

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

DATE: November 2, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Northwest 27th Court
from West Flagler Street to
Northwest 3rd Street as
"Chamaco Garcia Way"

Resolution No. R-1008-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



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(Revised)

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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)
11-2-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1008-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST
27TH COURT FROM WEST FLAGLER STREET TO
NORTHWEST 3RD STREET AS "CHAMACO GARCIA WAY"

WHEREAS, the City of Miami passed Resolution No. R-21-0393 on September 23, 2021, which codesignated that portion of Northwest 27th Court from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street in Miami, Florida as "Chamaco Garcia Way"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. R-21-0393 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Chamaco Garcia ("Garcia") was born on May 14, 1938, in Havana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Garcia's voice and versatility allowed him to perform across multiple genres, including zarzuela, opera, and Broadway musicals; and

WHEREAS, his charismatic personality and generosity catapulted Garcia among the most beloved artists of all Cuban exiles; and

WHEREAS, it is thought that Garcia's first recordings were with the *Havana Cuban Boys* Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Garcia became a member of the musical group *Luis Santi*, performing on the Cuban CMQ radio and television stations in Havana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in addition to radio and television performances during this time, Garcia sang in some of Havana's most popular nightclubs and cabarets; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Garcia went on to tour in theatres outside of Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Garcia became a steady figure on two weekly programs on Mexico's Channel Six; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Garcia settled in Miami-Dade County (the "County") while he continued to tour in other cities and perform on Broadway with prestigious artistic directors, including Rene Bush and Andre De Shields; and

WHEREAS, Garcia landed the leading role in *The Fantasticks*, the longest running musical in history according to the *New York Times*; and

WHEREAS, Garcia was part of several popular television shows, including *Siempre en Domingo*, *Sábado Gigante*, *El Show de Porcel*, and *La Feria de la Alegría*, and had a recurring guest role as "Father Santos" on the beloved and critically acclaimed bilingual television series *¿Qué Pasa, USA?*; and

WHEREAS, Garcia received multiple awards, such as "Best Singer" in the Mexican Music Festival in 1962; "Best Supporting Actor" from the *Herald de México* in 1969 for *Fiddler on the Roof*; "Best Actor" from the New York Latin Asociación de Cronistas de Espectáculos (ACE) in 1978 for *The Fantasticks*; a Gold Medal of Great Music Legends from the University of Miami in 2016; 12 wins and 14 nominations in various categories from the Association of Critics and Commentaries of the Arts; and 15 wins and 18 nominations in various categories from the Association of Critics in North America; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami previously declared August 24, 1991, as "Chamaco Garcia Day"; and

WHEREAS, the County previously declared August 25, 1991, as "Chamaco Garcia Day"; and

WHEREAS, Garcia was known for his charitable work, such as visiting with Cuban asylum-seekers at the Guantanamo Naval Base; visiting Cubans stranded in Panama because of events at the Embassy of Panama in Cuba; joining Cuban-American doctors from the County on a humanitarian mission to help with medical and dental needs for impoverished people and children in Managua, Nicaragua; and performing at many charity concerts for La Liga Contra el Cancer; and

WHEREAS, Garcia's final performance was in 2011 at the County's Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, Garcia's artistic career spanned over 60 years in radio, television, and theatre; and

WHEREAS, Garcia passed away on September 28, 2016, in Miami-Dade County; 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, Northwest 27th Court from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 5; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor Garcia by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of Northwest 27th Court from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as "Chamaco Garcia Way",

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

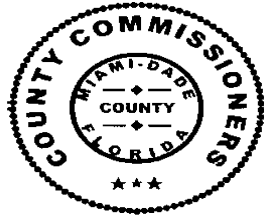
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 27th Court from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as "Chamaco Garcia Way".

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 Fire Rescue Department, and the City of Miami Police Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen 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	absent
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of November, 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 black ink, appearing to be "CJF", written over a horizontal line.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes



AGENDA ITEM COVER PAGE

File ID: #10562

Resolution

Sponsored by: Commissioner Manolo Reyes

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 27TH COURT FROM WEST FLAGLER STREET TO NORTHWEST 3RD STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "CHAMACO GARCIA WAY" PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.



City of Miami

Legislation

Resolution

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Enactment Number: R-21-0393

File Number: 10562

Final Action Date: 9/23/2021

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WHEREAS, Chamaco Garcia ("Garcia") was born in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Garcia was a renowned performer and artist; and

WHEREAS, Garcia's voice and versatility allowed him to perform across multiple genres, including zarzuela, opera, and Broadway musicals; and

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WHEREAS, it is thought that Garcia's first recordings were with the *Havana Cuba Boys* Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Garcia became a member of the musical group *Luis Santi*, performing on the Cuban CMQ radio and television stations in Havana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the radio and television performances during this time, Garcia sang in Havana's best nightclubs and cabarets; and

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WHEREAS, the City previously declared August 24, 1991 as “Chamaco Garcia Day”; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (“County”) previously declared August 25, 1991 as “Chamaco Garcia Day”; and

WHEREAS, Garcia was also known for his charitable work, such as visiting with Cuban rafters at the Guantanamo Naval Base; visiting Cubans stranded in Panama because of events of the Panama Embassy in Cuba; joining Cuban-American doctors from the City on a humanitarian mission to help with medical and dental needs for impoverished people and children in Managua, Nicaragua; and performing at many charity concerts for La Liga Contra el Cancer; and

WHEREAS, Garcia’s last performance was in 2011 at the County’s Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, Garcia’s artistic career spanned over sixty (60) years in radio, television, and theater; and

WHEREAS, Garcia passed away on September 28, 2016 in the City after developing an infection during a minor back surgery; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to honor Garcia by co-designating Northwest 27th Court from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as “Chamaco Garcia Way”;

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

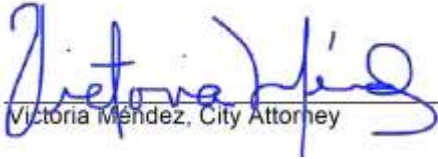
Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The City Commission co-designates that portion within the City’s limits of Northwest 27th Court from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as “Chamaco Garcia Way”.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; the County’s Department of Transportation and Public Works; 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 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:


Victoria Méndez, City Attorney 9/1/2021