

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(11)

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

DATE: April 1, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Hialeah's codesignation of those
portions of East 4th Avenue from
East Okeechobee Road to East
21st Street and from East 25th
Street to East 65th Street in the
City of Hialeah as "Lincoln
Díaz-Balart Way"

Resolution No. R-334-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.



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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 ____, 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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4-1-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-334-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF HIALEAH'S CODESIGNATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF EAST 4TH AVENUE FROM EAST OKEECHOBEE ROAD TO EAST 21ST STREET AND FROM EAST 25TH STREET TO EAST 65TH STREET IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH AS "LINCOLN DÍAZ-BALART WAY"

WHEREAS, Lincoln Díaz-Balart was born in Havana, Cuba, on August 13, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Díaz-Balart and his family fled Cuba following the communist revolution, ultimately settling in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Díaz-Balart was later elected to both chambers of the Florida Legislature, serving as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1986 to 1989, and a Florida Senator from 1989 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Díaz-Balart then went on to serve as the U.S. representative for Florida's 21st congressional district from 1993 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, during his time in Congress, Díaz-Balart constantly advocated for democracy in Cuba as well as the plight of refugees fleeing repressive regimes; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Díaz-Balart passed away on March 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Lincoln Díaz-Balart's numerous accomplishments and his commitment to the cause of democracy, the City of Hialeah's (the "City") City Council adopted a resolution at the March 25, 2025 City Council meeting—a copy of which is attached hereto, incorporated by reference, and the resolution number for which remains pending—that codesignated that portion of East 4th Avenue from East Okeechobee Road to East 65th Street in the City of Hialeah as "Lincoln Díaz-Balart Way"; and

WHEREAS, those portions of East 4th Avenue from East Okeechobee Road to East 21st Street and from East 25th Street to East 65th Street are city-maintained roads in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, that portion of East 4th Avenue from East 21st Street to East 25th Street is a state-maintained road in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, that portion of East 4th Avenue from East Okeechobee Road to East 65th Street is located partially in County Commission District 6 and partially in County Commission District 13; 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 also wishes to honor Lincoln Díaz-Balart and his contributions to the South Florida community by approving the City's codesignation of those portions of East 4th Avenue from East Okeechobee Road to East 21st Street and from East 25th Street to East 65th Street in the City of Hialeah as "Lincoln Díaz-Balart 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 Hialeah's codesignation of those portions of East 4th Avenue from East Okeechobee Road to East 21st Street and from East 25th Street to East 65th Street in the City of Hialeah as "Lincoln Díaz-Balart Way".

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah, 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 Hialeah Police Department, and the City of Hialeah Fire Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Roberto J. Gonzalez** 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	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

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

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF EAST 4TH AVENUE FROM OKEECHOBEE ROAD TO WEST 65TH STREET AS "LINCOLN DIAZ- BALART WAY", WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the street designation at East 4th Avenue from Okeechobee Road to West 65th Street, Hialeah, Florida as "Lincoln Diaz-Balart Way" in recognition of Lincoln Diaz-Balart, to commemorate Lincoln Diaz-Balart, a Cuban born politician that established himself in American politics as a leading congressional voice for reform in the Cuban government and for immigrants' rights; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Diaz-Balart was a refugee of the 1959 Cuban Revolution. He and his family were able to flee Cuba after their home was burned by pro-Castro forces during the Revolution, and he quickly made a name for himself being elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Diaz-Balart in his time with the Florida Legislature, Lincoln sponsored a multitude of laws from strengthening the sentences for crimes against law enforcement officers to increasing the penalties for drug-related money laundering; and

WHEREAS, in his many years of public service, Lincoln earned a reputation as a skilled politician and legislator who pushed forth many policies centered around promoting freedom and democracy in Cuba; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: On March 17, 2025, the City of Hialeah Historic Preservation Board recommended the approval to designate East 4th Avenue from Okeechobee Road to West 65th Street, Hialeah, Florida as “Lincoln Diaz-Balart Way”, with the cost of signage to be paid by the City, in recognition of Lincoln Diaz-Balart.

Section 3. The Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of Miami-Dade and Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective when approved by majority vote of the City Council Members present at this meeting and signed by the Mayor or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor’s signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor’s veto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Jacqueline Garcia-Roves,
Council President

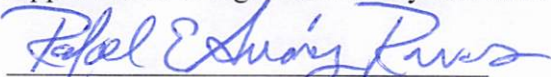
Attest:

Approved on this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr.

Approved as to legal sufficiency and as to form:



Rafael E. Suarez- Rivas, Esq. B.C.S., City Attorney