

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

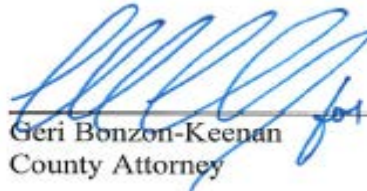
DATE: July 1, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Southwest 9th Avenue
from Southwest 12th Avenue to
Southwest 26th Road as "Fr.
Juan M. Lopez Way"

Resolution No. R-629-25

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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7-1-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-629-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 9TH
AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 12TH AVENUE TO
SOUTHWEST 26TH ROAD AS "FR. JUAN M. LOPEZ WAY"

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, the City of Miami (the "City") passed Resolution No. R-25-0158, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, which codesignated that portion of Southwest 9th Avenue from Southwest 12th Avenue to Southwest 26th Road as "Fr. Juan M. Lopez Way"; and

WHEREAS, as referenced in the City Resolution, Father Juan M. Lopez was a priest at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Parish since 1988, serving as an administrator and then as pastor until his retirement in 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Spain, Father Lopez served at parishes across Miami-Dade County since his arrival in South Florida in 1964; and

WHEREAS, the City Resolution emphasizes Father Lopez's service, compassion, and dedication to his parish community in times of both joy and tragedy; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to recognize Father Lopez by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of Southwest 9th Avenue from Southwest 12th Avenue to Southwest 26th Road as "Fr. Juan M. Lopez Way"; and

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

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 9th Avenue from Southwest 12th Avenue to Southwest 26th Road is a city-maintained road located in the City; and

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

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’s codesignation of that portion of Southwest 9th Avenue from Southwest 12th Avenue to Southwest 26th Road as “Fr. Juan M. Lopez Way”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of 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 Resources Department, the City of Miami Police Department, and the City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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
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	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of July, 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 blue ink, appearing to read "BED", is written over a horizontal line.

Brianna E. Donet



**City of Miami
Certified Copy**

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File Number: 17506

Enactment Number: R-25-0158

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS AFFIRMATIVE (4/5THS) VOTE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CITY CODE"), WAIVING THE RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO STREET RENAMING CONTAINED THEREIN, CODESIGNATING SOUTHWEST 9TH AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 12TH AVENUE TO SOUTHWEST 26 ROAD AS "FR. JUAN M. LOPEZ WAY" IN HONOR OF FATHER JUAN M. LOPEZ'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF MIAMI, THE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY, AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Joe Carollo

WHEREAS, Father Juan M. Lopez ("Father Lopez") was the Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Parish located at 900 Southwest 26th Road, Miami, Florida in the "Roads" community, where he began as an administrator in 1988 and then Pastor until his retirement in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Father Lopez was born in Medina de Pomar, Burgos, Spain, and studied at the Seminario Metropolitano in Burgos for ten (10) years and at the Colegio Teológico Hispano Americano for two (2) more years before being ordained on June 24, 1962, for the Archdiocese of Burgos, Spain; and

WHEREAS, Father Lopez arrived in South Florida in September, 1964 and served as parochial vicar at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish, Miami Shores (1964-66 and 1970-71), St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish, Miami (1966-67), St. Mary Cathedral Catholic Parish, Miami (1967-69), St. Brendan Catholic Parish, Miami (1969-70), and Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish, Hialeah (1971-73); and

WHEREAS, in June 1973, Father Lopez was named administrator of St. Ann Catholic Mission in Naranja, where he served until June 1983, when he was named administrator of St. Raymond Catholic Parish in Miami; and

WHEREAS, in April 1988, Father Lopez was named to his post as administrator and then pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Parish, Miami; and

WHEREAS, Father Lopez was a Priest of service and compassion, tending to his parish community as if all were his family, always available in times of crisis and tribulation; and

WHEREAS, Father Lopez was dedicated to providing solace through prayer and support for families dealing with tragedy, and during his tenure at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Parish,

he annually organized a parish festival to bring the children and community together for fun and food; and

WHEREAS, Father Lopez was a true Servant of God, devoted to pleasing Him, zealous for the gospel, and committed to bringing the Word of God to his parish community, both in word and action; and

WHEREAS, after sixty (60) years as a priest, including thirty-four (34) years at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Father Lopez retired in 2022 and returned to his ancestral homeland and family in Spain; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 14317, adopted on September 26, 2024, provides that the restrictions related to street co-designations, including the restriction on renaming named streets, contained in Section 54-137 of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida ("City Code"), may be waived by a four-fifths (4/5ths) affirmative vote of the City Commissioners, or an unanimous vote of the quorum that exists because of either abstentions or vacancies resulting from resignation, death, suspension, or physical incapacitation;

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

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

Section 2. By a four-fifths (4/5ths) affirmative vote of the City Commissioners, or an unanimous vote of the quorum that exists because of either abstentions or vacancies resulting from resignation, death, suspension, or physical incapacitation, the restrictions contained in Section 54-137 of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida ("City Code") related to street co-designations, including the restriction on codesignating numbered streets with the names of living individuals, are waived.

Section 3. The Miami City Commission hereby codesignates Southwest 9th Avenue from Southwest 12th Avenue to Southwest 26 Road as "Fr. Juan M. Lopez Way" in honor of his dedicated service and lasting impact on the community.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works; the Miami-Dade County Commissioner of District 5; the United States Postal Service; and, if a State of Florida road, to the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, for sign installation within the newly designated roadway.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DATE:	4/24/2025
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Joe Carollo, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Damian Pardo, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, Miguel Angel Gabela, Damian Pardo

I, Todd B. Hannon, City Clerk of the City of Miami, Florida, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that this constitutes a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-25-0158, passed by the City Commission on 4/24/2025.



City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk
(for Todd B. Hannon, City
Clerk)

May 5, 2025

Date Certified