

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Hialeah codesignation of that
portion of West 19th Court from
West 72nd Street to West 76th
Street as "Dr. Ana Maria Polo
Way"

Resolution No. R-1-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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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1-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-1-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF HIALEAH
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF WEST 19TH
COURT FROM WEST 72ND STREET TO WEST 76TH STREET
AS “DR. ANA MARIA POLO WAY”

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah Mayor and City Council passed Resolution No. 2020-073 on June 23, 2020, which codesignated that portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street as “Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way” in recognition of Dr. Ana Maria Polo; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. 2020-073 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, after emigrating from Cuba, Dr. Polo practiced as a lawyer for over 20 years in Miami-Dade County, and she ultimately became one of the most influential figures in Hispanic television; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo first appeared as a television arbitrator in 2001, on the Telemundo program “Sala de Parejas” (“Couple’s Court”), which was later renamed “Caso Cerrado con la Dra. Ana Maria Polo” (“Case Closed with Dr. Ana Maria Polo”); and

WHEREAS, in 2010, “Caso Cerrado con la Dra. Ana Maria Polo” became the first Spanish language show nominated for a Daytime Entertainment Emmy Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo has appeared as a legal expert on television programs such as “The Maria Laria Talk Show,” “The Cristina Show,” and “America en Vivo”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo has authored two bestselling books, *Querida Dra. Polo: Las Cartas Secretas de Caso Cerrado, Vol. 1 and 2* (*Dear Dr. Polo: The Secret Letters of Case Closed, Vol. 1 and 2*); and

WHEREAS, as a cancer survivor, Dr. Polo has supported the Susan G. Komen Foundation by sharing her personal experience with the disease and participating in racing events, and she was the first Hispanic ambassador for Stand Up to Cancer, an organization that raises awareness and funds for cancer research; and

WHEREAS, in November 2014, Dr. Polo participated in the Human Rights Organization Americans for Marriage Equality video campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo has received various recognitions, including the 2011 Mickey Leland Humanitarian Achievement Award, the Keys of the City of Huntington Park, California, and the 2018 Los Angeles Hispanic Conference's Positive Impact Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo was named Distinguished Visitor by the Mayor of Panama and the City of Viña del Mar, Chile; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Houston, Texas proclaimed March 12 as "The Official Day of Dr. Ana Maria Polo"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street is a city-maintained road located in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 12; and

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

WHEREAS, this Board also wishes to honor Dr. Ana Maria Polo by approving the City of Hialeah codesignation of the portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street as "Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way",

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 Hialeah codesignation of the portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street as “Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way”.

Section 2. 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 Transportation and Public Works Department, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the City of Hialeah Police Department, and the City of Hialeah Fire Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye
Sen. René García	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Jean Monestime	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2021. 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "CMR", is written over a horizontal line.

Cristina M. Rabionet

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-073

RESOLUTION OF THE HIALEAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD RECOMMENDING THE STREET NAMING AT WEST 19th COURT FROM WEST 72nd STREET TO WEST 76th STREET AS "DR. ANA MARIA POLO WAY", WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY, IN HER HONOR, AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT AND INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN HISPANIC TELEVISION.

WHEREAS, the street naming at West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street, Hialeah, Florida as "Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way" is in Honor of Dr. Ana Maria Polo who emigrated from Cuba and where she ran her show "Caso Cerrado"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo was born in Havana, Cuba, and became a lawyer where she practiced her profession for over 20 years in the Miami-Dade County area and participated as an expert lawyer in TV shows such as "The Maria Laria Talk Show", "The Cristina Show" and "America en Vivo".

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo was introduced to television audiences in 2001 on Telemundo's daytime show "Sala de Parejas" (Couple's Court), where she quickly conquered the hearts of viewers. In 2005 "Sala de Parejas" became "Caso Cerrado con la Dra. Ana Maria Polo" (Case Closed with Dr. Ana Maria Polo) a show that highlighted lawsuits and legal situations. In 2010, "Caso Cerrado con la Dra. Ana Maria Polo" became the first Spanish language show nominated for a Daytime Entertainment Emmy Award and during that time ranked as the number one Spanish-language program in the afternoon time slot. The great success garnered by "Caso Cerrado" motivated Telemundo to bet once again on Polo's talent and launched "Caso Cerrado Edicion Estelar" (Case Closed Primetime Edition). The show allowed viewers to witness the popular show's most extraordinary cases and disputes, presented with the same dynamism and energy by which it was characterized. In addition to hosting the show, Dr. Polo also composed and interpreted the show's theme song; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo has received prestigious recognitions such as the 2011 Mickey Leland Humanitarian Achievement Award; the Keys of the City of Huntington Park, California; She was named "Visitante Ilustre" (Distinguished Visitor) by the Mayor of Panama and the City of Viña del Mar, Chile and the Mayor of Houston, Texas proclaimed March 12th as "The Official Day of Dr. Ana Maria Polo"; In 2018, during the Hispanic Conference in Los Angeles, Dr. polo received the "Positive Impact Award".

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo was the first Hispanic Ambassador for Stand Up to Cancer, where as a cancer survivor, she has dedicated her time and collaboration to the Susan G. Komen Foundation; In November 2014, Dr. Polo participated in the Human Rights Organization Americans for Marriage Equality video campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo's connection with the audience goes beyond the TV screen, something that has also made her one of the most influential personalities in social media with 13+Likes in Facebook/1.3M+followers in Instagram and 1.5M+ followers in Twitter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo is also the author of two books Querida Dra. Polo: Las cartas secretas de Caso Cerrado, Vol 1 and 2) (Dear Dr. Polo: The Secret Letters of Case Closed Vol. 1 & 2); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council would like to honor Dr. Ana Maria Polo for her contributions to the community by codesignating, along with Miami-Dade County, that portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street, as "Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street is a road located in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, this proposed designation is located in County Commission District 12; and

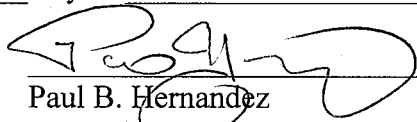
WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020 the City of Hialeah Historic Preservation Board passed a Resolution recommending the naming.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street shall be known as "Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way", with the cost of signage to be paid by the city, in her honor, as one of the most prominent and influential figures in hispanic television.

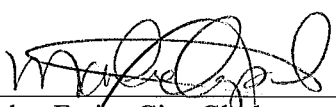
Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

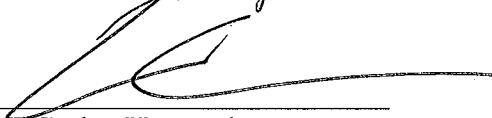
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of June, 2020.


Paul B. Hernandez
Council President

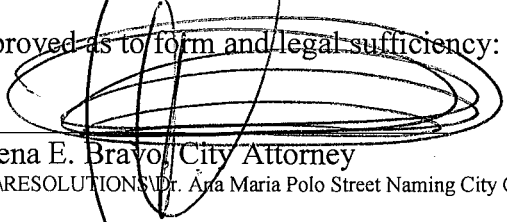
Attest:

Approved on this 10 day of July, 2020.


Marbelys Fajó, City Clerk


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

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