-up survey on April 14-15 in Miami-Dade County was completed by 118 Miami-Dade County voters.