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Commission Chambers

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Pursuant to Resolution No. R-229-09, the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) monitors the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners' agenda to provide legislative analysis of agenda items that include research findings and additional value-added information, if available, or at the request of a Commissioner.

**BCC Meeting:
November 15, 2022
Research Notes**

**Item No. 3A1
File No. 222554**

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST 16TH STREET ROAD FROM NORTHWEST 27TH AVENUE TO NORTHWEST 24TH AVENUE AS "MANUEL BALADO AVENUE"

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Eileen Higgins, District 5.

Requester: None.

Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on "Manuel Balado" and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for "Manuel Balado." Also, as required by Rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that "Manuel Balado" is deceased. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 222554.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Section 2-1](#) Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires OCA to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.
2. In order to vet applicants for County Boards, Trusts, naming, renaming, or codesignation, OCA receives each applicant's full name, including middle name and date of birth. Once that information is received from the entity forwarding the background research request, OCA investigates the following:
 - A. Conducts a Westlaw public records search to check for additional risk factors; these factors include any criminal record or financial judgment that does not have an associated release or acquittal.
 - B. Checks the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Courts website for judgments. Judgments include federal tax liens and criminal court proceedings. Where the tax lien has an associated certificate of release, such information is not considered a finding unless specifically requested by the Board.

**BCC Meeting:
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Research Notes**

**Item No. 3A2
File No. 222555**

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH CODESIGNATION OF THE PORTION OF MERIDIAN AVENUE BETWEEN DADE BOULEVARD AND 18TH STREET/HARVEY MILK WAY AS “CELIA CRUZ WAY”

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Eileen Higgins, District 5.

Requester: None.

Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on “Celia Cruz” and noted no adverse findings. After reviewing Resolution No. [R-750-16](#), OCA determined that there is a prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation related to “Celia Cruz” as follows:

- *Resolution approving the City of Miami codesignation of SW 5th Avenue from SW 7th Street to SW 8th Street as “Azucar Avenue” in honor of Celia Cruz’s well-known signature catchphrase, “¡Azúcar!” and Celia Cruz’s contributions to Calle Ocho.*
- *State Road - SW 22nd Avenue and SW 8th Street “Celia Cruz Way” does appear in [Google Maps](#) and the existence was confirmed with Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works.*

Also, as required by Rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that “Celia Cruz” is deceased. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 222555.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
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**Item No. 5D
File No. 222550**

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING, BY THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 102ND AVENUE FROM HIBISCUS STREET TO SOUTHWEST 182ND STREET AS “JEAN H. TOWNSEND WAY”

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, District 9.

Requester: None.

Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on “Jean H. Townsend” and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for “Jean H. Townsend.” Also, as required by Rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that “Jean H. Townsend” is living. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 222550.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Research Notes**

**Item No. 15C1
File No. 222513**

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

APPOINTMENTS AND THE RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: None.

Requester: Clerk of the Board.

Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

The final results of the background research were not available as of the date of this publication.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Resolution No. R-636-14](#), adopted on July 1, 2014, requires OCA to conduct background research on applicants being considered to serve on County Boards and Trusts that require nominations or appointments by the BCC.
2. In order to vet applicants for County Boards, Trusts, naming, renaming, or codesignation, OCA receives each applicant's full name, including middle name and date of birth. Once that information is received from the entity forwarding the background research request, OCA investigates the following:
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These research notes, prepared in collaboration with the Miami Dade County departments as subject matter experts, is substantially less detailed in scope than an audit in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). The OCA plans and performs the review to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for its findings and conclusions based on its objectives; accordingly, the OCA does not express an opinion on the data gathered by the subject matter expert(s).