

Miami-Dade County Charter Review Task Force Meeting  
Monday, December 4, 2017  
Miami-Dade County  
North Dade Regional Library  
2455 NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Miami Gardens, Florida  
6:00 p.m.  
Agenda

- Public hearing for members of the public to suggest changes or amendments to the Home Rule Charter
- After public hearing, and if there's a quorum, the Task Force will consider the following issues:
- 1<sup>st</sup> ISSUE: Whether the Charter should be amended as relates to **parks, aquatic preserves and preservation lands**, and, if so, what those amendments should be?

PRESENTATION: Brief presentation by the County Attorney's Office as to the current Charter provisions on this issue.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE: On whether any of the foregoing Charter provisions should be amended.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> ISSUE: Whether the Charter should be amended as relates to **vehicles for hire operating in the County**, and, if so, what those amendments should be?

PRESENTATION: Five to ten minute presentation by the County Attorney's Office as to the current Charter provisions on this issue.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE: On whether any of the foregoing Charter provisions should be amended.

Proffered amendment by Task Force Member Alfredo Gonzalez.

- Adjournment

Upcoming issues for the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- A. Continued discussion of whether the Charter should be amended as relates to the citizen petition process for initiative and referendum - presentation of concerns by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- B. Whether the Charter should be amended as relates to **election and commencement of terms of the Mayor and County Commissioners**, and, if so, what those amendments should be?

PRESENTATION: Brief presentation by the County Attorney's Office as to the current Charter provisions on this issue.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE: On whether any of the foregoing Charter provisions should be amended.

Proffered amendment by Task Force Member Forrest Andrews.

TASK FORCE MEMBER MIKE VALDES-FAULI'S PROPOSAL  
ON FORFEITURE OF OFFICE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Recommendation: Section 1.05 of the Miami-Dade Home Rule Charter currently requires all Miami-Dade County appointed officials or employees who qualify for elected office to take a leave of absence from their position until after the election and, if elected, to forfeit their office. The Task Force believes that such provision overly restricts County appointees and employees from pursuing part time public service by running for office where such service does not present a conflict with their County employment. By eliminating the restriction on running for any office except a County office, the appointees and employees will now not be categorically restricted from running for office and serving, if elected, while maintaining County employment. The employees running for and elected to other federal, state or municipal office will still be required to abide by all other County rules regarding employment and conflict of interests.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

SECTION 1.05. - FORFEITURE OF OFFICE OF COUNTY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

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C. Any appointed official or employee of >>Miami<<Dade County who qualifies as a candidate for election to >>the office of Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Miami-Dade County Mayor, Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser, or Miami-Dade Community Councilmember<< ~~[[any federal, state or municipal office]]~~ shall immediately take a leave of absence from his or her county position until the date of the election and shall, if elected, immediately forfeit his or her county position. If the candidate is not elected, he or she shall immediately be reinstated to his or her former position.

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