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Cord Byrd  
Secretary of State  
Florida Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Attn: Jennifer Kennedy

**VIA EMAIL:** [Jennifer.Kennedy@dos.fl.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Kennedy@dos.fl.gov)

Dear Secretary Byrd:

My office has received the attached Resign-to-Run letter submitted by Orange County Commissioner Maya Uribe regarding her position as Commissioner for Orange County Commission District 3. The letter, received on May 27, 2026, includes a request that the office she will vacate be filled by way of election.

Our office is aware that, prior to the 2021 amendment to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes, the relevant authorities uniformly interpreted vacancies under Section 100.111, Florida Statutes, as requiring an election when the resignation letter was received 28 months or more from the expiration of vacancy. Our office is also aware, however, that at least one court has interpreted the post-amendment statute based instead on the effective date stated in the resignation letter. As a result, we are uncertain how to proceed.

If the Governor's office or your office provides direction that an election is to be held, we will promptly notice the race for the purposes of qualifying beginning June 8, 2026, for this year's primary and general elections. Because the qualifying period begins in less than two weeks, we would appreciate your earliest consideration and will proceed as directed.

Sincerely,

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