

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(11)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 4, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
City of South Miami's
codesignation of that portion
of Southwest 63rd Court
from Southwest 64th Street to
Southwest 66th Street as
"Gail Coachman Alexander
Way"

Resolution No. R-221-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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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3-4-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-221-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST
63RD COURT FROM SOUTHWEST 64TH STREET TO
SOUTHWEST 66TH STREET AS "GAIL COACHMAN
ALEXANDER WAY"

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the City Commission of the City of South Miami (the "City") passed Resolution No. 005-25-16297, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, which codesignated that portion of Southwest 63rd Court from Southwest 64th Street to Southwest 66th Street in honor of and after Gail Coachman Alexander; and

WHEREAS, a Miami native, Ms. Alexander was a lifelong educator who was named "Teacher of the Year" four times during her 36-year career at Allapattah Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alexander was a talented artist, locally renowned for her glass art; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alexander was the lead artist and project organizer for the City's newly redesigned Unity Wall, a wall that was once used to divide Black and white residents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alexander passed away on January 19, 2025, at her home in the City; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to recognize Ms. Alexander by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of Southwest 63rd Court from Southwest 64th Street to Southwest 66th Street as "Gail Coachman Alexander Way" in honor of and after Ms. Alexander; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 63rd Court from Southwest 64th Street to Southwest 66th Street is a city-maintained road located in the City and within County Commission District 7; and

WHEREAS, the City would like the County to install signage indicating this codesignation on County street signs and traffic signal mast arms,

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 South Miami's codesignation of that portion of Southwest 63rd Court from Southwest 64th Street to Southwest 66th Street as "Gail Coachman Alexander Way" in honor of and after Gail Coachman Alexander.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the City Commission and City Manager of the City of South 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-Dade County Fire Rescue Department, and the City of South Miami Police Department.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2025. 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.

Brianna E. Donet
Michael J. Mastrucci

RESOLUTION NO. 005-25-16297

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE NAMING OF 63RD COURT FROM SW 64TH STREET TO SW 66TH STREET, IN HONOR OF AND AFTER GAIL COACHMAN ALEXANDER; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; CORRECTIONS; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Gail Coachman Alexander, a City resident, living at 6401 SW 63rd Court, South Miami, Florida, was an artist, educator, and creative spirit known throughout the South Miami community; and

WHEREAS, a four time teacher of the year for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, she served 36 years as an art education teacher culminating with her role as lead instructor and recruitment liaison for Allapattah Middle School's magnet program; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated committee member of the United Survivors, a group of South Miami women who, through friendship and collaboration, worked to bridge the City's racial divides—both seen and unseen—Ms. Alexander further exemplified her commitment to unity and progress; and, as lead artist, she designed the layout for the murals painted on the Unity Wall; and

WHEREAS, although her preferred medium was in glass and she certainly left a legacy of impressive works in that medium, her leadership and painting reflected in the recently reimaged Unity Wall left an indelible contribution to the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alexander enriched the South Miami community through her artistry and mentorship, contributing to the Sensory Lab wall mural, the vibrant wall murals at Murray Park, and leading engaging art classes at the Senior Center, while also actively participating as a dedicated member of the water aerobics group classes held at Murray Park Aquatic Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alexander passed away in January of 2025, at her home in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to name 63rd Court from SW 64th Steet to SW 66th Street in honor of and after Gail Coachman Alexander and host an event in the near future to honor her; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Approving the Naming of the Street in Honor of Gail Coachman Alexander. The City Commission hereby approves the naming of 63rd Court from SW 64th Steet to SW 66th Street in honor of and after Gail Coachman Alexander.

Section 3 Implementation. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

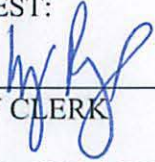
Section 4. Corrections. Conforming language or technical scrivener-type corrections may be made by the City Attorney for any conforming amendments to be incorporated into the final resolution for signature.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND
EXECUTION THEREOF:


WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE
& BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED:


MAYOR

COMMISSION VOTE:	5-0
Mayor Javier Fernández:	Yea
Vice Mayor Brian Corey:	Yea
Commissioner Lisa Bonich:	Yea
Commissioner Steve Calle:	Yea
Commissioner Danny Rodriguez:	Yea