

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

DATE: March 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami Beach codesignation of
that portion of Meridian Avenue
from Dade Boulevard to West
28th Street as "Rabbi Solomon
Schiff Way"

Resolution No. R-170-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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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)
3-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-170-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF
MERIDIAN AVENUE FROM DADE BOULEVARD TO
WEST 28TH STREET AS “RABBI SOLOMON SCHIFF WAY”

WHEREAS, Rabbi Solomon Schiff (“Rabbi Schiff”), born on August 5, 1929, was a pivotal force in building South Florida’s Jewish Community, an advocate for racial justice, and a builder of interfaith relationships locally and around the world; and

WHEREAS, since coming to South Florida in 1958, Rabbi Schiff was on the forefront of building interfaith and interracial relations in our community, including welcoming Pope John Paul II to Miami in September of 1987; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schiff was a former director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation’s Jewish Chaplaincy Program (now known as Mishkan Miami), and also a former Executive Vice President of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami (“Rabbinical Association”); and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schiff served both of these organizations for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Rabbinical Association has remained an important voice on matters within the County’s Jewish and general community; and

WHEREAS, shortly after becoming president of the Rabbinical Association in May of 1963, Rabbi Schiff joined with other community clergy in calling for equal rights for all during the height of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schiff was also a founding member and past chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach, a committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation; and

WHEREAS, for his service on interfaith relations, Rabbi Schiff received a Papal Medal from Pope Benedict XVI in 2008; and

WHEREAS, additionally, in 2017, Rabbi Schiff received a Legion of Honor Award from the Philadelphia-based Chapel of the Four Chaplains, joining the ranks of other past recipients, including former United States Presidents Harry Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan, as well as Nelson Mandela, former United States Senator Bill Nelson, and comedian/actor Bob Hope; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2021, Rabbi Schiff passed away at the age of 92 years old; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Rabbi Schiff's spiritual leadership, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, on January 20, 2022, adopted Resolution No. 2022-32013, which codesignated that portion of Meridian Avenue from Dade Boulevard to West 28th Street as "Rabbi Solomon Schiff Way"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. 2022-32013 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach 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 Rabbi Schiff's spiritual leadership by approving the City of Miami Beach's codesignation of that portion of Meridian Avenue from Dade Boulevard to West 28th Street as "Rabbi Solomon Schiff Way"; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Avenue from Dade Boulevard to West 28th Street is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 4,

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

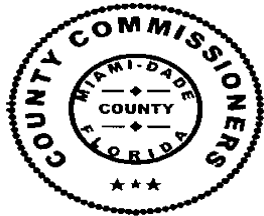
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami Beach’s codesignation of that portion of Meridian Avenue from Dade Boulevard to West 28th Street as “Rabbi Solomon Schiff Way”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, 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 Beach Police Department and the City of Miami Beach Fire-Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** 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	absent	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	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of March, 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

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32013

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF THE PORTION OF MERIDIAN AVENUE, LOCATED BETWEEN DADE BOULEVARD AND 28TH STREET, AS “RABBI SOLOMON SCHIFF WAY,” SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2021-4439., amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of streets in honor of prominent Jewish figure who made significant civic contributions to Jewish history and/or Jewish-related initiatives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the request of Mayor Dan Gelber, the co-naming of a yet to be determined city street “Rabbi Solomon Schiff Way” was referred to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (“NQLC”) for the Committee’s consideration and review; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Solomon Schiff (“Rabbi Schiff”) was a pivotal force in building South Florida’s Jewish community who advocated for racial justice and built interfaith relationships locally and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schiff was a former director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation’s Jewish Chaplaincy Program (now Mishkan Miami), and a past executive vice president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami, and served both organizations for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Rabbinical Association has remained an important voice on matters within the county’s Jewish and general community; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schiff was also a founding member and a past chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach, a committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schiff was on the forefront of building interfaith and interracial relations since coming to South Florida in 1958, including welcoming Pope John Paul II to Miami in September 1987; and

WHEREAS, in May, 1963 – just after he became president of the Rabbinical Association - he joined with other community clergy in calling for equal rights for all during the height of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, for his service on interfaith relations, Rabbi Schiff received a Papal Medal from Pope Benedict XVI in 2008, and in 2017, he received a Legion of Honor Award from the Philadelphia-based Chapel of the Four Chaplains, joining the ranks of other past recipients including former United States Presidents Harry Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan as well as Nelson Mandela, former U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and comedian/actor Bob Hope; and

WHEREAS, at its September 20, 2021 meeting, the NQLC considered the request, and recommended in favor of the co-naming; and

WHEREAS, co-naming the portion of Meridian Avenue, located between Dade Boulevard and 28th Street after Rabbi Schiff would be especially fitting considering that he resided at 2444 Meridian Avenue for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, after the duly noticed public hearing on January 20, 2022, considered the co-naming request, accepted the recommendation of the NQLC, and approved the co-naming of the portion of Meridian Avenue, located between Dade Boulevard and 28th Street, as "Rabbi Solomon Schiff Way" by a 5/7th vote; and


WHEREAS, as Meridian Avenue is a platted, public road, the proposed co-naming must be approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Rule 9.02 of Section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee, and approve, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the co-naming of the portion of Meridian Avenue, located between Dade Boulevard and 28th Street, as "Rabbi Solomon Schiff Way," subject to final approval of the co-naming by the Miami-Dade County Board Of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 2-1, Rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20 day of January 2021.



Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

JAN 25 2022



APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

12-28-21
Date