

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(15)

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

DATE: January 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
City of Miami's
codesignation of that portion
of Southwest 16th Street
between Southwest 32nd
Avenue and Southwest 27th
Avenue as "Eduardo 'Valdi'
Cruz Way"

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



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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
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) 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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1-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST
16TH STREET BETWEEN SOUTHWEST 32ND AVENUE AND
SOUTHWEST 27TH AVENUE AS "EDUARDO 'VALDI' CRUZ
WAY"

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2025, the City of Miami (the "City") adopted Resolution No. R-25-0348, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, which codesignated that portion of Southwest 16th Street between Southwest 32nd Avenue and Southwest 27th Avenue as "Eduardo 'Valdi' Cruz Way"; and

WHEREAS, Vicente Eduardo Cruz ("Mr. Cruz") was born on April 5, 1933, and raised in Sabanilla, Provincia de Matanzas, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, following the rise of the Castro regime, Mr. Cruz fled Cuba in 1966 in search of freedom and opportunity, ultimately settling in Miami, Florida, with his wife Ursula and their two children; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Cruz sought to establish a business to support his family and discovered a package store and lounge on Southwest 27th Avenue in Little Havana; and

WHEREAS, that same year, Mr. Cruz purchased the business, and, despite encouragement to rebrand, chose to preserve its original name—Jensen's Liquors—out of respect for its wholesome identity and community roots; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cruz successfully operated Jensen's Liquors at 1646 Southwest 27th Avenue for over 24 years, transforming it into a beloved neighborhood fixture and a symbol of entrepreneurial spirit in the immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, Mr. Cruz retired and passed the business to his son, Eduardo Cruz, who expanded the brand into one of Florida's most prominent package store chains operating seven locations across the greater Miami area; and

WHEREAS, the original Southwest 27th Avenue location remains the flagship store and serves as a lasting testament to Mr. Cruz's legacy and contributions to the cultural and economic fabric of Little Havana; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor Vicente Eduardo Cruz by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of Southwest 16th Street between Southwest 32nd Avenue and Southwest 27th Avenue as "Eduardo 'Valdi' Cruz Way"; and

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

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 16th Street between Southwest 32nd Avenue and Southwest 27th Avenue is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 7,

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 Southwest 16th Street between Southwest 32nd Avenue and Southwest 27th Avenue as "Eduardo 'Valdi' Cruz Way".

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Commission 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 Department of Fire-Rescue.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. 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 21st day of January, 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.

NPT

Nicholas P. Tricarico
Michael J. Mastrucci



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File Number: 18043

Enactment Number: R-25-0348

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS (4/5THS) AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CITY CODE"), WAIVING THE RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO STREET RENAMING CONTAINED THEREIN, CODESIGNATING SOUTHWEST 16TH STREET BETWEEN SOUTHWEST 32ND AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 27TH AVENUE AS "EDUARDO 'VALDI' CRUZ WAY"; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE CODESIGNATION; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN NAMED OFFICIALS; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Ralph "Rafael" Rosado

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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 ("City Code"), may be waived by a four-fifths (4/5ths) affirmative vote of the

City Commissioners, or an unanimous vote of the quorum that exists because of either abstentions or vacancies resulting from resignation, death, suspension, or physical incapacitation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Miami wishes to honor Vicente Eduardo Cruz's enduring legacy and his impact on the community by co-designating a portion of Southwest 16th Street in his name;

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

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

Section 2. By a four-fifths (4/5ths) affirmative vote of the City Commissioners, or an unanimous vote of the quorum that exists because of either abstentions or vacancies resulting from resignation, death, suspension, or physical incapacitation, the Miami City Commission hereby co-designates Southwest 16th Street between Southwest 32nd Avenue and Southwest 27th Avenue as "Eduardo 'Valdi' Cruz Way."

Section 3. The City Manager is directed to take all necessary steps to effectuate this co-designation, including the installation of appropriate 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 of District 7; the United States Postal Service; and, if a State of Florida road, to the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, for sign installation within the newly designated roadway.

Section 5. If any section, clause, or provision of this resolution is declared invalid, the remainder shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DATE:	9/11/2025
RESULT:	ADOPTED WITH MODIFICATION(S)
MOVER:	Joe Carollo, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Damian Pardo, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, Miguel Angel Gabela, Damian Pardo, 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-25-0348, passed by the City Commission on 9/11/2025.



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

September 29, 2025

Date Certified