

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(L)

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 codesignating that
portion of Southwest 137th
Avenue from Southwest 244th
Street to Southwest 248th Street
as “Jose “Rene” Infante Way” by
a three-fifths vote of Board
members present

Resolution No. R-848-24

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

GBK/uw



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 1, 2024

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(L)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 5(L)
10-1-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-848-24

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF
SOUTHWEST 137TH AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 244TH
STREET TO SOUTHWEST 248TH STREET AS “JOSE “RENE”
INFANTE WAY” BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD
MEMBERS PRESENT

WHEREAS, Jose “Rene” Infante (“Infante”) was born on May 20, 1945 in Holguin, Cuba;
and

WHEREAS, as a young teenager, Infante immigrated to the United States of America
through Operation Pedro Pan, a program that relocated thousands of Cuban children in the early
years of the Fidel Castro regime; and

WHEREAS, for two years, Infante lived with the Connors, a wonderful foster family in
Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Infante would then relocate to South Florida where he would become a
successful business owner and active community member; and

WHEREAS, most notably, in 1987, Infante founded the flea market that would eventually
become the Redland Market Village in South Dade; and

WHEREAS, Infante’s flea market grew into a place for locals to create their own small
businesses; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the flea market was destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in 1992;
and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Infante rebuilt his business in its current location, recommitting to
South Dade’s development, knowing the area had great potential; and

WHEREAS, today, Redland Market Village is a South Dade staple, containing an extensive flea market, farmers market, several food trucks, and live entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Infante has also been an incredibly active member of the community, having served on the Economic Development Council of South Miami-Dade board; several boards for the Naranja, Princeton, and Leisure City communities; and the South Corridor Rapid Transit Project Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor Infante by codesignating that portion of Southwest 137th Avenue from Southwest 244th Street to Southwest 248th Street as “Jose “Rene” Infante Way”; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming, or codesignation 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, Infante has made direct, significant lifetime contributions to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 137th Avenue from Southwest 244th Street to Southwest 248th Street is a County-maintained road located within unincorporated Miami-Dade County and County Commission District 8,

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 Jose “Rene” Infante has 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, codesignates that portion of Southwest 137th Avenue from Southwest 244th Street to Southwest 248th Street as “Jose “Rene” Infante Way”.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to 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-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** , 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	absent
Marleine Bastien	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye
Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye
Eileen Higgins	absent
Raquel A. Regalado	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 in dark ink, appearing to be "JO", is written over a horizontal line.

Jose I. Ortega