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Date: August 14, 2024

CC: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Councilwoman Digna Cabral

Subject: **Resolution Recognizing Edmundo Gonzalez as the new President of Venezuela**

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## **Introduction**

This memorandum aims to provide a detailed overview and recommendation, which recognizes Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as the new President of Venezuela following the presidential elections held on July 28, 2024.

## **Background**

The people of Venezuela exercised their democratic right to vote in the presidential elections on July 28, 2024. According to more than 80 percent of the electoral tally sheets received from polling stations, independent observers, and election day exit polls and quick counts, Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia emerged as the winner of these elections. However, the current Venezuelan government has refused to acknowledge and accept the electoral defeat, thus undermining the democratic process and the will of the Venezuelan people.

The City of Doral is home to a significant Venezuelan community that values democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. Recognizing the duly elected president is a vital step towards supporting the democratic aspirations and stability of Venezuela. By standing in solidarity with the people of Venezuela in their pursuit of a free and fair democratic process, the City of Doral upholds its commitment to these fundamental principles.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact of this resolution is minimal, as it primarily involves a formal recognition that does not entail significant financial expenditure. The symbolic support, however, can have profound positive implications for our Venezuelan community, strengthening their trust and confidence in the City of Doral's commitment to democratic values and human rights.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the enclosed Resolution, recognizing Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as the legitimate President of Venezuela following the results of the July 28, 2024, elections. This resolution reinforces the City of Doral's stance on democracy and human rights, and aligns with the values of our significant Venezuelan community.