



NEWS FLASH!

ELECTION UPDATE - VOTE ON TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2017

Below is information about each candidate taken from their campaign websites. We encourage you to visit their websites for more detailed information about their backgrounds and issues.

Editor's note: editing done for brevity, please see candidates' websites for full details

Group I (MAYOR)

Commissioner **Jeannett Slesnick:**

www.slesnickformayor.com/



Jeannett seeks to preserve the essential features of Coral Gables, and to protect the legacy of George Merrick's vision for future generations. As a 40-year resident and current City Commissioner, Jeannett wants to serve a more significant role in preserving the "City Beautiful". Her efforts will focus on the issues that come in front of the City Government, and she will be especially passionate about the following issues: Open Government, Traffic, Smart Development, Public Safety.

Former Mayor **Raul Valdes-Fauli:**

www.valdesfauliformayor.com/

Raul understands that dozens of issues will arise in a campaign for Mayor, but believes that a focused candidate must prioritize a handful of the most critical issues for our community: Safety, Fiscal Stability, Traffic, Development, Quality of Life.

"Coral Gables has been home to the Valdes-Fauli family for more than five decades. It's where our children grew up and grandchildren are raised. I have once again felt a strong sense of obligation to serve, give back and contribute to our collective future."



Group III

Commissioner **Pat Keon:**

<https://patkeon.com/>



Our Neighborhood Schools initiative also took hold in 2016. Now parents know in advance which schools their children can attend. By working with the Miami- Dade Public Schools, we have also maintained a 25% preference for admission to the International Studies Program at Sunset Elementary and continue to work to have more seats available for our residents at West Lab. I've been fortunate to live in Coral Gables over 40 years, and I believe our quality of life continues to be among the highest anywhere. I am committed to keeping it that way. I'm proud to have served as your City Commissioner the past four years and, with your support, I would be honored to continue to do so.

Former Commissioner **Wayne "Chip" Withers:**

www.facebook.com/pg/ChipWithersCoralGables

Over the course of my career, I've proudly dedicated more than one-third of my life to improving The City Beautiful. I've had the privilege of serving on your City Commission and City Boards for 20-plus years, working closely with leaders and residents to make important decisions that improve Gables' quality of life.

We live in one of the greatest cities in the world, and one that's reached a pivotal point in its history. It's now vital to proactively map out the next 10 to 15 years – not only to ensure that future growth and decisions are forward thinking, but to protect the core values for which our City is known.



Group V



Marlin Ebbert: www.electmarlinebbert.com/

As your commissioner, I will hold developers accountable to the same rules we all follow, prioritize calming traffic and public safety, be available and accessible to you, in person and by phone (305) 778-4928

Randi Hoff: www.randyhoffcoralgables.com/

It's important to me that you know where I stand on issues that are imperative to our community's well being. don't hesitate to contact me at randyhoffcampaign@gmail.com if you want to ask me where I stand on any other specific issues.



Michael "Mike" Mena: www.votemena.com/

I will implement an aggressive traffic reduction plan, continue to lower property taxes and fees, prioritize smart development – protect our residential neighborhoods, Improve our city parks and promote green spaces, continue to evaluate and implement various sea level rise adaptation policy options at the City's disposal, work with our Police Department to keep our streets safe.

Serafin Sosa, Jr.: [Interview by Community Newspapers](#)

Top 3 issues include: Congestion due to population growth; overcrowding, which strains our infrastructure; these will inevitably result in more crime; the ongoing Streetscape projects need to be addressed to restore normality to the affected areas, combined with global warming, sea water level rising and aging infrastructure.

