

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION
GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION
APRIL 8, 2025**

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
1025 FEB 17 PM 12:54

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)SS
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

I hereby certify that Richard Lara has filed in **Group III**
as a candidate for the **Office of Commissioner** in the City of Coral Gables General
Biennial Election to be held on April 8, 2025, and he/she has paid the Qualifying Fee and
Election Assessment and has also submitted the documents listed herein below:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | City Qualifying Filing Fee for seat on Commission* | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State Assessment Fee for Mayor Group I
(Municipal Candidates; Elections Assessment)
<i>One (1) percent of the annual salary
(\$70,980) of the office sought</i> | \$709.80 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State Assessment Fee for Commissioner Group II
(Municipal Candidates; Elections Assessment)
<i>One (1) percent of the annual salary
(\$66,866) of the office sought</i> | \$668.66 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | State Assessment Fee for Commissioner Group III
(Municipal Candidates; Elections Assessment)
<i>One (1) percent of the annual salary (\$66,865)
Of the office sought</i> | \$668.66 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Loyalty Oath / Oath of Candidate | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Biography / Resume | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Designation of Campaign Depository/ Appointment of Campaign Treasurer Form,
Qualified Elector, Citizenship and Residency affirmation form | |

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 FEB 17 PM 12:54

- ☒ Declaration of Candidate Intent
- ☒ Statement of Candidate
- ☒ Proof of Residency
- ☒ Proof of Citizenship
- ☐ Acknowledgement by Candidates covered by the Mandatory Provision of the Miami-Dade Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance
- ☐ Voluntary Statement of Campaign Practices
- ☐ Letter of Resignation (If applicable in Accordance with Resign to Run Law)

Received by

Date:


2/17/2025

Billy Y. Urquia
Supervisor of Elections for
Coral Gables, Florida

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of February, 2025.

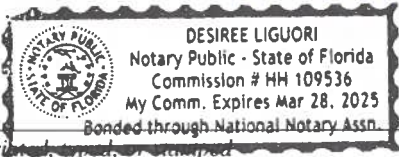
Personally known _____

Or Produced Identification _____

Desiree Liguri
Notary Public - State of Florida

(Type of Identification)

My commission expires Mar 28, 2025


(Printed, typed, or stamped)
Commission Name of Notary Public)

*Note: If candidate cannot pay the filing fee of \$200.00 then candidate has to fill out Undue Burden Oath: Filing Fee Form.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 FEB 17 PM 12:54

2024 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

General Information

Name: Mr Richard David Lara Esq

Organization	Suborganization	Title
N/A		

CANDIDATE FOR

Position	Agency Name	Position sought or held
City, Town or Village (Commission or Council), Governing Board - Form 1 (Effective 6/10/2024)	City of Coral Gables	commissioner

Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Primary Sources of Income

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity
Spanish Broadcasting System	7007 NW 77 Avenue	EVP and General Counsel

2024 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 FEB 17 PM 12:54

Secondary Sources of Income

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source
N/A			

Real Property

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Location/Description
N/A

Intangible Personal Property

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates
Retirement account	Voya
Investment	E-trade

2024 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 FEB 17 PM 12:54

Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000):
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor
City National Bank	1 corporate drive, suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047
US Century	8575 Bird Road Miami FL 33155

Interests in Specified Businesses

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Business Entity # 1
N/A

Signature of Filer

Richard David Lara Esq

Digitally signed: 02/17/2025

CANDIDATE OATH**NONPARTISAN OFFICE**

(Do not use this form if a Judicial or School Board Candidate)
Check box **only** if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

☐ Write-in candidate

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 FEB 17 PM 12:54

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

Name to appear on ballot: Richard Lara

Check box if two last names without hyphen. ☐ (Name cannot be changed after qualifying.)

Check box if name includes nickname. ☐ (For use of a nickname, you must complete the Nickname Affidavit on reverse side.)

I swear or affirm that I am a candidate for the nonpartisan office of City of Coral Gables Commissioner, _____, _____
(Office) (District #)
_____, III; I am a qualified elector of Miami-Dade _____ County, Florida.
(Circuit #) (Group or Seat #)

I am a qualified elector under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties

I owe outstanding fines, fees, or penalties, that cumulatively exceed \$250, for ethics or campaign finance violations (s. 99.021(1)(d), F.S.).

YES, I Do _____ NO, I Do Not X

If you do, you must also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied the same on the reverse side.

X Richard Lara (305) 753-8657 info@laraforcoralgables.com
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address
1001 Coral Way Coral Gables Florida 33134
Address of Legal Residence City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Miami-Dade

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of

online notarization ☐ OR physical presence ☒

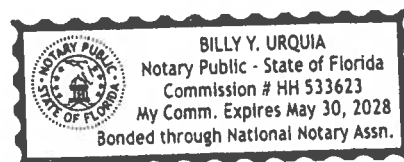
this 17th day of February, 2025

Personally Known ☐ OR Produced Identification ☒

Type of Identification Produced: _____

Billy Y. Urquia
Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:



Richard Lara (Group 3)

Richard Lara is the son of Cuban exiles and a proud graduate of Coral Gables Senior High School. During his time there, he earned the distinguished honor of serving as Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper and was recognized as the Silver Knight in Journalism.

He continued his education at the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, followed by a Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School. Early in his legal career, Richard served on the Florida Bar Professionalism Committee and chaired the Florida Bar Grievance Committee.

From 1998 to 2016, Richard practiced law and was the managing partner at Mase Lara, P.A., a boutique litigation firm where he handled high-stakes jury trials throughout Florida. In 2015, then-Governor Rick Scott appointed him to a four-year term on the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Third District Court of Appeal, where he ultimately served as Chair. Richard currently serves as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Spanish Broadcasting System, the largest publicly traded Hispanic media company in the United States.

A dedicated community leader, Richard has a long history of service and advocacy. He has contributed to the Coral Gables Anti-Crime Committee and currently volunteers as a mock trial coach and mentor at the University of Miami School of Law, as well as at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy. Additionally, he serves as Development Chair for the Board of Directors of Easterseals South Florida, where he works to raise awareness and support for Alzheimer's and autism care.

His professional excellence has been widely recognized, including being named the 2022 General Counsel of the Year by the Daily Business Review. For the past two decades, he has consistently received an AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell—the highest peer rating standard—reflecting his exceptional legal expertise, communication skills, and ethical standards.

Richard has been happily married to his wife, Bertha, for 28 years. Together, they have three daughters: Gabrielle, Victoria, and Alexandra. The couple was married at St. Theresa Church of the Little Flower and have been longstanding members of the Riviera Country Club. They proudly reside in a landmark-designated home on Historic Coral Way.

As a Coral Gables Commissioner, Richard is committed to fostering respect and civility, promoting collaboration among colleagues, and ensuring that residents' needs always come first. He is dedicated to restoring trust in local government and preserving the vibrancy and prosperity of Coral Gables for generations to come.

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the filing officer before opening the campaign account.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2024 FEB 27 AM 8:37

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 FEB 17 PM 12:55

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

☒ Initial Filing of Form ☐ Re-filing to Change: ☐ Treasurer/Deputy ☐ Depository ☐ Office ☐ Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last):
(Please Print or Type Name)

Richard Lara

3. Address (include PO Box or Street, City, State, Zip Code):

1001 Coral Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

4. Telephone:

(305) 753-8657

5. Candidate's Voter Registration #:

109699974

(not required for qualifying purposes)

6. Email Address:

richlara@bellsouth.net

7. Office Sought (include district, circuit, group, or seat #):

Commissioner, Group III, City of Coral Gables

8. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check the box if applicable:

☐ I intend to run as a Write-In Candidate.

9. If a candidate for partisan office, check the box and fill in the name of the party as applicable: I intend to run as a

☐ Write-In Candidate. ☐ No Party Affiliation Candidate. ☐ _____ Party candidate.

10. I have appointed the following person to act as my:

☒ Campaign Treasurer

☐ Deputy Treasurer

11. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer:

Carlos M. Trueba

12. Telephone:

(305) 529-5440

13. Email Address:

rguzman@gemrtcpa.com

14. Mailing Address:

2600 S Douglas Road Suite 800

15. City:

Coral Gables

16. State:

FL

17. Zip Code:

33134

18. I have designated the following bank as my (check appropriate box): ☒ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank:

Ocean Bank

20. Address:

780 NW 42 Ave

21. City:

Miami

22. County:

Miami-Dade

23. State:

FL

24. Zip Code:

33126

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF THE CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date: 2/26/2024

26. Signature of Candidate:

X 

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate box)

I, CARLOS M. TRUEBA
(Please Print or Type Name)

do hereby accept the appointment designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer.

☐ Deputy Treasurer.

28. Date:

2/26/24

29. Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

X 

2025 GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION
DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE INTENT,
QUALIFIED ELECTOR AND RESIDENCY AFFIRMATION

State of Florida

County of MIAMI-DADE

City of CORAL GABLES

I, Richard Lara a qualified elector and resident of City of Coral Gables,
declare that I have been a continuous Coral Gables resident for at least a year proceeding the
qualifying period.

I further declare that I am a candidate for Commissioner Group 3,
(Office) (Group Number)

in the General Biennial Election of 4/8/2025, and do hereby file my intent to run in
(Month/Date/Year)

said election, and to pay the required qualification fee and election assessment in connection with
same. (Attach proof of residency and qualified elector documentation).

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE
FOREGOING DECLARATION OF INTENT FORM AND THAT THE FACTS STATED
ARE TRUE.**


SIGNATURE

2/17/25
DATE

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2025 FEB 17 PM 12:55

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2024 FEB 27 AM 8:37

I, Richard Lara,

candidate for the office of Commissioner, Group III, City of Coral Gables;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X

Richard Lara

Signature of Candidate

2/26/2024

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).



PROPERTY APPRAISER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Summary Report

Generated On: 02/10/2025

CITY OF MIAMI
2025 FEB 12 PM 1:15

PROPERTY INFORMATION	
Folio	03-4107-014-0970
Property Address	1001 CORAL WAY CORAL GABLES, FL 33134-4749
Owner	RICHARD D LARA , BERTHA M LARA
Mailing Address	1001 CORAL WAY CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
Primary Zone	0100 SINGLE FAMILY - GENERAL
Primary Land Use	0101 RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY : 1 UNIT
Beds / Baths / Half	4 / 3 / 0
Floors	2
Living Units	1
Actual Area	3,894 Sq.Ft
Living Area	3,644 Sq.Ft
Adjusted Area	3,451 Sq.Ft
Lot Size	11,750 Sq.Ft
Year Built	Multiple (See Building Info.)

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION			
Year	2024	2023	2022
Land Value	\$998,750	\$822,500	\$587,500
Building Value	\$777,717	\$788,519	\$799,320
Extra Feature Value	\$2,341	\$2,341	\$2,341
Market Value	\$1,778,808	\$1,613,360	\$1,389,161
Assessed Value	\$1,271,269	\$1,234,242	\$1,198,294

BENEFITS INFORMATION				
Benefit	Type	2024	2023	2022
Save Our Homes Cap	Assessment Reduction	\$507,539	\$379,118	
Portability	Assessment Reduction			\$190,867
Homestead	Exemption	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Second Homestead	Exemption	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Note: Not all benefits are applicable to all Taxable Values (i.e. County, School Board, City, Regional).

SHORT LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
CORAL GABLES SEC C PB 8-26	
LOT 14 BLK 9	
LOT SIZE 11750 SQUARE FEET	
OR 16041-3552 0893 1	



TAXABLE VALUE INFORMATION			
Year	2024	2023	2022
COUNTY			
Exemption Value	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Taxable Value	\$1,221,269	\$1,184,242	\$1,148,294
SCHOOL BOARD			
Exemption Value	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Taxable Value	\$1,246,269	\$1,209,242	\$1,173,294
CITY			
Exemption Value	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Taxable Value	\$1,221,269	\$1,184,242	\$1,148,294
REGIONAL			
Exemption Value	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Taxable Value	\$1,221,269	\$1,184,242	\$1,148,294

SALES INFORMATION			
Previous Sale	Price	OR Book-Page	Qualification Description
02/26/2021	\$1,500,000	32379-2434	Qual by exam of deed
05/14/2010	\$100	27292-3344	Affiliated parties
08/01/1993	\$305,000	16041-3552	Sales which are qualified
03/01/1992	\$0	15513-2589	Sales which are disqualified as a result of examination of the deed

The Property Appraiser is continually editing and updating the tax roll. This website may not reflect the most current information on record. The Property Appraiser and Miami-Dade County assumes no liability, see full disclaimer and User Agreement at <http://www.miamidad.gov/info/disclaimer.asp>

RICHARD LARA CAMPAIGN
2600 S DOUGLAS RD, STE 800
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

OCEAN BANK
801 NW 42ND AVE, Suite 500
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33126

1027

631130/580

721
ARLOR

1/30/2025

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF City of Coral Gables

\$ **868.66

Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight and 66/100*****

DOLLARS

City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way 1st Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

MEMO


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

[REDACTED]

RICHARD LARA CAMPAIGN

1027

Date	Type	Reference	Original Amt.	Balance Due	1/30/2025 Discount	Payment
1/25/2025	Bill		868.66	868.66		868.66
				Check Amount		868.66

2025 FEB 17 PM 12:56
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Ocean Bank

868.66

RECEIPT		DATE	2/17/2025	No.	209840
RECEIVED FROM		Richard Lara			\$ 868.66
		Eight Hundred & Sixty Eight ⁶⁶ / ₁₀₀			DOLLARS
		Qualifying Fees			
<input type="radio"/> FOR RENT					
<input type="radio"/> FOR					
ACCOUNT		<input type="radio"/> CASH			
PAYMENT	868.66	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CHECK	FROM	TO	
BAL DUE		<input type="radio"/> MONEY ORDER			
		<input type="radio"/> CREDIT CARD	BY	Susan Da Costa	

3-11