



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 7, 2026**

ITEM TITLE:

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 IF THE CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE CONTINUOUS RESIDENCY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONER; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Section 3 of the Charter of City of Coral Gables (“City Charter”) provides that to be a candidate for Mayor or Commissioner an individual must have resided in the City of Coral Gables for at least one year prior to the election for which he or she seeks office.

The Charter Review Committee reviewed Section 3 of the City Charter and recommended to the City Commission that the electors be presented with a question amending the City Charter to read that the residency requirement be one year immediately prior to the end of the qualifying period for the election for which he or she seeks office.

This question would be placed on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution