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Miami Beach

These City Charter Amendments Remove Important Protections From The People Of North Miami Beach, HOW WILL YOU VOTE?

(#255) New City Charter for City of North Miami Beach.

Shall the City Charter be repealed and replaced with a new reformatted/amended Charter, to conform/update municipal home rule powers granted by Florida law; incorporate non-substantive stylistic changes; delete obsolete/redundant/preempted language; restructure City's Codebook by moving into Code "Canvassing Board" and "Water Board" sections, and Charter-designated City Departments (excluding Legal and Police); while retaining existing "Citizen's Bill of Rights", "Boundaries", "Form of Government", Charter Officer designation, and "Initiative/Referendum"?

Explanation: Allows the city council to privatize or eliminate our chartered city departments like the water utility without a public vote.

(#257) Number of Regular City Council Meetings.

Shall the City Charter be amended to reduce the number of regular City Council meetings from twice monthly to no less than 11 monthly meetings per year, with City Council to adopt by November 1 of each year a Resolution setting forth the schedule and number of Council meetings for the following calendar year?

Explanation: Allows the city council and staff to receive the same pay and benefits while effectively reducing their workload and reducing your right to a public meeting by more than half.

(#259) City Manager.

The Charter provides that City Manager is hired provisionally for first six months and thereafter reappointed for one year terms, and upon serving five or more years is reappointed for 2 year terms with removal for cause only--shall the Charter be amended to delete these restrictions thus granting City Council greater flexibility in determining terms of City Manager's employment, and to clarify/further define existing powers and duties of City Manager?

Explanation: This Charter Amendment erodes the authority of city council by making it harder to dismiss a future manager without "cause." Currently, if a City Manager fails to act properly, their contract can expire at the end of a two-year term and can be terminated at that point, but this amendment would remove such protections for the people of North Miami Beach.

(#261) City Attorney and City Clerk.

Shall the City Charter be amended to clarify and further define existing powers and duties of the City Attorney and City Clerk, and to also grant City Council optional authority to retain a law firm to serve as City Attorney instead of in-house City Attorney?

Explanation: This Charter Amendment allows the City Council to privatize the City Attorney's Office. The role of a constitutional officer is entrusted to a corporation that is answerable to their profit margin and not your interests.

(#263) Change of City's General Election Date.

Shall the City Charter be amended to change City's General Election date from May of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years (commencing with City's General Election in 2018), change candidate qualifying dates to correspond to November elections, and provide a one-time limited extension of 18 months to terms of incumbent Council members to implement this change in election date?

Explanation: This amendment will move local elections to November but would give all current council members an additional 18 months to their term of office automatically. The council had the choice to ask for an election this November.

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IMMORAL DEALINGS



The only elected official backing these Amendments is Mayor George Vallejo who is under investigation for using his position to benefit a developer-client of his and his wife's real estate company.

Source: Local 10 ABC
8/17/16

BROKEN PROMISES

~~TERM LIMIT
PLEDGE~~

Now "they" want it: Every single council member was elected pledging to support term-limits. Now they voted to get rid of it!

Source: Miami Herald
11/20/14

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(#265) Term Limit & Service of Full Term.

The Charter establishes Councilmembers' four-year "term" and eight consecutive years "term limit", with ability to run again after 2 year break in service. Shall the Charter be amended to: clarify language by changing "eight consecutive years" to "2 consecutive four-year terms"; provide Councilmember's service exceeding 50% of a term (including to fill Council vacancy) constitutes a full "term"; limit Councilmember to one additional term when term limit not met due to 50% rule?

Explanation: This Charter Amendment effectively reverses the term limits for council members currently in place and would allow council members to run for office multiple times even if they already served 8 yrs in office.

(#267) Civil Service.

Shall the City Charter be amended to delete the "Civil Service" (including the "Civil Service Board" and provisions concerning the Board's composition and authority), delete limits on provisional hiring and tenure of Department Heads appointed by the City Manager, and eliminate from Civil Service certain employment rights (including removal or discipline for cause, return to civil service position, Board rules, and appeals to Board), subject to union bargaining if necessary?

Explanation: This Charter Amendment erodes public participation from city government by eliminating an important labor board that is made up of a majority of voters of the City who are not city employees. This board is protects city employees by reviewing labor grievances and rules, and can overrule firings that are done without "cause". Further erodes the city council's authority, which appoints to this board and strengthens the role of city manager by allowing them to fire department head without "cause".

(#269) City Council's Acceptance of Election Returns; Election to Fill Vacancy on Council.

Shall the Charter be amended to: Change timing of City Council's acceptance of election returns from Election night to the second business day following the official certification of final election returns; and change timing of special election to fill vacancy on Council from 35-60 to 35-90 days after vacancy occurs, and establish procedures for filling of vacancy caused by resignation?

Explanation: This Charter Amendment does nothing but give an additional 30 days for the city clerk to do its job. The current 60 days requirement is more than enough time for the clerk to do its job and this provision make absolute no sense.

(#271) Reducing Quorum of City Council.

The City Charter provides that in order for the City Council to take action at any Council meeting, a "quorum" of the Council consisting of five of the seven Council members must be present. Shall this "quorum" be reduced from five Council members to four Council members, as authorized by Florida law?

Explanation: This Charter Amendment would reduce the quorum requirements from five to four Council members. This makes it easier for the council to pass controversial measures such as property tax increases and privatization schemes.

(#273) Changing name of "City Council" to "City Commission".

The City Charter refers to the seven-member governing body of the City of North Miami Beach as the "City Council", and its members as "Mayor and Councilpersons" or "Councilmembers". Shall the Charter be amended to change the name of "City Council" to "City Commission", change the name of its respective members from "Mayor and Councilperson"/"Councilmembers" to "Mayor and City Commissioners", and to conform all related Charter references to this name change?

Explanation: Most of these charter amendment questions involve changing our form of government from a "council-manager" to "manager-commission", where the manager has a stronger, more independent role and the people and their elected council has less say in the everyday running of the city. This Charter Amendment formally changes the description of our form of government.

PRIVATIZATION PUSH



The push to privatize every city service not guaranteed by the city charter. They started with our garbage, which now stinks in our streets. Next is our water plant if this passes.

Source: Local 10 ABC
8/8/12

DRAMATIC "CHANGE"



Their new vision is the same old story: Concentrate power in the hands of an unelected bureaucrat, eliminate citizen participation, reduce public meetings and transparency whenever possible.