



**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 PROVIDE FOR THE MAYOR TO BE ELECTED TO SERVE A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM COMMENCING WITH THE NOVEMBER 2028 ELECTION WITHOUT CHANGING THE ASSOCIATED MAYORAL TERM LIMIT; 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 1 of the Charter of the City of Coral Gables (“City Charter”) provides that the Mayor is elected to a term of office for two years. In 2005 the City’s electors approved an amendment to the City Charter providing for a four-year mayoral term beginning in 2007 and that amendment was approved by 52% of the electors, and in 2009 the City’s electors approved an amendment to the City Charter providing for a return to a two-year mayoral term beginning in 2011 and that amendment was approved by 50.63% of the electors.

The City of Coral Gables Charter Review Committee has discussed a potential amendment to the City Charter to allow, again, for a four-year mayoral term, and it is the intent and desire of the City Commission to provide an opportunity to the electors to vote on whether the City Charter should be amended to provide for a four-year mayoral term.

If adopted, this amendment would not extend the existing term limits and, the current City Mayor, if re-elected in 2026, will have served eight consecutive years as Mayor, having reached the limit established in Section 2 of the City Charter, and thus would not be eligible to run for Mayor in 2028

This Resolution calls for a special election for a proposed ballot question to be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution