

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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, AT ITS JULY 10, 2024 MEETING, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF 9TH STREET BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND WEST AVENUE AS "COMMISSIONER NANCY LIEBMAN 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 May 15, 2024 City Commission meeting, an item sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss the co-naming of 9th Street between Ocean Drive and West Avenue in honor Commissioner Nancy Liebman; 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 street in honor of notable women who made significant contributions to the civic and/ or political fabric of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Liebman has been a force of nature in her roles as City Commissioner, preservationist, and activist. While Commissioner Liebman may be best known in the City for the eight (8) years she served on the City Commission and for her tireless work with historic preservation, she also co-founded the only citywide residents' advocacy group, Miami Beach United, in 2012, where she served as president for several years; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Liebman's first brush with historic preservation came in 1978, when, as a Miami Beach Parent-Teacher Association president, Commissioner Liebman became involved in a fight to protect the Leroy D. Feinberg Elementary School in South Beach from demolition. Saving the architecturally notable old school put Commissioner Liebman in contact with Barbara Baer Capitman, founder of the Miami Design Preservation League ("MDPL" or "League"); and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Liebman joined MDPL and became fascinated by the pioneering movement to preserve South Beach's unique Art Deco architecture as a result of the MDPL's efforts that the South Beach Art Deco district was designated as a National Register District in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, while Commissioner Liebman was MDPL's Executive Director, the League was able to convince the City Commission to designate the entire one-square mile area of South Beach as a local historic district, giving the area additional protection under local preservation laws; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Commissioner Liebman also successfully advocated for and secured the approval from the City's Planning Board and City Commission, despite a previous 6-1 vote against, to add a Historic Planning seat on the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Liebman was first elected to the City Commission in 1993, where she served until 2001 as she continued to support historic preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, when the City of Miami designated the Miami Modern ("MiMo") Biscayne Boulevard Historic District, Commissioner Liebman and a few other preservationists assisted the City of Miami's Upper East Side community with their historic preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the MiMo Biscayne Association was formed in 2007, and Commissioner Liebman served as President for several years until she stepped down to serve on the City's Historic Preservation Board from 2016 through 2022, leading in a number of enhancements which continue to be implemented to this day; and

WHEREAS, as 9th 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 9th Street Between Ocean Drive and West Avenue as "Commissioner Nancy Liebman 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 ____ day of _____ 2024.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

9/3/2024

Date