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Dear City and Town Governments,

We understand that you are currently working hand in hand with your County Supervisor of Elections as you gear up for the upcoming municipal elections cycle. We share our deepest appreciation for your work to ensure that elections are accessible and efficient for all voters.

With many of your municipalities implementing their first elections under the new Florida voting laws, it is urgent that steps be taken now to eliminate any obstacles that may prevent voters from being able to cast their ballots and participate in our democratic processes. As such, we encourage you to offer eligible voters all potential options available for them to participate in the elections - starting with early voting, a critical access point for Florida's voters.

Early voting encourages voter turnout and helps prevent voters from missing work time in order to cast their ballots. Spreading in-person voting out over additional days could also protect voters and elections staff if the COVID-19 surge our state is currently seeing continues. It is also worth mentioning that [63.8%](#) of registered voters in Florida opted to use early voting options during the 2020 General Election. Given the most recent changes to election laws, it may also help to provide early voting as a chance to test new processes. As such, we highly encourage you to offer at least one early voting location operating the Saturday and Sunday before Election Day in your region for the municipal election or elections that are happening throughout 2022. To the extent possible, we also recommend using an early voting site that is used during General elections because this will help voters avoid any confusion that comes with changing sites.

Some municipalities that have provided early voting options in recent elections are Homestead, Lakeland, Lake Mary, Miami, Miami Beach, Orlando, Oviedo, and St. Cloud. Furthermore, municipalities like Sebring and Naples will be providing early voting options for their upcoming elections. We understand that depending on the size of your voting population, an early voting option might not be economically feasible, but we hope that you take into consideration our suggestions to ensure voters have the best opportunity to participate in the upcoming elections.

Once again, we thank you for your work in ensuring the elections process is accessible and efficient for voters. We look forward to collaborating with you during the 2022 election cycle.

Cordially,

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