

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 16, 2014

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the  
City of Miami codesignation  
of SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from SW  
4<sup>th</sup> Street to SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street as  
"Sister Margarita Miranda  
Otero R.S.C.J. Way"

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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12-16-14

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI  
CODESIGNATION OF SW 4TH AVENUE FROM SW 4TH  
STREET TO SW 5TH STREET AS "SISTER MARGARITA  
MIRANDA OTERO R.S.C.J. WAY"

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2014, the Miami City Commission adopted Resolution No. R-14-0371, which codesignated SW 4th Avenue from SW 4th Street to SW 5th Street as "Sister Margarita Miranda Otero R.S.C.J. Way", in recognition of her contributions to the City of Miami, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Margarita Miranda Otero was born in Havana, Cuba in 1911; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 21, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart Religieuses du Sacré Coeur de Jésus ("R.S.C.J."), later becoming the principal of the Sacred Heart School in Santiago de Cuba and subsequently in El Cerro, Havana; and

**WHEREAS**, after Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba, Sister Margarita immigrated to Miami, Florida, where she resided and taught at the Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Coconut Grove; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Margarita soon became concerned about children being home alone after school while their parents were still at work; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, she and a group of volunteers began donating their time and talents to the Little Havana community, ultimately creating an informal after-school program that quickly expanded to classrooms within the Ada Merritt School, where English, religion, and cultural activities such as music, art and dance were taught; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Sister Margarita formally founded Centro Mater Childcare Services, in homage to the Virgin Mary (Mater Admirabilis) patroness of the religious of the Sacred Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Mater Childcare Services is a nonprofit organization that strives to aid economically disadvantaged families by providing quality childcare and education services; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Mater Child Care Center is located at 418 SW 4th Avenue in Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, SW 4th Avenue from SW 4th Street to SW 5th Street is a city street located in the City of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami wants the County to install signage indicating this codesignation on County street signs and traffic signal masts arms; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor the memory of Sister Margarita Miranda Otero, who recently passed away, by approving the City of Miami codesignation of SW 4th Avenue from SW 4th Street to SW 5th Street as "Sister Margarita Miranda Otero R.S.C.J. Way";

**WHEREAS**, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 5,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Approves the City of Miami codesignation of SW 4th Avenue from SW 4th Street to SW 5th Street as "Sister Margarita Miranda Otero R.S.C.J. Way".

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of the City of Miami, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works and Waste Management Department, the Development Services

Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the City of Miami Police Department and the City of Miami Fire-Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman |                      |
| Bruno A. Barreiro       | Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. |
| Daniella Levine Cava    | Jose "Pepe" Diaz     |
| Audrey M. Edmonson      | Sally A. Heyman      |
| Barbara J. Jordan       | Jean Monestime       |
| Dennis C. Moss          | Sen. Javier D. Souto |
| Xavier L. Suarez        | Juan C. Zapata       |

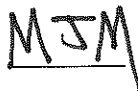
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Michael J. Mastrucci



# City of Miami

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## Text File Report

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Signature

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**Controlling Body:** City Commission

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CODESIGNATING SOUTHWEST 4TH AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 4TH STREET TO SOUTHWEST 5TH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS "SISTER MARGARITA MIRANDA OTERO R.S.C.J. WAY"; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICES.

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WHEREAS, Sister Margarita Miranda Otero joined the Society of the Sacred Heart Religieuses du Sacré Coeur de Jésus ("R.S.C.J.") at the age of twenty-one (21), later becoming the principal of the Sacred Heart School in Santiago de Cuba and later in El Cerro, Havana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Sister Margarita Miranda Otero resided and taught at The Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Sister Margarita Miranda Otero and a group of volunteers were concerned about the situation where children were home alone after school while their parents worked; and

WHEREAS, Sister Margarita Miranda Otero and volunteers donated their time and talents to the Little Havana community; and

WHEREAS, Sister Margarita Miranda Otero created an informal "after-school program" that quickly expanded to classrooms within Ada Merritt School, where English, Religion, and cultural activities including music, art and dance were taught; and

WHEREAS, the after-school program was later formally named in homage to the Virgin Mary (Mater Admirabilis) patroness of the religious of the Sacred Heart Centro Mater;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as fully set forth in this section.

Section 2. Southwest 4th Avenue from Southwest 4th Street to Southwest 5th Street, Miami, Florida, is codesignated as "Sister Margarita Miranda Otero R.S.C.J. Way."

Section 3. The City Manager is directed to instruct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, Solid Waste, Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management and the United States Postal Service.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor. {1}

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