



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
August 29, 2017

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution by the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, Authorizing City Staff to Consider Sea Level Rise Adaptation in their Discretionary Decisions, Directing Staff to Initiate the Process for Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan as Necessary to Contemplate the Anticipated Implications of Sea Level Rise, and Encouraging Community Associations, Institutions, and Governments to Develop, Adopt, and Fund Sea Level Rise Preparedness Policies and Programs. (Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

In recent years, the City of Coral Gables has taken steps to evaluate the risks and vulnerabilities that the City and its residents are expected to face in the decades to come as a result of the anticipated effects of climate change, including sea level rise. One of those steps has been the development of a white paper, titled *Legal Considerations Surrounding the City of Coral Gables' Adaptation to the Threat of Sea Level Rise*, which provides a comprehensive overview of the various sea level rise adaptation policy options available to the City and details some key legal considerations and implications surrounding those adaptation options. On September 28, 2016, the City Commission accepted that white paper, by Resolution No. 2016-223.

In an effort to begin to implement some of those policy options and to protect present and future generations from this increasing threat, the City of Coral Gables now passes this resolution which: authorizes and encourages City staff to consider sea level rise adaptation in their discretionary decisions; directs City staff to perform a review of the City's Comprehensive Plan and to amend the Plan as necessary to address the anticipated implications of sea level rise; and urges property developers, homeowners associations, condominium associations, universities, and other educational institutions, as well as national, state, and local governments, to develop, adopt, and fund sea level rise preparedness policies and programs.

This resolution will be sent, by the City Clerk, to federal, state, and local governments and officials, as well as local universities.

**Attachments**

1. Draft Resolution