

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

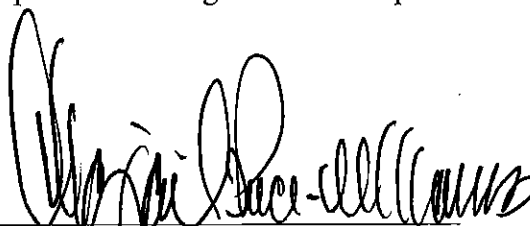
DATE: March 3, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
City of Miami codesignation
of that portion of SW 4th Street
from SW 67th Avenue to SW
72nd Avenue as "Calle Carlos
Lopez Valdes"

Resolution No. R-231-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.


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County Attorney

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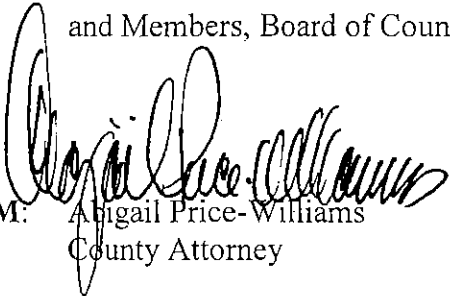


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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 ____, 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) ____, or 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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3-3-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-231-20

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SW 4TH STREET
FROM SW 67TH AVENUE TO SW 72ND AVENUE AS "CALLE
CARLOS LOPEZ VALDES"

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Carlos Lopez Valdes ("Carlos Lopez"), nicknamed "El Gallo," was born on January 21, 1932 in Santiago de las Vegas, La Habana, Cuba and passed away on July 24, 2019 in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez was a renowned expert aviation mechanic by trade and a Cuban political anti-Castro activist; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez first rose to prominence in Cuba as a very young, first-class mechanic of heavy vehicles such as buses and trucks, whose skills included constructing replacement parts when they were needed to repair the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, he developed skills and expertise as an aviation mechanic working with the Cuban Aviation Company and became the Treasurer of the Cuban National Syndicate of Aviation Mechanics at the age of 20; and

WHEREAS, in September 1954, Carlos Lopez was a member of the crew of the Douglas "DC 3" Airplane that was utilized to transmit the first baseball game of the world series from New York to Havana via satellite; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Communist dictatorship imposed by Fidel Castro, Carlos Lopez was ordered to, and refused, to wear the Cuban militia uniform; and

WHEREAS, after his refusal to wear the Cuban militia uniform, Carlos Lopez was accused of sabotaging a plane and starting a fire; and

WHEREAS, though charges were later dropped, Carlos Lopez was banned from the national airport for various months, but managed to gain access to a Cuban Aviation Company airplane and escaped to freedom in Miami; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in Miami, Carlos Lopez served as a technical aviation expert to Brigade 2506, assisted in maintaining its planes, and additionally served in the United States Army, from where he was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez also remained politically active serving as president, in exile, of the Authentic Political Party and also served as a distinguished member of Junta Patriotica Cubana, M.R.R. and Unidad Cubana; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez maintained his renowned expertise as an aviation mechanic and served for a decade as a Man of Confidence to the King and President of Spain, in which capacity he was authorized to supervise and maintain their airplanes and helicopters; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez resided at 7101 SW 4th Street in Miami, Florida with his wife, Maria, from 1966 until his passing in 2019; and

WHEREAS, to honor the memory and legacy of Carlos Lopez, on November 21, 2019 the Commission of the City of Miami adopted Resolution No. R-19-0468, which codesignated that portion of SW 4th Street from SW 67th Avenue to SW 72nd Avenue as "Calle Carlos Lopez Valdes"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. R-19-0468 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

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

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor the memory and legacy of Carlos Lopez by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of SW 4th Street from SW 67th Avenue to SW 72nd Avenue as "Calle Carlos Lopez Valdes"; and

WHEREAS, SW 4th Street from SW 67th Avenue to SW 72nd Avenue is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 6,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

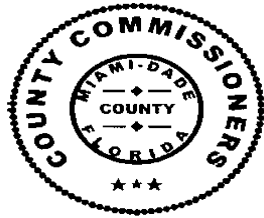
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami codesignation of that portion of SW 4th Street from SW 67th Avenue to SW 72nd Avenue as "Calle Carlos Lopez Valdes".

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies 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 Fire-Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye		
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent
Xavier L. Suarez	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Linda L. Cave**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci



**City of Miami
Certified Copy**

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File Number: 6803

Enactment Number: R-19-0468

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING SOUTHWEST 4TH STREET FROM SOUTHWEST 67TH AVENUE TO SOUTHWEST 72ND AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "CALLE CARLOS LOPEZ VALDES" PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CITY CODE"); FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

SPONSOR(S): Mayor Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner Joe Carollo, Commissioner Manolo Reyes

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Carlos Lopez Valdes ("Carlos Lopez"), nicknamed "El Gallo," was born on January 21, 1932 in Santiago de las Vegas, La Habana, Cuba and passed away on July 24, 2019 in the City of Miami ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez was a renowned expert aviation mechanic by trade and a Cuban political Anti-Castro activist; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez first rose to prominence in Cuba as a very young, first-class mechanic of heavy vehicles such as buses and trucks, whose skills included constructing replacement parts when they were needed to repair the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, he developed skills and expertise as an aviation mechanic working with the Cuban Aviation Company ("Compañía Cubana de Aviación") and became the Treasurer of the Cuban National Syndicate of Aviation Mechanics ("Sindicato de Mecánicos de Aviación de Cuba") at the age of twenty (20); and

WHEREAS, in September 1954, Carlos Lopez was a member of the crew of the Douglas "DC 3" Airplane that was utilized to transmit the first baseball game of the world series from New York to Havana via satellite; and

WHEREAS, several months following the Cuban Revolution led by Fidel Castro, Carlos Lopez refused to wear the Official Cuban Militia Uniform he was expected to officially wear and soon thereafter was accused of sabotaging a plane and starting a fire; and

WHEREAS, though charges were later dropped, Carlos Lopez was banned from the national airport for various months, but managed to gain access to a Compañía Cubana de Aviación Airplane and escaped to freedom to the City; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in the City, Carlos Lopez served as a technical aviation expert to Brigade 2506 ("La Brigada 2506"), assisted in maintaining its planes, and additionally served in the United States Army from where he was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez also remained politically active serving as President, in exile, of the Authentic Political Party ("Partido Revolucionario Cubano, Auténtico") and also served as a distinguished member of Junta Patriótica Cubana, M.R.R., and Unidad Cubana; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez maintained his renowned expertise as an aviation mechanic and served for a decade as a Man of Confidence to the King and President of Spain ("Hombre de Confianza del Rey De España") in which capacity he was authorized to supervise and maintain their airplanes and helicopters; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Lopez resided at 7101 Southwest 4th Street, Miami, Florida with his wife, Maria, from 1966 until his passing in 2019; and

WHEREAS, to honor the memory of Carlos Lopez, an early pioneer of aviation mechanics in Cuba, a Cuban patriot, and an American patriot who was active in the continuing struggle to free Cuba from the yoke of oppression and who deeply loved Cuba, the United States, and the City, the City wishes to co-designate Southwest 4th Street from Southwest 67th Avenue to Southwest 72nd Avenue, Miami, Florida as "Calle Carlos Lopez Valdes";

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 adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. Southwest 4th Street from Southwest 67th Avenue to Southwest 72nd Avenue, Miami, Florida is hereby co-designated as "Calle Carlos Lopez Valdes" pursuant to Section 54-137 of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida, as amended ("City Code").

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Rebecca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners; the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; 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 roadways.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature by the Mayor.¹

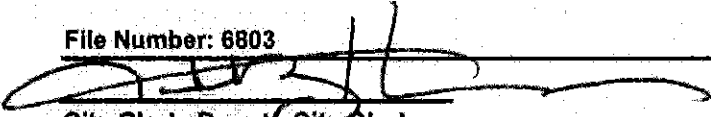
DATE:	11/21/2019
RESULT:	ADOPTED WITH MODIFICATION(S)
MOVER:	Joe Carollo, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Manolo Reyes, Commissioner
AYES:	Ken Russell, Wilfredo (Willy) Gort, Joe Carollo, Manolo Reyes, Keon Hardemon

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-19-0468, passed by the City Commission on 11/21/2019.

¹ If the Mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten (10) calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City Commission.

File Number: 6803

Enactment Number: R-19-0468


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

January 27, 2020

Date Certified