


BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL
NO. 178-2020

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: December 23, 2020
Subject: **Notice of a Special Referendum Election January 26, 2021**

The purpose of this LTC is to share with you a copy of the election notice which has been mailed to all registered voters in Bal Harbour Village. This notice provides a copy of the official sample ballot, as well as, a summary and explanation of the charter question.

This notice is also being shared with our residents via all of our social media platforms and electronic methods of communication.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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OPEN FOR A COMPLETE SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF THE QUESTION AND WORDING OF THE ACTUAL BALLOT

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A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2021 FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE

THE PROPOSED CHARTER QUESTION WILL ASK RESIDENTS TO VOTE 'YES' OR 'NO' TO PROVIDE THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THE SOLE AUTHORITY TO ALLOW BUILDING HEIGHTS TO EXCEED THE CURRENTLY PERMITTED HEIGHT OF UP TO 56 FEET OR 3 STORIES (5 STORIES FOR GARAGES) IN THE SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BAL HARBOUR SHOPS) OF THE "B" BUSINESS DISTRICT. THAT AUTHORITY CURRENTLY RESTS WITH THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE.

PLEASE NOTE:


THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT FOR THE JANUARY ELECTION IS JANUARY 16, 2021. THIS CAN BE DONE BY CALLING (305) 499-8444 OR VIA THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WEBSITE AT <https://bit.ly/2G2TaIV>.

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SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE CHARTER QUESTION TO GRANT VILLAGE COUNCIL SOLE AUTHORITY TO ALLOW BUILDING HEIGHTS TO EXCEED CURRENTLY PERMITTED HEIGHT OF 56 FEET OR THREE STORIES (FIVE STORIES FOR GARAGES) IN THE SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

In 2006, the Village Charter was amended by a vote of the residents of Bal Harbour to prohibit building heights from exceeding 56 feet or three stories (five stories for garages) in the "B" Business District (the Code's designation for the Bal Harbour Shops) as set forth in the Village's Comprehensive Plan and Code of Ordinances at that time. Any change to this height limitation currently requires (a) approval by a majority of voters at an election in Bal Harbour Village, then (b) action by the Village Council to amend these laws to establish a new height limit.

Earlier this year, the Village received a Petition from the "Future of Bal Harbour" Committee calling for a new vote by the residents to grant the final decision authority on height in part of the "B" Business District to the Village Council and no longer require a vote of the residents. If approved, the vote will grant the Village Council (current and future) sole discretion to decide whether to allow buildings in the Special Business Improvement Area of the "B" Business District to exceed the permitted height set by the voters in 2006, without first receiving the approval of the Village's voters. The requested authority would only apply to the Special Business Improvement Area in the "B" Business District.

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT
Special Election January 26, 2021 Bal Harbour, Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval  completely next to your choice. Use only a black or blue pen.• If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.
Bal Harbour Referendum

Charter Amendment to Section 80 Exempting Special Business Improvement Area (Council to Determine Building Height)

The Village Charter was amended in 2006 prohibiting building height for any property from exceeding the permitted height set forth in the Village's comprehensive plan or municipal code as of November 7, 2006. Shall Section 80 of the Charter be amended, only as to the Special Business Improvement Area, to allow building height to exceed permitted height for that Area (currently 56' or 5 stories), subject to Council approval at public hearings?

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