

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(2)

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

DATE: September 4, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Southwest 2nd Avenue
from Southwest 26th Road to
Southwest 27th Road as "Isidor
Cohen Road"

Resolution No. R-714-24

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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9-4-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-714-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 2ND
AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 26TH ROAD TO SOUTHWEST
27TH ROAD AS "ISIDOR COHEN ROAD"

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2024, the City Commission of the City of Miami (the "City") adopted Resolution R-24-0162, which codesignated that portion of Southwest 2nd Avenue from Southwest 26th Road to Southwest 27th Road as "Isidor Cohen Road", in honor of Isidor Cohen's significant contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution R-24-0162 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, Isidor Cohen, born on June 15, 1871, in Kiev, Ukraine, immigrated to the United States in the late 19th century amid political persecution; and

WHEREAS, in 1896, Cohen was instrumental in the incorporation of Miami, actively participating in the foundational election and advocating for the contributions of Black community members; and

WHEREAS, Cohen's establishment of a men's clothing and dry goods business marked the beginning of a long and beneficial involvement in Miami's commercial and cultural development; and

WHEREAS, his service in various influential roles, including multiple presidencies of the Miami Chamber of Commerce and leadership positions in local organizations, significantly shaped Miami's community services; and

WHEREAS, the Cohen family's legacy includes foundational roles in establishing key community institutions such as the Temple Beth David Synagogue, the first Jewish place of worship in Miami; and

WHEREAS, Isidor Cohen's dedication extended through his family, with his wife founding the Jewish Home for the Aged, his daughter establishing the March of Dimes in Miami and contributing to the founding of what is now the Frost Museum of Science, and his grandson serving as the City Attorney for various Miami-Dade County cities and contributing to The Black Archives; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 2nd Avenue from Southwest 26th Road to Southwest 27th Road is a City-maintained road located in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City 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 Isidor Cohen by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of Southwest 2nd Avenue from Southwest 26th Road to Southwest 27th Road as "Isidor Cohen Road"; and

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

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 2nd Avenue from Southwest 26th Road to Southwest 27th Road as "Isidor Cohen Road".

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

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 **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	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 4th day of September, 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.

Luis M. Reyes
Michael J. Mastrucci

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



City of Miami

Resolution R-24-0162

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Legislation

File Number: 15909

Final Action Date: 4/25/2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CODESIGNATING SOUTHWEST 2ND AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 26TH ROAD TO SOUTHWEST 27TH ROAD AS "ISIDOR COHEN ROAD" IN HONOR OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY ISIDOR COHEN TO THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, 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 OFFICES.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Joe Carollo

WHEREAS, Profiles in Black Miami ("PIBM") and The Curtis Foundation ("TCF") have proposed renaming Southwest 2nd Avenue between Southwest 26th Road and Southwest 27th Road as "Isidor Cohen Road" in recognition of his significant contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, despite not being of Black heritage, Isidor Cohen's and his family's contributions significantly influenced the Black community, prompting this recognition; and

WHEREAS, Isidor Cohen, born on June 15, 1871, in Kiev, Ukraine, immigrated to the United States in the late 19th century amid political persecution; and

WHEREAS, Cohen, a Jewish immigrant, found employment with the Flagler organization, which played a pivotal role in the development of Florida's railroad infrastructure, enhancing local economies; and

WHEREAS, in 1896, Cohen was instrumental in the incorporation of Miami, actively participating in the foundational election and advocating for the contributions of Black community members; and

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and contributing to the founding of what is now the Frost Museum of Science, and his grandson serving as City Attorney for various Miami-Dade County cities and contributing to The Black Archives;

WHEREAS, in light of these substantial contributions, the City Commission deems it fitting to honor Isidor Cohen by codesignating Southwest 2nd Avenue as "Isidor Cohen Road";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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 Southwest 2nd Avenue from Southwest 26th Road to Southwest 27th Road as "Isidor Cohen Road," in honor of the contributions made by Cohen to the City.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a 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 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 take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:


George K. Wysocki III, City Attorney 4/16/2024