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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

DATE: February 21, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
City of Miami's
codesignation of that portion
of Southeast 13th Street
between Brickell Avenue and
Brickell Bay Drive, Miami,
Florida as "Carlos Alberto
Montaner Street"

Resolution No. R-128-24

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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)
2-21-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-128-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SOUTHEAST
13TH STREET BETWEEN BRICKELL AVENUE AND
BRICKELL BAY DRIVE, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "CARLOS
ALBERTO MONTANER STREET"

WHEREAS, the City of Miami passed Resolution No. 23-0515 on November 27, 2023, which codesignated that portion of Southeast 13th Street between Brickell Avenue and Brickell Bay Drive as "Carlos Alberto Montaner Street" in memory of Carlos Alberto Montaner ("Montaner"), a prominent writer and political commentator known for his promotion of democratic values and criticism of Fidel Castro's regime (the "Castro regime") in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. 23-0515 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, Montaner was born in Havana, Cuba in 1943 and was incarcerated as a juvenile in 1960 for his vocal opposition to the Castro regime, during which he endured harsh conditions and persecution for his political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, after escaping imprisonment, Montaner fled to Miami and eventually came to live in Madrid; and

WHEREAS, Montaner wrote several novels, including *Perromundo*, and frequently contributed to CNN en Español as well as the Miami Herald and other international publications, which have informed and enlightened readers throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Montaner's enduring legacy as a champion of freedom, democracy, and justice serves as an inspiration to journalists, writers, and activists worldwide; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southeast 13th Street between Brickell Avenue and Brickell Bay Drive is a city road located in the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is 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 Montaner by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion Southeast 13th Street between Brickell Avenue and Brickell Bay Drive as "Carlos Alberto Montaner Street,"

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 Southeast 13th Street between Brickell Avenue and Brickell Bay Drive as "Carlos Alberto Montaner Street."

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

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of February, 2024. 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.

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Sophia Guzzo



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Enactment Number: R-23-0515

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CODESIGNATING SOUTHEAST 13TH STREET BETWEEN BRICKELL AVENUE AND BRICKELL BAY DRIVE, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "CARLOS ALBERTO MONTANER STREET," IN HONOR OF THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CARLOS ALBERTO MONTANER; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Sabina Covo, Commissioner Manolo Reyes, Commissioner Christine King

WHEREAS, Carlos Alberto Montaner ("Montaner"), born on April 3, 1943, in Havana, Cuba, is a renowned author, journalist, and political commentator whose exceptional contributions to literature, journalism, and the promotion of democratic values have earned him international acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Montaner's activities in opposition of the Fidel Castro ("Castro") regime in Cuba, including his involvement in underground movements and vocal opposition to the Castro's regime, showcased his unwavering dedication to the cause of liberty, leading to his imprisonment and persecution; and

WHEREAS, Montaner's courageous stance against the Castro dictatorship led to his incarceration, where he endured harsh conditions and persecution for his outspoken beliefs, demonstrating extraordinary resilience and moral strength; and

WHEREAS, Montaner's notable journalistic works such as "Perro Mundo" and "Otra Vez Adiós," and his influential contributions to the international daily publications "El País," "The Miami Herald," and "CNN en Español," have not only informed and enlightened readers, but also challenged societal norms and inspired critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, Montaner's role as a founding member of the Cuban Liberal Union, his active participation in international campaigns advocating for human rights in Cuba, and his leadership in organizations dedicated to promoting free speech have furthered the cause of democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Montaner's enduring legacy as a champion of freedom, democracy, and justice serves as an inspiration to journalists, writers, and activists worldwide, fostering a global dialogue on the importance of democratic values; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Montaner's exceptional life, his anti-Castro efforts, his courageous endurance of imprisonment, and his significant contributions to journalism and literature, it is fitting and proper for the City of Miami ("City") to codesignate Southeast 13th Street between Brickell Avenue and Brickell Bay Drive, Miami, Florida as "Carlos Alberto Montaner 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 hereby codesignates that portion of street within the City's jurisdictional limits of Southeast 13th Street between Brickell Avenue and Brickell Bay Drive, Miami, Florida as "Carlos Alberto Montaner Street."

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the City Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; the Miami-Dade County Departments of Transportation and Public Works; the Miami-Dade County Commissioner of District 3; the United States Postal Service; and, if a State of Florida street, to the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, for sign installation within the newly codesignated street.

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

DATE:	11/16/2023
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Sabina Covo, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Joe Carollo, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, 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-23-0515, passed by the City Commission on 11/16/2023.



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

November 27, 2023

Date Certified