

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: June 26, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating
Southwest 62nd Avenue from
Southwest 40th Street to
Southwest 44th Street as
“Julio Robaina Way” by a
three-fifths vote of Board
members present

Resolution No. R-592-25

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


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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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6-26-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-592-25

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING SOUTHWEST 62ND
AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 40TH STREET TO
SOUTHWEST 44TH STREET AS “JULIO ROBAINA WAY” BY
A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of South Miami (the “City”) adopted Resolution No. 050-23-15984, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, on May 2, 2023, which approved the codesignation of that portion of Southwest 62nd Avenue from Southwest 40th Street to Southwest 44th Street as “Julio Robaina Way” to take effect upon Julio Robaina’s (“Robaina”) death to honor Robaina posthumously; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission subsequently passed Resolution No. 009-25-16301, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, on February 4, 2025, amending Resolution No. 050-23-15984 to waive the City’s requirement that naming of public property in honor of an individual be done posthumously and to approve the codesignation of that portion of Southwest 62nd Avenue from Southwest 40th Street to Southwest 44th Street as “Julio Robaina Way”; and

WHEREAS, Robaina was born on September 1, 1961, in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Robaina was the first Hispanic elected as Vice Mayor and, from 1998 to 2002, as Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2010, Robaina served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing District 117; and

WHEREAS, Robaina was a zealous advocate for his community and, among other things, a champion for parks; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 62nd Avenue from Southwest 40th Street to Southwest 44th Street is a county-maintained road located in the City within County Commission District 7; 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, Robaina has made direct, significant lifetime contributions to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board also wishes to honor Robaina's contributions to the community by codesignating that portion of Southwest 62nd Avenue from Southwest 40th Street to Southwest 44th Street as "Julio Robaina Way",

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 Julio Robaina 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 62nd Avenue from Southwest 40th Street to Southwest 44th Street as "Julio Robaina Way".

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the City Commission 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, the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, 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 **Juan Carlos Bermudez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of June, 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.

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

Jose I. Ortega

RESOLUTION NO. 050-23-15984

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE NAMING OF 62ND AVENUE BETWEEN 40TH STREET AND 44TH STREET IN HONOR OF JULIO ROBAINA TO BE KNOWN AS “JULIO ROBAINA WAY”; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; TRANSMITTAL; CORRECTIONS; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of South Miami (the “City”) Commission desires to recognize and honor Julio Robaina for his service and contributions to the City; and

WHEREAS, Julio Robaina was the first Hispanic elected as Vice Mayor and later Mayor of the City, as well as the youngest Mayor elected to serve the City; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor for the City, Julio Robaina was the first Mayor to bring national recognition to the City in 2001 by helping the City earn the 2001 All America City Award as one of the Top Ten Cities in the United States to work and live; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Julio Robaina helped secure over \$14 million in funds from the Florida Legislature which the City used for the purchase of land for parks like the All America City Park named after the City’s 2001 award, downtown plumbing infrastructure, water projects, purchase of trees for tree canopies and many other projects; and

WHEREAS, Julio Robaina was the first Mayor to lobby Miami-Dade County to stop rail projects in the abandoned FEC corridor that runs alongside the City and succeeded in creating the first ever linear Park in all of Miami-Dade County, which is now underway, known as the Ludlam Trail; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Julio Robaina secured the initial federal and state funds to start the design and funding for the Ludlam Trail and led the charge to widen the sidewalks along Sunset Drive and bring outdoor dining to the City’s Town Center; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Robaina, the CRA was established to help the slum and blighted area of the City; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Robaina’s leadership, the first multipurpose community center was built at Murray Park; and

• **WHEREAS**, Julio Robaina was the first elected official in the City to move on to higher office as a Florida State Representative, where he helped secure another \$4 to \$5 million dollars for additional projects in the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-10.1 “Guidelines for Naming City Property and Roadways” allows for the naming of public property provided that the person being honored is done so posthumously; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service and contributions to the City, the City Commission desires to name 62nd Avenue between 40th Street and 44th Street (the "City Street") in honor of Julio Robaina, to be known as "Julio Robaina Way," to take effect upon Julio Robaina's death so as to honor him posthumously; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the citizens of the City.

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 City Street in Honor of Julio Robaina. The City Commission hereby approves the naming of the City Street in honor of Julio Robaina as "Julio Robaina Way," to take effect upon Julio Robaina's death so as to honor him posthumously. The City Street shall retain its numerical designation. This designation shall be subject to any necessary coordination with or approval from Miami-Dade County or any other agency with jurisdiction.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution. The appropriate City departments are hereby authorized to erect the necessary street signs, subject to any necessary coordination with or approval from Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. Transmittal. This Resolution shall be transmitted to Miami-Dade County for approval.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

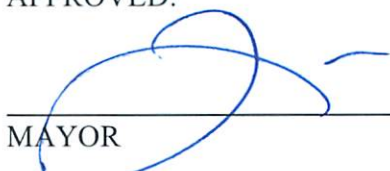
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



MAYOR

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



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

COMMISSION VOTE:	5-0
Mayor Fernández:	Yea
Vice Mayor Bonich:	Yea
Commissioner Calle:	Yea
Commissioner Liebman:	Yea
Commissioner Corey:	Yea

RESOLUTION NO. 009-25-16301

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 050-23-15984 TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE NAMING OF S.W. 62ND AVENUE BETWEEN S.W. 40TH STREET AND S.W. 44TH STREET IN HONOR OF JULIO ROBAINA BE DONE SO POSTHUMOUSLY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; TRANSMITTAL; CORRECTIONS; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2023, the City of South Miami (the “City”) Commission adopted Resolution No. 050-23-15984 approving the naming of S.W. 62nd Avenue between S.W. 40th Street and S.W. 44th Street (the “City Street”) in honor of Julio Robaina, to take effect upon Julio Robaina’s death so as to honor him posthumously; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-10.1(c) of the City Code, titled “Guidelines for Naming City Property and Roadways,” requires that the naming of public property in honor of an individual be done posthumously, unless the City Commission waives this requirement by a four-fifths (4/5) vote following the completion and inclusion of a background check in the backup materials for the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the required background check has been completed and included in the backup materials for this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that waiving the posthumous requirement to honor Julio Robaina during his lifetime is in the best interests of the community and consistent with the intent and purpose of the City’s guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the citizens of the City.

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. Amending Section 2 of Resolution No. 050-23-15984. Section 2 of Resolution No. 2020-005 is hereby amended to read as follows¹:

The City Commission hereby approves the naming of the City Street in honor of Julio Robaina as “Julio Robaina Way,” ~~to take effect upon Julio Robaina’s death so as to honor him posthumously~~ and waives the requirement of Section 17-10.1

¹ Coding: ~~Strikethrough words~~ are deletions to the existing words. Underlined words are additions to the existing words.

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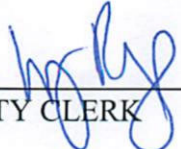
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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 2025.

ATTEST:



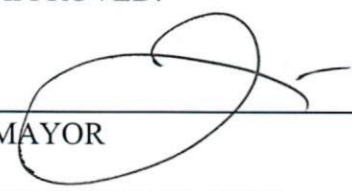
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READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND
EXECUTION THEREOF:



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

APPROVED:



MAYOR

COMMISSION VOTE:	4-1
Mayor Javier Fernández:	Yea
Vice Mayor Brian Corey:	Yea
Commissioner Steve Calle:	Yea
Commissioner Lisa Bonich:	Nay
Commissioner Danny Rodriguez:	Yea