

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

DATE: April 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Hialeah codesignation of that
portion of West 18th Lane Drive
from West 18th Lane to West
84th Street as "Dr. Jorge and
Carlos Vallejo Way"

Resolution No. R-243-21

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


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County Attorney

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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)
4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-243-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF HIALEAH
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF WEST 18TH LANE
DRIVE FROM WEST 18TH LANE TO WEST 84TH STREET AS
“DR. JORGE AND CARLOS VALLEJO WAY”

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge Vallejo and Dr. Carlos Vallejo were leaders and role models in the City of Hialeah (“City”) for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge A. Vallejo was born on June 12, 1931 in Guantanamo, Cuba, into a family of Spanish immigrants from Asturias and Andalucia; and

WHEREAS, he went on to study medicine in Havana and had to finish school in Spain due to the Batista regime; and

WHEREAS, he later moved back to Havana where he married Gisela Hidalgo and had two sons, Jorge Jr. and Carlos; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Dr. Jorge Vallejo and his family escaped communist Cuba for Miami, where his youngest son Freddy was born in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge Vallejo lived and practiced medicine in the City of Hialeah as an OBGYN for over 45 years, where he delivered what was once the most prematurely born baby in the United States; and

WHEREAS, he treated many athletes, politicians, and celebrities, such as Celia Cruz; and

WHEREAS, he was revered and respected by his colleagues and patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge A. Vallejo passed away from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) at the age of 89, on June 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlos Vallejo was born on March 23, 1963 in Havana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, he came to the United States as a baby, growing up in Hialeah where he attended Immaculate Conception School and Monsignor Edward Pace High School; and

WHEREAS, he was a great athlete, awarded college scholarships for both basketball and football, but he turned them down to pursue his career in medicine and attended medical school in the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, in medical school he met his wife, Lissete Selem, and they were married in 1987; and

WHEREAS, three children were born out of their marriage: Gisselle, Charlie, Jr., and Kevin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlos Vallejo practiced internal medicine for over 25 years in the Hialeah community; and

WHEREAS, he was part of the Board of Directors of Palmetto General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, he was very active and enjoyed fishing, diving, and skiing; and

WHEREAS, he travelled to six continents and over 50 countries; and

WHEREAS, he contracted COVID-19 on the frontlines as a first responder and passed away from the virus on August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Dr. Jorge Vallejo and Dr. Carlos Vallejo and their contributions to the community, on February 16, 2021, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah adopted Resolution No. 2021-009, which codesignated that portion of West 18th Lane Drive from West 18th Lane to West 84th Street as “Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way”; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. 2021-009 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; 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, this Board would also like to recognize Dr. Jorge Vallejo and Dr. Carlos Vallejo and their contributions to the City of Hialeah and its residents by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of West 18th Lane Drive from West 18th Lane to West 84th Street as "Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way"; and

WHEREAS, West 18th Lane Drive from West 18th Lane to West 84th Street is a city-maintained road located in the City of Hialeah; and

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

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

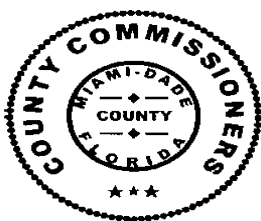
Section 1. Approves the City of Hialeah's codesignation of that portion of West 18th Lane Drive from West 18th Lane to West 84th Street as "Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way".

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies 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 City of Hialeah Police Department and the City of Hialeah Fire-Rescue 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 **Eileen Higgins** 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	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 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

By: Melissa Adames
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-009

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE STREET NAMING AT WEST 18 LANE DRIVE FROM WEST 18 LANE TO WEST 84 STREET AS "DR. JORGE AND CARLOS VALLEJO WAY", WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY, IN HONOR OF DR. JORGE VALLEJO AND DR. CARLOS VALLEJO AS LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH, AND ROLE MODELS.

WHEREAS, the street naming at West 18 Lane Drive from West 18 Lane to West 84 Street, Hialeah, Florida as "Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way" is in Honor of Dr. Jorge Vallejo and Dr. Carlos Vallejo, who have been leaders and role models in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge A. Vallejo was born on June 12, 1931 in Guantanamo, Cuba born into a family of Spanish immigrants from Asturias and Andalucia; and

WHEREAS, he went on to study medicine in Havana and had to finish school in Spain due to the Batista regime; and

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WHEREAS, he contracted Covid-19 on the frontlines as a first responder and passed from the virus on August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Dr. Jorge Vallejo and Dr. Carlos Vallejo and their contributions to the community that portion of West 18 Lane Drive from West 18 lane to West 84 Street shall be named "Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way"; and

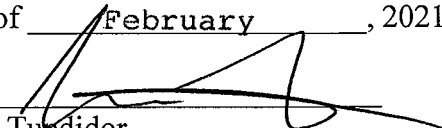
WHEREAS, that portion of West 18 Lane Drive from West 18 lane to West 84 Street is a County-maintained road located in the City of Hialeah and is located in County Commission District 13.

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

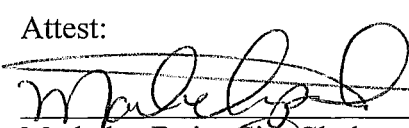
Section 1. The City Council codesignates West 18 Lane Drive from West 18 Lane to West 84 Street as "Dr. Jorge and Carlos Vallejo Way", with the cost of signage to be paid by the City, in their honor as community leaders.

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

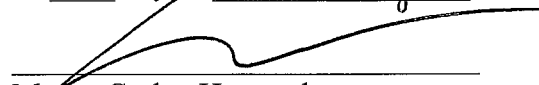
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of February, 2021.


Jesus Tundidor
Council President

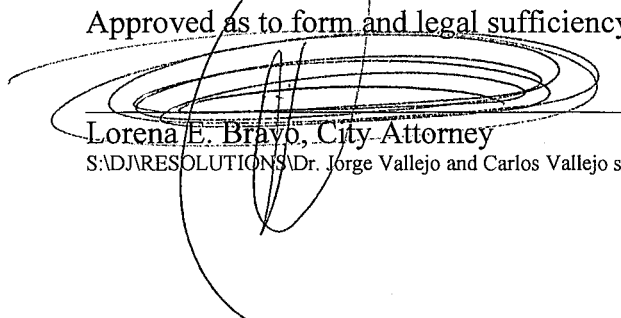
Attest:


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Approved on this 23 day of February, 2021.


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, De la Rosa, Garcia-Roves, Hernandez, Perez, Tundidor, and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Council Member Cue-Fuente recording her vote as "Yes" via Zoom.

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