

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: May 7, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution renaming the South
Dade Skills Center the “Cipriano
and Maria Garza Skills Center”
by a three-fifths vote of Board
members present

Resolution No. R-367-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



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 _____

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5-7-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-367-24

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE SOUTH DADE SKILLS
CENTER THE “CIPRIANO AND MARIA GARZA SKILLS
CENTER” BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT

WHEREAS, the South Dade Skills Center is a Miami-Dade County owned facility located at 28300 SW 152nd Avenue in Homestead, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Cipriano “Cip” Garza and his wife Maria grew up as migrant farmworkers and have since dedicated their lives to supporting and advocating on behalf of the farmworker community; and

WHEREAS, Cipriano and Maria Garza founded the Mexican American Council in Homestead, Florida over 40 years ago to help improve the quality of life for farmworker families in the South Florida community through the advancement of education, healthcare, family engagement, multi-cultural understanding, access to the arts and technology, and an increased civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican American Council offers graduating high school students college scholarships to help offset high school drop-out rates and encourage college completion, and also provides high school students mentorship and guidance throughout their term; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Cipriano Garza managed the Title 1 Migrant Education Program for Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 40 years, providing comprehensive services for migratory students to foster academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Maria Garza’s vast community service and leadership experience includes implementing national literacy programs for the National Council La Raza, working as the Hispanic Affairs Assistant for the White House Office of Public Liaison, serving for 33 years with the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, and most recently serving as CEO of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming or co-designation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility or property is located and shall be considered at a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 also provides that the Board may by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present name a County road, facility or property after a living individual who “has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community”; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to honor Cipriano and Maria Garza by renaming the South Dade Skills Center the “Cipriano and Maria Garza Skills Center”; and

WHEREAS, Cipriano and Maria Garza have made direct, significant lifetime contributions to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the South Dade Skills Center is located in County Commission District 9,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals, incorporates such recitals into this resolution, and finds that Cipriano and Maria Garza have made direct, significant lifetime contributions to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

Section 2. Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, renames the South Dade Skills Center the “Cipriano and Maria Garza Skills Center.”

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** 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	absent	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	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of May, 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.

MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci