

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. SC00-2431

ALBERT GORE, JR., Nominee of the
Democratic Party of the United States
For President of the United States *et al.*,

Appellants,

v.

KATHERINE HARRIS, as Secretary
of State, State of Florida, *et al.*,

Appellees.

**BRIEF OF THE APPELLEES,
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD,
LAWRENCE D. KING, MYRIAM LEHR,
AND DAVID C. LEAHY**

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ARGUMENT

Appellees, the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board, and the Honorable Lawrence D. King, the Honorable Myriam Lehr, and Supervisor of Elections David C. Leahy, in their official capacities as members of the Board, assert that pursuant to state statute they are a neutral ministerial body charged with tabulating the votes in the November 7, 2000 Presidential election. *See Morse v. Dade County Canvassing Board*, 456 So. 2d 1314 (Fla. 3d DCA 1984). Accordingly, the Miami-Dade Canvassing Board respectfully requests that the Court affirm that portion of the lower court's order which states that it acted properly and did not abuse its discretion. With regard to the remaining issues on appeal, the Appellees take no position.

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