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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: November 18, 2013

SUBJECT: **UPDATED DEADLINES TO PLACE AN ITEM(S) ON THE AUGUST AND/OR NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOTS**

The below 2014 Ballot Issues Deadlines reflect the State's change of the Primary Election to August 26, 2014. Subsequently, the deadlines for submitting a resolution or ordinance for Charter amendments or any other questions have also changed.

Should the City of Miami Beach wish to conduct a special election along with the countywide 2014 Primary and/or General Elections, the deadlines listed below must be followed, in order to allow sufficient time for ballot preparation and to meet State-mandated deadlines to mail absentee ballots to overseas voters.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 100.151, *"...the governing authority of a municipality shall not call any special election until notice is given to the supervisor of elections and his (her) consent obtained as to a date..."* Once approval is obtained from the supervisor of elections, the resolution and/or ordinance to call a special election must be passed to meet the deadlines listed below.

2014 SCHEDULED COUNTYWIDE ELECTIONS	DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION AND/OR ORDINANCE TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS OR ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
PRIMARY ELECTION August 26, 2014	**No later than Friday, June 6, 2014**
GENERAL ELECTION November 4, 2014	**No later than Tuesday, August 5, 2014**

If you have any questions, please contact the myself or the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

cc: Jose Smith, City Attorney

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