



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 5(B) Supplement

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County
Commissioners

DATE: February 22, 2017

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Supplemental information
regarding Resolution
codesignating the NW 9500
Block of Fontainebleau
Boulevard as "José Milton
Way"

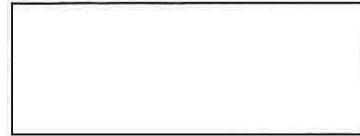
Christopher Agrippa, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

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 the Board of County Commissioners' Agenda File Number 170161 - Item 5(B) on today's agenda regarding Resolution codesignating the NW 9500 Block of Fontainebleau Boulevard as "José Milton Way".

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Attachment



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

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Neil R. Singh, CPA
Acting Commission Auditor 

DATE: February 7, 2017

**SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating the NW 9500 Block of Fontainebleau Boulevard as
"Jose Milton Way"**

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: 170161.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29, the OCA completed background research regarding BCC Agenda File Number: 170161, Resolution codesignating the NW 9500 Block of Fontainebleau Boulevard as "Jose Milton Way". The following information was found during the background research:

- On September 7, 2016, the BCC approved Resolution No. R-764-16 naming a tower to be constructed at the Jackson West Campus in honor of Jose Milton.
- 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.
- 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. *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 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 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.

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