

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(6)

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

DATE: January 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of northwest 47th
Avenue from West Flagler Street
to northwest 3rd Street as
"Agapito 'El Guapo' Rivera
Way"

Resolution No. R-6-22

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



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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)(6)
1-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-6-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST
47TH AVENUE FROM WEST FLAGLER STREET TO
NORTHWEST 3RD STREET AS "AGAPITO 'EL GUAPO'
RIVERA WAY"

WHEREAS, the City of Miami passed Resolution No. R-21-0340 on September 13, 2021,
which codesignated that portion of Northwest 47th Avenue from West Flagler Street to Northwest
3rd Street in Miami, Florida as "Agapito 'El Guapo' Rivera Way"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. R-21-0340 is attached hereto and incorporated
herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Agapito "El Guapo" Rivera ("El Guapo") was born in Corralillo, Las Villas,
Cuba in 1937; and

WHEREAS, when the revolution arrived in Cuba on January 1, 1959, El Guapo quickly
realized the wrong course it was taking by leading the country into an embrace of communism,
and he took up arms against the emerging Castro dictatorship in October 1960; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo became the second in command of the rebels on the North Front
of Las Villas and was called El Guapo because of how bravely he fought; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo lost 11 family members in the war against the Castro regime; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo was a guerilla commander in Las Villas when, in 1963, he received
five combat wounds in battle against the Castro regime's army, was captured, served 25 years as
a political prisoner in Cuba, and was a "plantado" prisoner; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo arrived in Miami-Dade County in 1998 as a Cuban exile; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo served as the president of the Cuban Patriotic Association where he organized monthly meetings to keep the cause of Cuban freedom alive; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo was the author of the book “La Lucha en los Llanos de Cuba,” which translates to “The Struggle in the Plains of Cuba”; 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 47th Avenue 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 6; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor El Guapo by approving the City of Miami’s codesignation of that portion of Northwest 47th Avenue from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as “Agapito ‘El Guapo’ Rivera Way”,

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

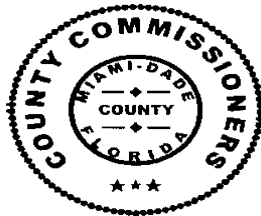
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami’s codesignation of that portion of Northwest 47th Avenue from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as “Agapito ‘El Guapo’ Rivera Way”.

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 Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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 19th day of January, 2022. 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.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes



AGENDA ITEM COVER PAGE

File ID: #9518

Resolution

Sponsored by: Commissioner Manolo Reyes

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 47TH AVENUE FROM WEST FLAGLER STREET TO NORTHWEST 3RD STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "AGAPITO 'EL GUAPO' RIVERA 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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WHEREAS, Agapito "El Guapo" Rivera ("El Guapo") was born in Corralillo, Las Villas, Cuba in 1937 and died in the City of Miami ("City") on December 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, when the revolution arrived in Cuba on January 1, 1959, El Guapo quickly realized the wrong course it was taking by leading the country into an embrace of communism and took up arms against the emerging Castro dictatorship in October 1960; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo became the second in command of the rebels on the North Front of Las Villas and was called El Guapo because of how bravely he fought; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo lost eleven (11) family members in the war against the Castro regime; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo was a guerilla commander in Las Villas when, in 1963, he received five (5) combat wounds in battle against the Castro regime's army, was captured, served twenty five (25) years as a political prisoner in Cuba, and was a plantado prisoner; and

WHEREAS, in May 1998, El Guapo arrived in the City as a Cuban exile; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo served as the president of the Cuban Patriotic Association where he organized monthly meetings to keep the cause of Cuban freedom alive; and

WHEREAS, El Guapo was also the author of the book "La Lucha en los Llanos de Cuba," which is translated into "The Struggle in the Plains of Cuba"; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to honor El Guapo by co-designating Northwest 47th Avenue from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as "Agapito 'El Guapo' Rivera Way";

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

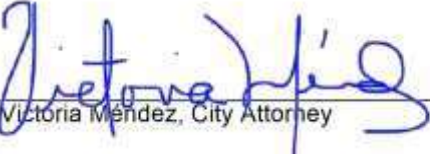
Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The City Commission co-designates that portion within the City's limits of Northwest 47th Avenue from West Flagler Street to Northwest 3rd Street as "Agapito 'El Guapo' Rivera 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 Miami-Dade County 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 Mendez, City Attorney 8/25/2021