

DELEGATION REQUEST.....BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION

Any citizen shall be entitled to be placed on the official agenda of a regular meeting of the Commission and be heard concerning any matter within the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction through a Delegation Request. To make a Delegation Request, please submit a letter or fill out this form and return to County Administration, Room 409, Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 or fax it back to (954) 357-7360. Each delegation will be notified of the scheduled appearance date and time. Please indicate in your Request the manner in which you wish to receive notification. Back-up materials, if any, must be included with the original Delegation Request in order to allow the Board an opportunity to review the material before the discussion.

Appearance before the Board of County Commissioners is limited to THREE minutes.

Hard copies of the agenda will be available in the meeting room, on the day of the meeting, and electronic copies are available in advance at: <http://www.broward.org/commission/welcome.htm>.

NAME OF DELEGATION OR GROUP: <i>ROBIN MERRILL</i>	DATE OF REQUEST: <i>JUNE 12 2018</i>
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Please indicate (X) how you wish to be contacted: Mailing Address Email

SUBJECT YOU WISH TO DISCUSS: *BRENDA SNIPES, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS*

Use this space for any explanatory comments you feel necessary. *AS TAXPAYERS, I DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR BRENDA SNIPES LEGAL FEES, SHE HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF ILLEGAL BALLOT DESTRUCTION. I ALSO WANT HER REMOVED.*

HAVE YOU EVER CONTACTED ANYONE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THIS SUBJECT?
 YES NO
 IF SO, WHO? *S. ROSENDORF*
 WHEN? *MAY 31 2018*
 WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME? *SHE REFERRED ME TO THIS PROCESS OF SPEAKING WITH A DELEGATION REQUEST*

MATERIALS FOR COMMISSION'S REVIEW?
 YES NO

TO BE COMPLETED BY ADMIN.OFFICE ONLY	DATE DELEGATION SCHEDULED:	DELEGATION NOTIFIED? INITIALS:
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I have NEVER been able to "Vote with Confidence" in Broward County

by Robin Haines Merrill



...WITH CONFIDENCE !

I arrived in the United States in 2000, after spending 15 years in the Philippines, where I had to get to the US Embassy to cast votes in Presidential Elections. We knew our votes may not count, but it was our honor and duty to vote from overseas. I also lived through the People Power Revolution and watched Filipinos fight and die for the right to vote. I knew people who chained themselves to ballot boxes, to prevent armed thugs from grabbing ballots and destroying them. Voting is a sacred honor and duty that my family has always cherished, and I intend to pass down this treasured value to my children and grandchildren.

Our first vote on American soil in 2000 was an unexpected tragedy. My husband and I registered to vote at our new Florida address and received a voter registration card. But unfortunately at the polling place, we were told that we weren't listed on the voter rolls in Tallahassee. We spent all day going back and forth, hoping they would get clearance from Tallahassee for us to vote. But we were denied the privilege to vote. That was our "welcome to Broward County" voting experience. Switching to Brenda Snipes as Supervisor of Elections in 2003 did nothing to help our voting experience. On average, I would estimate that 70% of the time that I or my family has voted, we have experienced failure or distress in voting. In the election of 2016, the machine spit out a BLANK ballot for me. FOUR TIMES. Each time, a big red X was marked on the ballot and it was thrown away. I tried to take a picture of it and was warned that photography is forbidden inside the polling place. When asked WHY this was happening to me, I was told that the machine had been acting up and there was a "humidity" issue with the paper. When I finally received a ballot I asked for a receipt of some form that would show what my vote was. As usual, I was told that this is not possible. Somehow, I had to just be "confident" that my vote counted.

As was reported in Miami Herald, Sun Sentinel and New Times, in 2014 my husband and son experienced having their drivers license swiped and being told that they had already voted, when in fact they had not. It was my son's very first time to vote. I wanted it to be a special experience, so we worked out our schedule for him to come down on the train from college, and we went as a family. It ended with me sobbing in tears as my son, who was then late for his first day on a new job, said "This is not worth it, Mom". I have been with my grandmother when we had four generations of family

in line, participating in the election process. Something inside of me broke, when I realized I had failed as a mother to pass down one of the cherished rituals of our family, Voting.

As reported by New Times in 2014:

OUTRAGE!!!! Our family of 3 went to vote, first time voting for David, and Mark's license was swiped and said HE ALREADY VOTED. He has not!! We all have the same physical address, but one of us couldnt vote!! Same thing happened to the woman behind us. She only had one hour break from work, it was lost AND SO WAS HER VOTE!!! After phone calls to the lame-arse Elections office OF BROWARD County, Mark and the other lady were handed REGISTRATION FORMS to re-register to vote, in order to receive a Provisional Ballot which WONT BE COUNTED until they are qualified as voters!!!! In a crucial election where EVERY VOTE COUNTS, we were denied voting rights. I AM FURIOUS
-Robin Haines Merrill

What infuriated me was when Brenda Snipes repeatedly went on national television news to report there were "no voting problems in Broward County", while I had wasted hours trying to help rescue people's votes and to get her office to respond. They seemed to have a plan: hand people a Provisional Ballot when a complication came up, and the person will think they have voted. But the fact is, those Provisional Ballots were never counted. And poll workers told me that Brenda Snipes and her office refused to answer phone calls all day, thus, they had no knowledge of any problems being reported from the poll sites. This is a tactic that has been used every time I experience poll problems.

I campaigned at the polls in March 2018 and interviewed people who were devastated that they couldn't vote as they intended to: they were victims of gerrymandering, and were not informed by the Elections Office that their district had been changed. In 2016 I campaigned for Tim Canova, District 23, and simply wanted to get a MAP of the district. The maps posted online were not current or correct, even a week before voting. Broward County blamed the State, but in the end, it is their responsibility to inform voters of what their precinct is.

I have many other incidents of voting problems, but suffice to say THIS SYSTEM IS BROKEN, and we the citizens of the affluent Broward County Florida DESERVE BETTER.

WE DESERVE TO TRULY "VOTE WITH CONFIDENCE"!