



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 5(B) Supplement

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TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and  
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 7, 2016

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Supplemental information  
regarding Resolution naming  
a tower to be constructed at  
the Jackson West Campus in  
honor of José Milton

Christopher Agrippa, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

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Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29, the Commission Auditor is required to complete background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is subject of a naming, renaming, or designation item or an item approving the co-designation of state or municipal roads, and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research.

Attached for your information and review is the Acting Commission Auditor's findings relating to BCC File Number: 161873 - Item 5(B) on today's agenda regarding Resolution naming a tower to be constructed at the Jackson West Campus in honor of José Milton.

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Attachment



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AUDITOR**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Neil R. Singh, CPA  
Acting Commission Auditor 

**DATE:** September 7, 2016

**SUBJECT: Resolution naming a tower to be constructed at the Jackson West Campus in honor of José Milton**

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Ordinance No. 13-29, adopted on April 2, 2013, requires the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to complete background research on any person, organization, place or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item.

In accordance with the Ordinance, we are providing this report as a supplement to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Agenda File Number: 161873.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29, the OCA completed background research regarding BCC Agenda File Number: 161873, Resolution naming a tower to be constructed at the Jackson West Campus in honor of José Milton. The following information was found during the background research:

- On September 1, 2015, the BCC, approved Resolution No. R-689-15, codesignating that a portion of NW 9500 Block at its intersection with Fontainebleau Boulevard as “José Milton Way”. The BCC expressed concern that following research presented by the OCA, Mr. Milton’s company had an extensive record of rental housing discrimination against African Americans as well as, other findings. (*Supplement to Resolution No. R-689-15 is attached.*)
- On September 15, 2015, the Prime Sponsor of Resolution No. R-689-15, sent a Memo to the County Attorney requesting that Item 5C, from the September 1, 2015 BCC agenda, be placed on the September 16, 2015 BCC agenda for reconsideration and withdrawing the item from his sponsorship due to new allegations.
- On September 16, 2015, the BCC reconsidered Resolution No. R-689-15; and pursuant to the Board’s Rules of Procedures, Rule 7.01(k), *adoption of a motion to reconsider shall rescind the action taken.*
  - The County Attorney advised that the Prime Sponsor had requested that the BCC reconsider Agenda Item 5C, File Number 151125, previously considered at the BCC meeting of September 1, 2015, relating to the co-designation of a portion of NW 9500 Block at its intersection with Fontainebleau Boulevard as “Jose Milton Way”

because he wished to withdraw his sponsorship of the item. He further explained that the Prime Sponsor was the commissioner for the subject county commission district, and the BCC's Rules of Procedure required the sponsorship of the district commissioner in order to consider the designation of a public road within a district. Consequently, there would be no item to move forward if the sponsorship was withdrawn. *The County Attorney explained that the motion to reconsider adopted by the Board would rescind the designation of the subject road; and no action was necessary because there was no item to act on since the Prime Sponsor wished to withdraw his sponsorship at this time.*

- **On April 8, 2016, the Plaintiffs' Notice of Dismissal without Prejudice was filed for the case filed on September 14, 2015, Case No.: 1:15-CV-23450-KMM.**

#### News Articles

<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/1579BEED86F985C0?p=NewsBank>  
September 1, 2015- Miami-Dade Commission names street after developer José Milton

<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/157E0786CB598098?p=NewsBank>  
September 14, 2015- Weeks after Miami-Dade honor, Milton family is again sued for discrimination

<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/157EB048C0BA8DD0?p=NewsBank>  
September 16, 2015- Miami-Dade County does a U-turn on 'José Milton Way'

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/miami-real-estate-dynasty-hits-back-with-a-one-two-punch-regarding-false-and-hurtful-allegations-of-discrimination-against-company-and-employees-300169746.html>  
October 30, 2015- Miami Real Estate Dynasty Hits Back With a One-Two Punch Regarding False and Hurtful Allegations of Discrimination Against Company and Employees



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Charles Anderson  
Commission Auditor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Anderson".

**DATE:** September 1, 2015

**SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that portion of NW 9500 Block at its intersection with Fontainebleau Boulevard as "Jose Milton Way"**

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In accordance with the Ordinance, we are providing this report as a supplement to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Agenda Item 5(C).

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29, the OCA completed background research regarding BCC Agenda Item 5(C), Resolution codesignating that portion of NW 9500 Block at its intersection with Fontainebleau Boulevard as "Jose Milton Way."

The information found pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Clerk of Courts public records search returned more records than the allowable limit, and the OCA researched a random selection of 500 records, which included only a subset of the entire results. Additionally, the following information was found during name searches on the internet:

- **August 30, 1995-** Under an Agreement reached with the Justice Department and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami, as well as a local fair housing organization and a group of African Americans, Jose Milton agreed to pay \$1.2 million in damages and penalties in the largest settlement in a rental housing discrimination case based on race. *A separate similar case against Milton in 1988 was settled in June 1989.*
- **October 24, 2006-** Settlement Agreement between Jose Milton and Miami Dade County relating to Water Connection- The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved R-1225-06, authorizing the County Manager to execute the settlement agreement between Miami-Dade County, Jose Milton, and Jose Milton as Trustee of the Inter-coastal Yacht Club, resulting in the payment of fifty six thousand four hundred fifty five dollars (\$56,455.00) to the County for water connection charges.