

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

DATE: September 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami Beach's codesignation of
that portion of 12th Street from
Ocean Drive to Washington
Avenue as "Naomi Wilzig Way"

Resolution No. R-804-25

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



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(Revised)

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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)
9-3-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-804-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF 12TH STREET
FROM OCEAN DRIVE TO WASHINGTON AVENUE AS
"NAOMI WILZIG WAY"

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Miami Beach (the "City") passed Resolution No. 2024-33217 on July 24, 2024, which codesignated that portion of 12th Street from Ocean Drive to Washington Avenue as "Naomi Wilzig Way" in honor of Naomi Wilzig ("Wilzig"), an internationally renowned art collector who made significant contributions to the City's arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Wilzig was born on December 5, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Wilzig became a collector of erotic art and the founder and director of the World Erotic Art Museum, which opened in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Wilzig passed away on April 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. 2024-33217 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, that portion of 12th Street from Ocean Drive to Washington Avenue is a city road located in the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 5; 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 would also like to honor Wilzig by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of 12th Street from Ocean Drive to Washington Avenue as "Naomi Wilzig Way",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

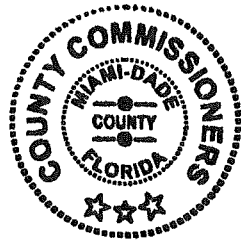
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami Beach’s codesignation of that portion of 12th Street from Ocean Drive to Washington Avenue as “Naomi Wilzig Way”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor of the City of Miami Beach, the members of the Miami Beach City Commission, 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 Beach Police Department, and the Miami Beach Fire Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** 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	absent
Sen. René García	absent	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 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, likely of Jose I. Ortega, is written over a horizontal line.

Jose I. Ortega

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33217

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, CO-NAMING OF 12TH STREET BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND WASHINGTON AVENUE AS "NAOMI WILZIG WAY," SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, at the October 18, 2023 City Commission meeting, an item sponsored by Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez and co-sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez was referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss the co-naming of 12th Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue in honor of Naomi Wilzig, an American erotic art collector and the founder and director of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, along with any amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code that may be required to accomplish the co-naming; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2024 the Mayor and City Commission adopted an ordinance amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of a street in honor of a deceased internationally renowned art collector who significantly contributed to the City's arts and culture, such as Naomi Wilzig; and

WHEREAS, Naomi Wilzig was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1934 and in the early 1950s she married Siggie Wilzig, an Auschwitz survivor and an early leader of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, as well as president of the Trust Company of New Jersey until his death in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Wilzig began collecting erotic art for herself, and between 2003 and 2005 she accumulated more than 4,000 pieces from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Wilzig's personal collection became the base of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, which opened in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Wilzig was honored with the Key to the City of Miami Beach. In 2011, the City of Miami Beach proclaimed October 16 "World Erotic Art Museum Day" in honor of Wilzig's museum's fifth anniversary; and

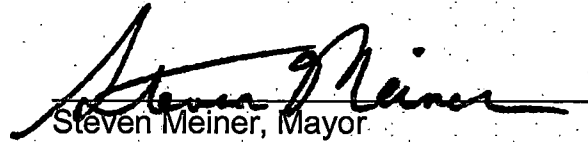
WHEREAS, in 2011, the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality presented Wilzig with "Doctor of Arts Honors Causa Sexuality/Erotology"; and

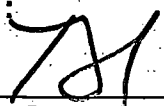
WHEREAS, on October 16, 2011, the City issued a proclamation declaring it "Naomi Wilzig Day" at her public investiture of her doctorate degree ceremony; and

WHEREAS, as 12th Street is a platted, public road, the proposed co-naming must be approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Rule 9.02 of Section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the co-naming of 12th Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue as "Naomi Wilzig Way," subject to final approval of the co-naming by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 2-1, rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24 day of July 2024.


Steven Weiner, Mayor

ATTEST:  JUL 30 2024

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



(sponsored by Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez
Co-sponsored by Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

 7/10/2024
City Attorney Date

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 24, 2024 1:35 p.m. Public Hearing

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF 12TH STREET BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND WASHINGTON AVENUE AS "NAOMI WILZIG WAY," SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") adopt the Resolution (Attachment A) pursuant to the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or "Committee").

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On September 2, 2023, the Miami Beach Commission for Women unanimously passed a motion recommending that the City of Miami Beach ("City") co-designate City streets in honor of women who have significantly impacted the City's history and culture. The recommendation was transmitted via Letter to Commission (LTC) No. 415-2023. Among recommended candidates, the Commission for Women recommended Naomi Wilzig, American erotic art collector and the founder and director of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, Florida.

At the October 18, 2023 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Laura Dominguez referred a discussion item (C4 D) regarding the co-naming of a portion of 12 Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue, in honor of Naomi Wilzig to the PSNQLC (Attachment B) along with any amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code which may be required to accomplish the co-naming.

As noted in the attached referral memorandum, Naomi Wilzig was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1934. In the early 1950s she married Siggi Wilzig, an Auschwitz survivor and an early leader of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, as well as president of the Trust Company of New Jersey until his death in 2003. In 1983, Ms. Wilzig began collecting erotic art for herself. Between 2003 and 2005 she accumulated more than 4,000 pieces from around the world. Ms. Wilzig's personal art collection became the base of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, which opened in 2005.

In 2006, Ms. Wilzig was honored with a Key to the City. In 2011, the City proclaimed October 16 "World Erotic Art Museum Day" in honor of Ms. Wilzig's museum's fifth anniversary. In 2011, the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality presented Ms. Wilzig with "Doctor of Arts Honors

Causa Sexuality/Erotology." On October 16, 2011, the City issued a proclamation declaring it "Naomi Wilzig Day" at her public investiture of her doctorate degree ceremony.

ANALYSIS

Under existing criteria in Section 82-503 of the City Code, City streets may only be co-named in honor of (1) Miami Beach police officers who died or were killed in the line of duty; (2) a public facility located on the street to be co-named; (3) private not-for-profit organizations with significant historic value to the city and associated with structures which have a significant historical value or architectural significance to the city; (4) geographic areas within the city; and (5) a commercial establishment that has been in business in the City of Miami Beach for 100 or more years and which is located on the street to be co-named.

Whenever a request is made to co-name streets, or portions thereof, in the City, Section 82-503(c)(2) of the City Code requires the sponsor to submit the proposal in writing to an appropriate committee (in this case, PSNQLC), which shall include the following: (1) the street, or portion thereof, to be co-named; (2) the proposed co-name of the street, or portion thereof; (3) the reason for the request; and (4) a factual summary confirming that the proposed person falls under the specific criteria outlined in subsection 82-503(c)(1)(a) of the City Code.

Pursuant to the City Code, in order to co-name a street in the City in honor of Naomi Wilzig, the PSNQLC must first recommend an amendment to Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of streets in honor of a notable woman who has significantly impacted the City's civic, cultural, or political fabric. The PSNQLC's recommendation would need to be accepted by the City Commission via a duly noticed public hearing and a resolution. Subsequently, City Commission adoption of an amendment to the City's co-naming ordinance (which requires two readings) is required to include the additional criteria. Once the Code amendment has been adopted by the City Commission, the PSNQLC may consider and recommend co-naming a City street in honor of Naomi Wilzig, which also requires a City Commission resolution.

At the February 14, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee reviewed this co-naming proposal and unanimously recommended an amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code to create the criteria for the co-naming of a City street in honor of a notable woman who has significantly impacted the City's arts and culture.

On June 26, 2024, the City Commission approved an ordinance, on First Reading, amending Section 82-503, Subsections (c)(1)(a) and (c)(2)(a) of the City Code authorizing the adoption of limited, additional criteria allowing for the co-naming of a City street in honor of a deceased internationally renowned art collector who significantly contributed to the City's arts and culture.

During the July 24, 2024 City Commission meeting, the City Commission will consider, on Second Reading, an amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code (Attachment B) which includes the following additional specific criteria outlined in subsection 82-503(c)(1)(a)(14) of the City Code: "Deceased internationally renowned art collector who significantly contributed to the City's arts and culture." Once the proposed ordinance amendment is adopted by the City Commission on Second Hearing, the City Commission may adopt this Resolution to co-name 12 Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue as "Naomi Wilzig Way".

Following City Commission approval on July 24, 2024, the proposed co-naming would need to be sponsored by a Miami-Dade County Commissioner and approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") via a resolution.

Subsequent to BCC approval, the City's Transportation and Mobility Department staff would coordinate with Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") staff on the fabrication and installation of the new street co-name signs.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The cost of fabricating and installing standard street co-designation signs along 12 Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue is nominal and included in the Transportation and Mobility Department's Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget. The sign fabrication and installation work would be performed by DTPW; and the City would reimburse DTPW for the costs incurred.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on . See BIE at:
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

Should the City Commission accept the recommendation of the PSNQLC and approve by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, a Resolution approving the co-naming of 12 Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue as "Naomi Wilzig Way", and subject to 1) City Commission adoption of a proposed ordinance amendment on Second Reading during the July 24, 2024 City Commission meeting; and 2) final approval of the street co-naming by resolution of the BCC, the Administration will coordinate with DTPW on the manufacturing and installation of the new street co-designation signs.

Applicable Area

South Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

Department

Transportation and Mobility

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez
DATE: October 18, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE MIAMI BEACH COMMISSION FOR WOMAN'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CO-NAMING A CITY STREET IN HONOR OF NAOMI WILZIG.

ANALYSIS

On September 2, 2023, the Miami Beach Commission for Women passed a unanimous motion recommending that the City co-designate City streets in honor of women who have significantly impacted the City's history and culture, and the recommendation was transmitted via LTC No. 415-2023. Among recommended candidates, the Commission for Women recommended Naomi Wilzig, American erotic art collector and the founder and director of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, Florida.

I would like to refer the above-referenced item to Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (the "Committee") to consider the co-naming of the portion of 12th Street located between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue, in honor of Naomi Wilzig, along with any amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code which may be required to accomplish the naming.

Ms. Wilzig was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1934. In the early 1950s she married Siggie Wilzig, an Auschwitz survivor and an early leader of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, as well as president of the Trust Company of New Jersey until his death in 2003. In 1983 Ms. Wilzig began collecting erotic art for herself. Between 2003 and 2005 she accumulated more than 4,000 pieces from around the world. Her personal collection became the base of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, which opened in 2005.

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ceremony.

In order to co-name a City street in honor of notable women who made lasting and significant contributions to the City of Miami Beach community through arts and culture, the adoption of the limited, additional co-naming criteria is required.

I respectfully submit that Naomi Wilzig is worthy of our consideration for a naming opportunity to mark her contributions to Miami Beach as a music destination, and I urge my colleagues to support this item.

Should you have any questions or concerns about any of the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

**Is this a "Residents Right
to Know" item, pursuant to
City Code Section 2-14?**

No

**Does this Item utilize G.O.
Bond Funds?**

No

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Sponsor

Co-sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez