



**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VOTING
FOR THE COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

On Nov. 2, 2021, Coconut Grove voters will elect nine members of the Coconut Grove Village Council. To help inform the community, Grove 2030, working closely with the Coconut Grove Village West Homeowners and Tenants Association (HOATA) and the Village Council, invited a panel of eight diverse community leaders to make recommendations about the ballot. The panel recommends the following without qualification (in alphabetical order):

Hernan Guerrero Applewhite
Elena Asturias
Christopher Baraloto
Marcelo Fernandes
Javier Gonzalez

The panelists agreed that all the remaining candidates would bring strengths, skills, and commitment to the Village Council, but there was no clear consensus on which ones most deserve your vote. The panel encourages Coconut Grove voters to reflect on the information currently available about the candidates (see below) and choose among the remaining candidates with an emphasis on diverse viewpoints and a broad, balanced representation of Coconut Grove neighborhoods, particularly the West Grove. Please vote for nine candidates.

For More Information About the Candidates

The ballot contains the names of 17 candidates. Three have withdrawn since the ballot was printed, and 14 remain. Brief profiles of the candidates, including notes about the three who are no longer running, can be found on the Village Council's website at <http://coconutgrovevc.org/2021-village-council-candidates/>. Two candidate forums have taken place: an in-person forum organized by HOATA on Mon., Oct. 18, at Elizabeth Virrick Park and an online Zoom forum held as part of the October meeting of the Village Council on Tues., Oct. 19. The Village Council meeting was recorded and can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/47erj662>.

The panel making these recommendations is broadly representative of Coconut Grove, including three who have previously served on the Village Council. The panelists are Marc Coleman, Debbie Dolson, John Dolson, Ruth Ewing, Cecilia Kurland, Joyce Nelson, Andy Parrish, and Linda Williams. We applaud all the candidates for being willing to step up and serve this community.