

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION AND CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE HELD ON **NOVEMBER 3, 2026**; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE CITY CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE CONVENING OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE EVERY TEN YEARS AND OUTLINING THE COMPOSITION OF THAT COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2023 the City Commission convened a Charter Review Committee to review the City's charter and provide recommendations to the City Commission on amendments to the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City has traditionally convened a Charter Review Committee approximately every decade to address the needs of the City, changes in relevant laws, and resident suggestions; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no requirement in the City Charter or Code that the Charter be reviewed on a regular schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is interested in placing this requirement for regular review of the Charter in the City Charter itself;

WHEREAS, this Resolution calls for a special election for a proposed ballot question to be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the City Commission is authorized to submit ballot questions to the electors of the City for approval or rejection of proposed amendments to the City Charter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. BALLOT QUESTION AND CHARTER AMENDMENT. That pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the Commission seeks to place before the voters an amendment to the City’s Charter. The specific language for the amendment to the City Charter proposed by this Section is provided in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

SECTION 3. ELECTION CALLED. That on November 3, 2026, qualified electors in the City of Coral Gables will be presented with the ballot question provided in Section 4 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. FORM OF THE BALLOT QUESTION. That the form of ballot for the question provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution shall substantially be as provided below:

REQUIRING A DECENNIAL REVIEW OF THE CITY CHARTER

Shall the City Charter be amended to require:

That the City Commission convene a Charter Review Committee every ten (10) years beginning in 2035, to review the City Charter and provide recommendations to the City Commission on potential amendments. The Charter Review Committee shall consist of seven members. The Commissioners and City Manager will each appoint one member who is a resident of the City. The City Attorney’s appointee shall be a current or former municipal or county attorney.

_____ YES

_____ NO

SECTION 5. BALLOTING. That balloting shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on the date of the election. Vote-by-mail ballots shall be available. Early voting shall be provided in conjunction with the general election. All qualified City electors who are timely registered in accordance with law shall be entitled to vote. The City Clerk is authorized to obtain any and all necessary election administration services from the Miami-Dade County (the “County”) Supervisor of Elections. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the County Supervisor of Elections until the date at which the registration books shall close in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws. The City Clerk and the County Supervisor of Elections are hereby authorized to take all appropriate action necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this Resolution. This election shall be canvassed by the

Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF ELECTION. That notice of said election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Fla. Stat., in a newspaper of general circulation within the City at least 30 days prior to said election, or by publication on the County's website as provided in Section 50.0311, Fla. Stat. the municipality's website, or the supervisor's website, as applicable. The first publication shall be in the fifth week prior to the election, and the second publication shall be in the third week prior to the election, and notice shall be in substantially the following form:

"NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION"

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2025-____ ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AN ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED AND ORDERED TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2026, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M., AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY.

REQUIRING A DECENNIAL REVIEW OF THE CITY CHARTER

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_____ YES

_____ NO

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVENESS.

- A. That the question provided for in Section 2 and 4 above shall become effective only if the majority of qualified electors voting on the specific question vote for its adoption, and it shall be considered adopted and effective upon certification of election results.
- B. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the City Charter to the extent necessary to assure that the adoption of the Charter amendment provided for in this question conforms to and is properly included in the publication of the revised Charter, and to provide for transitional provision if needed.
- C. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the exact working of this resolution, the

ballot question contained herein, and the exhibit hereto to the extent necessary to ensure its placement on the ballot in accordance with law.

- D. That following the election, the City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Manager are directed to revise and encode and take any necessary actions to implement the amendment, if approved by the voters.

SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER. That subject to the requirements herein, it is the intent of the City Commission, and it is hereby provided, that any Charter amendment approved by the voters shall become and be made a part of the City Charter.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: ____ / Seconded: ____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT 1

(Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.)

Sec. 26. Advisory Boards, Authority of Commission to Appoint.

The Commission may appoint boards or commissions, composed of such number of City residents as the Commission may deem expedient, consistent with exceptions authorized by law, to act in an advisory capacity in conjunction with any one or more City departments. The members of all such boards and commissions shall serve without compensation and may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Commission.

Beginning in 2035, the City Commission shall convene a Charter Review Committee every ten years in order to provide recommendations to the City Commission on potential amendments to the City Charter. The Committee shall consist of seven members. Each City Commissioner and the City Manager shall appoint one member who is a resident of the City. The City Attorney shall appoint one member who shall be a current or former municipal or county attorney.