

# The City of Aventura



19200 West Country Club Drive Aventura, FL

# City Commission Workshop Meeting

May 12, 2011  
Immediately After Commission Meeting  
Executive Conference Room

## AGENDA

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1. *Proposed Charter Revisions (Mayor Gottlieb)\**
  2. *Adjournment*
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### **\* Back-up Information Exists**

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 305-466-8901, not later than two days prior to such proceeding.

**CITY OF AVENTURA**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Eric M. Soroka, City Manager

FROM: Susan Gottlieb, Mayor

DATE: May 5, 2011

SUBJECT: **Discussion of Proposed Charter Changes**

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At the May 12, 2011 Workshop Meeting, I would like to discuss the following proposed City Charter changes:

- In order to avoid a costly stand alone election for future charter revisions that may be proposed by a Charter Revision Commission, I would like to recommend to the City Commission that the Charter be amended to provide that any proposed revisions would be placed on the next available general election ballot. This would be a cost savings measure and at the same time could provide for a greater voter turnout.
- I would also like to recommend that any future charter revisions proposed by the Charter Revision Commission would require a supermajority vote of the City Commission before they are placed on a ballot for consideration by the voters. The public is under the impression that revisions proposed by the Charter Revision Commission are supported by the City Commission. The process to change the Charter is costly. It is important due to public perception that the City Commission be involved in the process.

Thank you.

SG/tms

# ESTIMATE

## Aventura Special Election 2011 - Mail-Ballot

Teresa M. Soroka, MMC  
City of Aventura  
19200 West Country Club Drive  
Aventura, FL 33180

Estimate N°: AV-MB-2011  
Estimate Date: December 7, 2010

Registered Voters:	17,936	Early Voting Days:	-
Precincts:	-	Early Voting Sites:	-
Polling Places:	-		

<b>Personnel</b>	\$ 1,064.70
<i>Salaries &amp; Fringe Benefits, Overtime, Poll Workers</i>	
<b>Polling Places</b>	-
<i>Security, Polling Place Rentals</i>	
<b>Supplies and Services</b>	4,484.00
<i>Election Supplies, Communication Charges</i>	
<b>Trucks and Vehicles</b>	-
<i>Truck Rentals, GSA Vehicles</i>	
<b>Printing and Advertising</b>	9,864.80
<i>Absentee &amp; Precinct Ballots, Temporary Polling Place Change Notices, Newspaper Ads</i>	
<b>Postage</b>	10,761.60
<i>Absentee Ballots, Temporary Polling Place Change Notices, Letters</i>	
<b>Ballot Creation</b>	3,210.00
<i>In-House &amp; Outside Contractual Services, Translations - Based on one question</i>	
<b>Administrative Overhead</b>	2,938.51
<i>Indirect Costs, Logic &amp; Accuracy, Post-Election Audits</i>	
<b>Early Voting</b>	-
<i>Based on number of sites and days</i>	
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,323.61</b>

\* Please note these costs are estimates and are subject to change. This estimate does include the cost of ballot printing; however, if your question(s)/race(s) creates an additional ballot page, the cost will be adjusted accordingly.

For more information, you may contact:

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