

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-211 TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION AND CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE HELD ON APRIL 21, 2026; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING IF THE CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE APPOINTING COMMISSIONER OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL TO REMOVE A BOARD MEMBER FROM THAT POSITION PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERM; PROVIDING FOR MAIL BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 26 of the City Charter provides that 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; and

WHEREAS, that same section also provides that 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; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has over thirty boards and committees, and each Commissioner appoints approximately forty (40) board and committee members to two- or three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission confirms the appointment of each of the approximately three hundred (300) board and committee members appointed by the City Commission, appointed officials, Commission-As-A-Whole, or Board-As-A-Whole; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission would like the electors of the City to consider amending the Charter to allow each appointing Commissioner or appointed official to remove any previously appointed board and committee members at any time prior to the expiration of their term, for any reason; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to provide for a mail ballot election, as provided by Section 101.6101-6107, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution calls for a special election for a proposed ballot question to be held on April 21, 2026 and cancels the special election for this question on November 3, 2026 adopted in Resolution No. 2025-211; 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 April 21, 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:

ALLOWING COMMISSIONERS OR OFFICIALS TO REMOVE BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERM

Shall the City Charter be amended to:

Allow the City Commissioner, or appointed official, who appointed a member to a City board or committee, to remove that member from that position prior to the expiration of their term, for any reason, in so far as that removal is not in conflict with state law?

_____ YES

_____ NO

SECTION 5. BALLOTING. That mail ballots, as prescribed by Section 101.6101-101.6107, Florida Statutes, shall be used in this special 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. 2026-08 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 APRIL 21, 2026, BY MAIL BALLOT., AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY.

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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 THIRTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2026.

(Moved: Anderson / Fernandez)

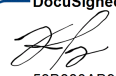
(Yeas: Fernandez, Lara, Anderson, Lago)

(Nays: Castro)

(Majority: (4-1) Vote)

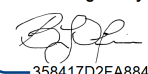
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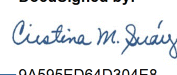
VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

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BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

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CRISTINA M. SUAREZ
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, or by the appointing elected or appointed official, with or without cause, subject to any state requirements for particular boards or committees.