

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(3)

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

DATE: April 5, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Northwest 19th Street
from Northwest 3rd Avenue to
Northwest 5th Avenue as
"Bishop Jacob Cohen Street"

Resolution No. R-287-22

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



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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)(3)
4-5-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-287-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST
19TH STREET FROM NORTHWEST 3RD AVENUE TO
NORTHWEST 5TH AVENUE AS "BISHOP JACOB COHEN
STREET"

WHEREAS, the A.M. Cohen Temple Church of God in Christ ("A.M. Cohen Temple") was established as the Miami Temple Church of God in Christ in 1918 by Elder Amaziah Melvin Cohen ("Bishop A.M. Cohen"), who was one of the 162 African American men who signed the Charter of the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, upon Bishop A.M. Cohen's death in 1959, his son, Elder Jacob Cohen ("Bishop Jacob Cohen"), became the Pastor of A.M. Cohen Temple; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jacob Cohen was born on January 4, 1932, in Miami, Florida to Bishop A.M. Cohen and Josie Cohen; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Miami, Bishop Jacob Cohen would go on to graduate from Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jacob Cohen continued his education at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, and eventually earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fayetteville State University in 1958; and

WHEREAS, before enrolling in Fayetteville State University, Bishop Jacob Cohen served in the United States Army for three years as a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jacob Cohen then returned to Miami to assist his father in the ministry, and also became a teacher at Frederick Douglass Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, after his father passed away, Bishop Jacob Cohen renovated and renamed the church A.M. Cohen Temple to honor his father; and

WHEREAS, under Bishop Jacob Cohen's leadership, the church experienced exponential growth; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Bishop Jacob Cohen served as Superintendent of the South Miami District of the Church of God in Christ Eastern Florida Jurisdiction ("Eastern Florida Jurisdiction"), and also as Secretary to the Presiding Bishop F.D. Johnson, who preceded him as the Jurisdictional Bishop of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, after 11 years of outstanding service to his congregation, at the age of 39, Bishop Jacob Cohen was elevated and consecrated to the distinguished office of Jurisdictional Bishop of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Bishop Jacob Cohen retired from the school system and devoted himself to fulfilling God's purpose for his life; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1972, Bishop Jacob Cohen ran a successful campaign winning a seat on the Church of God in Christ's 12-member General Board, which is comprised of Jurisdictional Bishops, including the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, who are elected by certified delegates of the general church every four years; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Bishop Jacob Cohen celebrated his 25th year of service as Jurisdictional Prelate of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, A.M. Cohen Temple celebrated 50 years of Bishop Jacob Cohen pastoring the church; and

WHEREAS, under Bishop Jacob Cohen's leadership, the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction grew to 15 Districts and over 113 churches spanning from St. Augustine to Key West; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jacob Cohen also served in the historic Overtown community through his involvement with numerous boards and councils, including the Boy Scouts of America, Overtown Development, Faith in the City, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jacob Cohen passed away on February 6, 2020, after serving 61 years as Pastor of A.M. Cohen Temple; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Bishop Jacob Cohen, on February 10, 2022, the City Commission of the City of Miami adopted Resolution No. R-22-0051, which codesignated that portion of Northwest 19th Street from Northwest 3rd Avenue to Northwest 5th Avenue as “Bishop Jacob Cohen Street”; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. R-22-0051 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami 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 honor Bishop Jacob Cohen by approving the City of Miami’s codesignation of that portion of Northwest 19th Street from Northwest 3rd Avenue to Northwest 5th Avenue as “Bishop Jacob Cohen Street”; and

WHEREAS, Northwest 19th Street from Northwest 3rd Avenue to Northwest 5th Avenue is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 3,

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

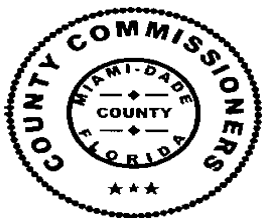
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami’s codesignation of that portion of Northwest 19th Street from Northwest 3rd Avenue to Northwest 5th Avenue as “Bishop Jacob Cohen Street”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies 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 Police Department, and the City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. 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	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 5th day of April, 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

Basia Pruna

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

KMB

Keoki M. Baron



City of Miami Certified Copy

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File Number: 11378

Enactment Number: R-22-0051

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 19TH STREET FROM NORTHWEST 3RD AVENUE TO NORTHWEST 5TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "BISHOP JACOB COHEN STREET" 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.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Christine King

WHEREAS, A.M. Cohen Temple Church of God in Christ was established in 1918 as the Miami Temple by Elder Amaziah Melvin Cohen, who was one of the 162 African American men who signed the Charter of the City of Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, upon his death in 1959, his son, Elder Jacob Cohen ("Bishop Cohen"), became the Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Cohen was born on January 4, 1932 in Miami, Florida to Bishop Amaziah and Josie Cohen; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in the City of Miami ("City"), Bishop Cohen graduated from Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Cohen served in the United States Army for three (3) years as a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Cohen continued his education at the Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University and completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Fayetteville State University, graduating in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, under Bishop Cohen's leadership, the church experienced exponential growth; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Cohen served as Superintendent of the South Miami District and Secretary to the Presiding Bishop F. D. Johnson who preceded him as the Jurisdictional Bishop of Eastern Florida; and

WHEREAS, after eleven (11) years of outstanding service to his congregation, Bishop Cohen was elevated and consecrated to the distinguished office of Jurisdictional Bishop of the Eastern Florida Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction at the age of 39; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Cohen passed away on February 6, 2020 after serving 61 years as Pastor of A.M. Cohen Temple; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to honor Bishop Cohen by co-designating Northwest 19th Street from Northwest 3rd Avenue to Northwest 5th Avenue, Miami, Florida as "Bishop Jacob Cohen Street";

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.

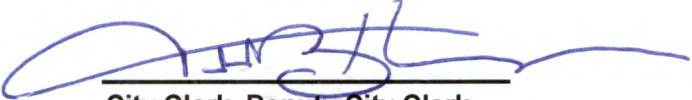
Section 2. The City Commission co-designates that portion within the City's limits of Northwest 19th Street from Northwest 3rd Avenue to Northwest 5th Avenue, Miami, Florida as "Bishop Jacob Cohen Street".

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 Miami-Dade County Commissioner of District 3; 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.

DATE:	2/10/2022
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Manolo Reyes, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, Ken Russell, Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Manolo Reyes

I, Todd B. Hannon, City Clerk of the City of Miami, Florida, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that this constitutes a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-22-0051, passed by the City Commission on 2/10/2022.



February 22, 2022

City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk
(for Todd B. Hannon, City
Clerk)

Date Certified