



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 14, 2016**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. 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 8, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A BALLOT QUESTION PROVIDING FOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO THE TRIAL BOARD; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURE FOR BALLOTING; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



BRIEF HISTORY:

On January 1, 1954, with the approval of the City Attorney, an unofficial compilation of the Charter (the "Compiled Charter") was issued. The Compiled Charter was a compilation of the Charter approved May 8, 1929 (Laws of Florida Chapter 13972) with all amendments thereto, and all the acts granting special powers or immunities to the City up to July 1, 1953. Subsequently, the Compiled Charter was modified by Commission action and City Attorney Opinion based on state law, including the Municipal Home Rule Powers Act.

The City Commission, on May 12, 2015, convened a Charter Review Committee, tasked with reviewing the Compiled Charter to review areas of the Compiled Charter that should be amended. Pursuant to City Charter Section 10, "Initiative and Referendum", the City Commission desires to submit a ballot question to the electors of the City relating to the proposed amendments to the City Charter, by the Charter Review Committee. Pursuant to the City Charter, City Code and Miami-Dade County Charter, the City Commission is authorized to submit the ballot question to the electors of the City for approval or rejection.

This ballot question is related to the removal of the Trial Board from the City Charter.

APPROVED BY:

City Attorney	City Manager
	For 

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Charter language