

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON AUGUST 28, 2018, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER CITY CHARTER SECTION 1.03(b)(3) SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS VOTING IN A CITY-WIDE REFERENDUM FOR ANY SALE, EXCHANGE, CONVEYANCE OR LEASE OF TEN YEARS OR LONGER OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER DISTRICT (EXCEPT FOR THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER AND CARL FISHER CLUB HOUSE), INSTEAD OF APPROVAL BY 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS VOTING IN A CITY-WIDE REFERENDUM.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH:**

**SECTION 1.**

In accordance with provisions of the Charter of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, and the general laws of the State of Florida, a Special Election is hereby called and directed to be held in the City of Miami Beach, Florida, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, for the purpose of submitting to the electorate the question as set forth hereinafter.

**SECTION 2.**

That the appropriate and proper Miami-Dade County election officials shall conduct the Special Election hereby called, with acceptance of the certification of the results of the Special Election to be performed by the City Commission. The official returns for each precinct shall be furnished to the City Clerk of the City of Miami Beach as soon as the ballots from all precincts have been tabulated.

**SECTION 3.**

That the voting precincts in the City of this Special Election shall be as established by the proper and appropriate Miami-Dade County election officials. All electors shall vote at the polling places and the voting precincts as determined by the Miami-Dade County election officials.<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION 4.**

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to City Code section 38-3(b): "The City Clerk shall further publish, in a newspaper meeting the requirements set forth in Florida Statutes § 50.031 and on the City's website, the polling places for the election twice, once in the third week and once in the first week prior to the week in which the election is to be held."

Not fewer than thirty days' notice of the adoption of this Resolution and of its provisions calling this Special Election shall be given by publication in the Miami Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Such publication shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, and Section 38-3 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach.

#### **SECTION 5.**

The Notice of Election shall be substantially in the following form:

#### **THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AND WILL BE HELD IN SAID CITY FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 28, 2018, AT WHICH TIME THERE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DULY REGISTERED AND QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

#### **Amend voter approval requirement for sale/lease of City property (Civic and Convention Center District)**

City Charter Section 1.03(b)(3) requires approval by 60 percent of voters voting in a City-wide referendum for any sale, exchange, conveyance or lease of ten years or longer of City-owned property in the Civic and Convention Center District (except for Miami Beach Convention Center and Carl Fisher Club House). Shall Charter Section 1.03(b)(3) be amended to require approval by majority of voters voting in a City-wide referendum, instead of 60 percent approval?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

The Notice shall further set forth pertinent information regarding eligibility of electors to participate in this Election.

#### **SECTION 6.**

That the official ballot to be used in the Special Election to be held on August 28, 2018, hereby called, shall be in substantially the following form, to wit:

## OFFICIAL BALLOT

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\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

### **SECTION 7.**

The form of the ballots to be used in this Special Election and their preparation shall be in compliance with all statutory requirements relating to the use of mechanical or other approved voting machines or devices.

### **SECTION 8.**

Registration of persons desiring to vote in the Special Election shall be in accordance with the general law of the State of Florida governing voter registration. Qualified persons may obtain registration forms to vote at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, First Floor, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, during normal business hours, and at such other voter registration centers and during such times as may be provided by the Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County. The Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections will register voters for this Special Election until 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2018. All persons eligible to vote in this Special Election must be registered before the time and date set forth herein or have registered previously, as provided by law. Each person desiring to become a registered voter shall be responsible for properly filling out the registration form and returning it to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department. All questions concerning voter registration should be directed to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, 2700 NW 87 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33172; Telephone: (305) 499-VOTE (8683).

### **SECTION 9.**

That voters participating via a Vote-by-Mail ballot in this Special Election shall be entitled to cast their ballots in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of the State of Florida with respect to such voting.

**SECTION 10.**

That the City of Miami Beach shall pay all expenses for conducting this Special Election and will pay to Miami-Dade County or directly to all persons or firms, upon receipt of invoice or statement approved by the Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

**SECTION 11.**

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of the ballot measure set forth above in this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ballot measure.

**SECTION 12.**

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Dan Gelber  
Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado  
City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Gongora)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

R. Cortez 5/11/18  
City Attorney RAP Date

**BALLOT QUESTION AND PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
AUGUST 28, 2018 SPECIAL ELECTION**

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**I. BALLOT QUESTION:**

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| _____ | <b>YES</b> |
| _____ | <b>NO</b>  |

**II. PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT:**

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**Sec. 1.03. - Powers of City.**

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**(b) *Disposition of City Property.***

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3. The sale, exchange, conveyance or lease of ten years or longer of the following properties shall require approval by a majority vote of ~~at least sixty (60) percent~~ of the City's voters voting thereon in a City-wide referendum: (1) *Convention Center Parking Lots*: All City-owned surface parking lots located in the Civic and Convention Center District, generally bounded by Lincoln Lane on the South, Washington Avenue on the East, Meridian Avenue on the West and Dade Boulevard on the North; (2) *Convention Center Campus*: All City-owned property, except for the Convention Center and Carl Fisher Club House, located within the Civic and Convention Center District (includes City Hall, 1701 Meridian Street, 555 17th Street, 21st Street Community Center, The Fillmore Miami Beach/Jackie Gleason Theater, and the 17th Street Parking Garage). All local laws, charter provisions and ordinances of the City in conflict with this provision are hereby repealed. This provision shall become effective immediately upon acceptance of the certification of election results by the City Commission.