

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

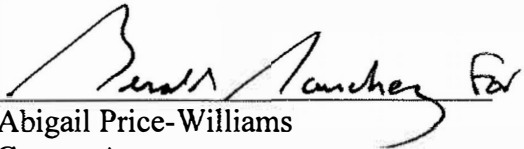
DATE: April 7, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the City of
Hialeah to codesignate that
portion of East 1st Avenue
from East 8th Street to East 9th
Street/Northwest 62nd Street as
“Modesto Perez Way”;
approving such codesignation

Resolution No. R-317-20

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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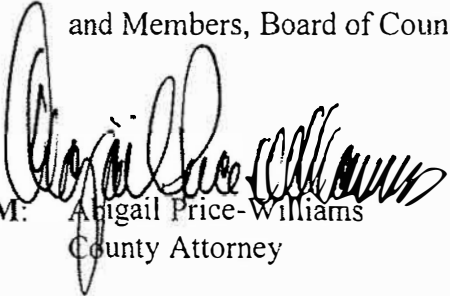


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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4-7-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-317-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF HIALEAH TO
CODESIGNATE THAT PORTION OF EAST 1ST AVENUE
FROM EAST 8TH STREET TO EAST 9TH
STREET/NORTHWEST 62ND STREET AS "MODESTO
PEREZ WAY"; APPROVING SUCH CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Mr. Modesto Rafael Perez is a well-respected community leader,
advocate, and owner of a long-established small business in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, born in Cienfuegos, Cuba to a hotel administrator, Mr. Perez flourished
as a jai alai player in Havana and reached the professional ranks of the sport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perez's success as a jai alai player was shattered when he was
arrested by the Cuban communist government and held as a political prisoner for nearly a
decade for refusing to join the revolutionary militia and for opposing Fidel Castro's totalitarian
regime; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, Mr. Perez fled from his native homeland to Queens,
New York, where he operated a restaurant for several years with the aspiration of achieving
the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, eventually, Mr. Perez relocated to Miami-Dade County where he settled
in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, to provide for his five children, Mr. Perez then went on to found Mr. Cool
Appliances, a successful air conditioning business in Hialeah which he continues to operate
successfully to this day; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, Mr. Perez has led La Asociación de Comerciantes y Profesionales de Hialeah (The Hialeah Merchants and Professionals Association) which provides assistance to local small businesses; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Mr. Perez has continuously distinguished himself as a selfless advocate for the elderly and less fortunate and, most notably, as a trusted advisor to many entrepreneurs and political figures whose respect he has earned; and

WHEREAS, true to his generous spirit, Mr. Perez routinely coordinates the donation of food and goods from local businesses to be distributed to the neediest in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perez's experiences as a political prisoner, exile, family man, businessman, and advocate reflect the story of countless other Miami-Dade County residents who have overcome similar challenges, and who have woven into the fabric of this community a legacy of hard work, service, sacrifice, and determination which will undoubtedly be a source of inspiration for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Perez and his contributions to the community, this Board would like to urge the City of Hialeah to codesignate that portion of East 1st Avenue from East 8th Street to East 9th Street/Northwest 62nd Street as "Modesto Perez Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of East 1st Avenue from East 8th Street to East 9th Street/Northwest 62nd Street is a city-maintained street located in the City of Hialeah and 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. Urges the City of Hialeah to codesignate that portion of East 1st Avenue from East 8th Street to East 9th Street/Northwest 62nd Street as "Modesto Perez Way".

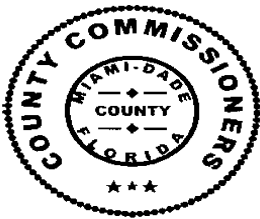
Section 2. Approves such codesignation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah, 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 Miami-Dade Police Department, the Hialeah Police Department, and the Hialeah Fire 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 **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci