

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** June 16, 2026

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the City of  
Miami's codesignation of that  
portion of Northwest 14th  
Avenue between Northwest 28th  
Street and Northwest 26th Street  
as "Wilfredo 'Willy' Gort Way"

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor  
Commissioner Keon Hardemon.

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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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**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5’s \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) \_\_\_\_\_) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

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

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)  
6-16-26

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST 14TH AVENUE BETWEEN NORTHWEST 28TH STREET AND NORTHWEST 26TH STREET AS "WILFREDO 'WILLY' GORT WAY"

**WHEREAS**, Wilfredo Gort de los Llanos, affectionately known as Willy Gort ("Commissioner Gort"), was born in Havana, Cuba in 1940 and immigrated to Miami as a child, where he devoted his life to public service and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Gort attended Miami Senior High School and went on to attend Miami-Dade Community College and Florida International University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Gort served his community as an investment banker for over 25 years before moving into the public sector, beginning with his election as City Commissioner for the City of Miami in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Gort continued to serve his community over multiple decades, including his service in the City of Miami as Vice Mayor, Acting Mayor, and representative of City of Miami District 1 for multiple terms through November 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure, Commissioner Gort dedicated himself to advocacy on behalf of seniors, working families, small businesses, and neighborhood preservation and devoted his time to volunteer and leadership roles within numerous civic and nonprofit organizations, including the Little Havana Nutrition and Activity Center, the Youth Co-Op, the Latin Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day, Commissioner Gort continues to serve his community through his appointment to the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of Commissioner Gort's leadership and contributions to the community, the Miami City Commission passed Resolution No. R-26-0168 on April 9, 2026, which codesignated that portion of Northwest 14th Avenue between Northwest 28th Street and Northwest 26th Street as "Wilfredo 'Willy' Gort Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of Resolution No. R-26-0168 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami would like for the County to install signage indicating this codesignation on County street signs and traffic signal mast arms; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would also like to honor Commissioner Gort by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 14th Avenue between Northwest 28th Street and Northwest 26th Street as "Wilfredo 'Willy' Gort Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of Northwest 14th Avenue between Northwest 28th Street and Northwest 26th Street is a city road located in the City of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, this codesignation is in County Commission District 3,

**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's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 14th Avenue between Northwest 28th Street and Northwest 26th Street as "Wilfredo 'Willy' Gort Way".

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor, City Commission, City Manager and City Clerk of the City of Miami, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, 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 Keon Hardemon. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

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

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Yuval E. Manor



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Certified Copy**

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**File Number: 19069**

**Enactment Number: R-26-0168**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS AFFIRMATIVE (4/5THS) VOTE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CITY CODE"), WAIVING ANY RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 14TH AVENUE BETWEEN NORTHWEST 28TH STREET AND NORTHWEST 26TH STREET AS "WIFREDO 'WILLY' GORT WAY" IN HONOR OF HIS HISTORIC AND LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF MIAMI; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE CO-DESIGNATION; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

**SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Miguel Angel Gabela, Commissioner Damian Pardo, Commissioner Rolando Escalona, Commissioner Ralph "Rafael" Rosado**

WHEREAS, Wifredo Gort de los Llanos, affectionately known as Willy Gort ("Commissioner Gort"), was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1940, immigrated to the City of Miami ("City") as a child, and devoted his life to public service and civic engagement within the City he called home; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gort attended Miami Senior High School and went on to Miami-Dade Community College and Florida International University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, before moving into the public sector, Commissioner Gort served his community as an investment banker for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gort served the residents of the City with distinction over multiple decades, having been elected City Commissioner beginning in 1993, including service as Vice Mayor and Acting Mayor, and representing District 1 for multiple terms through November 2019; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Commissioner Gort was widely recognized for his unwavering advocacy on behalf of seniors, working families, small businesses, and neighborhood preservation, particularly within District 1 and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gort also provided extensive service through leadership and volunteer work with numerous civic and nonprofit organizations, including the Little Havana Nutrition and Activity Center, the Youth Co-Op, the Latin Chamber of Commerce (CAMACOL), and the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gort continues to actively serve the community with his appointment to the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust; and

WHEREAS, Northwest 14th Avenue between Northwest 28th Street and Northwest 26th Street lies within an area closely associated with Commissioner Gort’s long-standing service, advocacy, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 14317, adopted on September 26, 2024, provides that the restrictions related to street co-designations contained in Section 54-137 of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida, as amended (“City Code”), may be waived by a four-fifths (4/5ths) affirmative vote of the City Commissioners, or by a unanimous vote of the quorum that exists because of abstentions or vacancies; and

WHEREAS, co-designating this portion of Northwest 14th Avenue as “Wifredo ‘Willy’ Gort Way” will serve as a lasting tribute to his legacy and enduring contributions to the City of Miami and its residents;

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 hereby adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Miami City Commission, by a four-fifths affirmative (4/5ths) vote, pursuant to Section 54-137 of the City Code, hereby waives any restrictions related to the co-designation of Northwest 14th Avenue between Northwest 28th Street and Northwest 26th Street as “Wifredo ‘Willy’ Gort Way.”


Section 3. The City Manager is directed to take all necessary steps to effectuate this co-designation, including the fabrication and installation of appropriate roadway signage.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works; the Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing the area; the United States Postal Service; and, if applicable, the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>4/9/2026</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Miguel Angel Gabela, Commissioner</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>Rolando Escalona, Commissioner</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Christine King, Miguel Angel Gabela, Damian Pardo, Rolando Escalona, Ralph "Rafael" Rosado

I, Todd B. Hannon, City Clerk of the City of Miami, Florida, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that this constitutes a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-26-0168, passed by the City Commission on 4/9/2026.



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**City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk**  
**(for Todd B. Hannon, City Clerk)**

April 17, 2026

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**Date Certified**