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Dear Supervisor White,

Miami-Dade County is covered under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, currently guaranteeing language accessibility in the elections for Spanish-speaking voters and local protections guaranteeing accessibility for Haitian-Creole speakers. However, the existing language access provisions continue to leave out voters who use languages not enumerated in the law, state rules, county code, or court settlements.

Disparities in language provisions ultimately have a discriminatory effect on our multiracial democracy, leaving out entire swaths of people. Based on most recent Census data, there are emerging communities in your jurisdiction whose primary language [is not English](#). Miami-Dade County's diverse and growing population includes **Mandarin, German, Arabic and Tagalog** speakers.

These communities should be able to participate equitably in the election process. This can be achieved by enacting local fixes to make sure that people are able to cast their vote in the most effective way possible. That is why we call on you to provide electoral information, **such as proper signage and a sample ballot**, in the languages mentioned above.

Language accessibility should not be an issue of doing the bare minimum to meet current law, but rather an issue of understanding and providing for the needs of local communities. As supervisor of elections, your office is best situated to expand language access within your jurisdiction so all voters are empowered with the information that they need to make informed decisions about their futures.

As we head towards the 2022 midterm elections in Florida and budget decisions are being made, the time to act and expand voter access is now.

Cordially,

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