

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 17, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Southwest 7th Avenue
from Southwest 3rd Street to
Southwest 4th Street as "La
Decada de los 60 Avenue"

Resolution No. R-909-23

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


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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 _____

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10-17-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-909-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 7TH
AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 3RD STREET TO
SOUTHWEST 4TH STREET AS "LA DECADA DE LOS 60
AVENUE"

WHEREAS, the City of Miami adopted Resolution No. R-23-0121 on March 9, 2023, which codesignated that portion of Southwest 7th Avenue from Southwest 3rd Street to Southwest 4th Street as "La Decada de los 60 Avenue" to honor the significant historical contribution and community benefit of Ada Merritt Junior High School ("Ada Merritt") and its alumni, specifically celebrating students and teachers who were at Ada Merritt in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. R-23-0121 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 7th Avenue from Southwest 3rd Street to Southwest 4th Street is a city road located in the City of Miami; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Miami would like for 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 the historical contribution and community benefit of Ada Merritt and its alumni, specifically those who attended Ada Merritt in the 1960s, by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Southwest 7th Avenue from Southwest 3rd Street to Southwest 4th Street as "La Decada de los 60 Avenue,"

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 Southwest 7th Avenue from Southwest 3rd Street to Southwest 4th Street as “La Decada de los 60 Avenue”.

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

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastein** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye
	Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	absent
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado aye
Micky Steinberg	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of October, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "JO", is written over a horizontal line.

Jose I. Ortega



City of Miami Certified Copy

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File Number: 13590

Enactment Number: R-23-0121

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING SOUTHWEST 7TH AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTHWEST 3RD STREET AND 4TH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "LA DECADA DE LOS 60 AVENUE" 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 Joe Carollo

WHEREAS, Ada Merritt Junior High School ("Ada Merritt"), built in 1923 and named after an educational pioneer, was the first Junior High School in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ada Merritt, located at 660 Southwest 3rd Street, Miami, Florida 33130, is in the heart of City of Miami's ("City") Little Havana neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960's, inner cities throughout America were plagued with social and economic issues; and

WHEREAS, according to Miguel Pérez', "The Spirit of Ada Merritt," the students of Ada Merritt during the 1960's "were recently-arrived Cuban refugees, and together we struggled to learn the English language, adapt to American foods, dance to rock 'n' roll music, and play American sports... and were likely to be poor and living in a drug, gang and crime-ridden neighborhood"; and

WHEREAS, teaching these students at Ada Merritt were a cadre of inspirational teachers "had gone there voluntarily, seeking the challenge of educating inner city immigrant students, committed to leveling the education playing field"; and

WHEREAS, amidst the challenges facing immigrant children regarding the future, "reached the mainstream and became contributing members of American society"; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to honor the significant historical contribution and community benefit of Ada Merritt and its alumni to the City by co-designating Southwest 7th Avenue between Southwest 3rd Street and 4th Street, Miami, Florida as "La Decada de los 60 Avenue";

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.

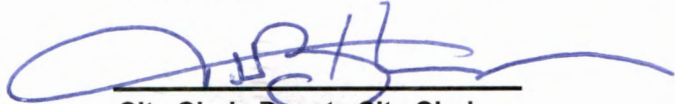
Section 2. The City Commission hereby co-designates Southwest 7th Avenue between Southwest 3rd Street and 4th Street, Miami, Florida as La Decada de los 60 Avenue.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, 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 roadways.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DATE:	3/9/2023
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Manolo Reyes, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Sabina Covo, 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-23-0121, passed by the City Commission on 3/9/2023.



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

March 20, 2023

Date Certified