

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

DATE: October 1, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami Beach's Codesignation of
that portion of 15th Street from
Ocean Drive to Bay Road as
"Mayor Matti Herrera Bower
Way"

Resolution No. R-833-24

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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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10-1-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-833-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF 15TH STREET
FROM OCEAN DRIVE TO BAY ROAD AS "MAYOR MATTI
HERRERA BOWER WAY"

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Miami Beach (the "City") passed Resolution No. 2024-33275 on September 11, 2024, which codesignated that portion of 15th Street from Ocean Drive to Bay Road as "Mayor Matti Herrera Bower Way" in honor of Mayor Matti Herrera Bower ("Mayor Bower"); and

WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments, after serving as a City Commissioner for the City for eight years, Mayor Bower was the first woman and first Hispanic person to serve as the Mayor of the City of Miami Beach from 2007 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career as a public servant, Mayor Bower has been a fierce advocate for quality public education, historic preservation, affordable housing for low-income seniors, and social equality initiatives in the City; and

WHEREAS, with her belief in the importance of community engagement and transparency in government decision-making, Mayor Bower has left a lasting mark on the City; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. 2024-33275 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, that portion of 15th Street from Ocean Drive to Bay Road is a city road located in the City of Miami Beach; and

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

WHEREAS, the City 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 Mayor Bower by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of 15th Street from Ocean Drive to Bay Road as "Mayor Matti Herrera Bower Way",

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 Beach's codesignation of that portion of 15th Street from Ocean Drive to Bay Road as "Mayor Matti Herrera Bower Way".

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

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** 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	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	absent
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of October, 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.

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

Jose I. Ortega

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33275

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS JULY 10, 2024 MEETING, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF 15TH STREET BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND BAY ROAD AS "MAYOR MATTI HERRERA BOWER WAY," SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, at the May 15, 2024 City Commission meeting, an item sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez and co-sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez was referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss the co-naming of 15th Street between Ocean Drive and Bay Road in honor of Mayor Matti Herrera Bower ("Mayor Bower"); and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission adopted an ordinance amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of street in honor of notable women who made significant contributions to the civic and/ or political fabric of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower is the first woman, as well as the first Hispanic, to serve with distinction from 2007 through 2013 as Mayor of Miami Beach, as well as served as a City Commissioner for eight (8) years prior to her period of service as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2024 the Mayor and City Commission adopted an ordinance amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of a street in honor of notable women who made significant contributions to the civic and/ or political fabric of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower's road to community activism began as a Parent-Teacher Association mom, working to save an elementary school from closing; and

WHEREAS, her enthusiasm, innate leadership and charisma led Mayor Bower to become president of the Parent-Teacher Association ("PTA") at three (3) Miami Beach public schools, a decade-long record of service. In the process, she became a leading advocate for quality education in Miami Beach and began a long trajectory of service to Miami Beach's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower served on the Miami-Dade County School Board Attendance to Boundary and Bi-Lingual Education Committees, the Miami Beach Ad Hoc Committee for Quality Education, the Miami Beach Feeder Pattern and Citizen's Advisory Committee, the State of Florida Transition Team task force on Reading and Literacy and championed the expansion of the International Baccalaureate Program to all of Miami Beach's public schools; and

WHEREAS, through her persistent leadership to ensure quality education for every child in Miami Beach, Mayor Bower achieved the citywide implementation of the International Baccalaureate program, thereby allowing for all students to significantly expand their learning opportunities within our City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower was also an instrumental part of the campaign to save the historic Art Deco District in South Beach; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the leadership of her friend Barbara Baer Capitman, Mayor Bower became an early volunteer with the Miami Design Preservation League and served on the Board of Directors for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower advocated for responsible growth management and the creation of historic districts around Miami Beach, including the first and most famous, the Miami Beach Architecture District; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as City Commissioner and Mayor, Mayor Bower helped introduce innumerable ordinances and city code amendments that ushered in the modern era of historic preservation in the City, including championing the amendment to the City's Charter to require voter referendum approval prior to increasing floor area ratios in the City, possibly the single most important piece of growth management legislation in the City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower also helped create affordable housing for low-income elderly and others; and

WHEREAS, to this day, Mayor Bower serves on the Board of Directors of the Miami Beach Housing Authority, which provides quality affordable housing for seniors and others; and

WHEREAS, for many years, she worked closely with Unidad of Miami Beach, Inc., the non-profit community-based organization that operates the North Beach Oceanfront Center and engages in advocacy for seniors, particularly those in the Hispanic community, and provides social services and cultural programming, among other important work performed for the benefit of our entire community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower has supported many social equality initiatives over the years including the adoption of the City's Human Rights Ordinance and the first City-supported gay pride festival and development of the arts, among other causes; and

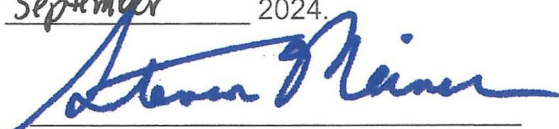
WHEREAS, Mayor Bower has left an indelible mark on the City, not only in her support of many worthy causes over the years, but in terms of her personal touch and her belief in the importance of community engagement and transparency in government decision-making; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bower is a force of nature and a living example of a public servant that has always stayed true to herself, with values that place people above politics; and

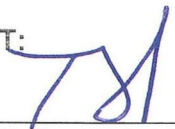
WHEREAS, as 15th Street is a platted, public road, the proposed co-naming must be approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Rule 9.02 of Section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the co-naming of 15th Street between Ocean Drive and Bay Road as "Mayor Matti Herrera Bower Way," subject to final approval of the co-naming by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 2-1, rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of September 2024.


Steven Weiner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Alex J. Fernandez
co-Sponsored by Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

Co-Sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez

Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez

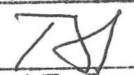


STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

I, RAFAEL E. GRANADO, City Clerk of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this
13 day of SEPT, 2024.




Rafael E. Granado
City Clerk of the City of Miami Beach, Florida

SEP 13 2024

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION


City Attorney

9/31/2024
Date