

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

NO. LTC #

495-2024

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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DATE: November 8, 2024

SUBJECT: **HISPANIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MOTION**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Commission of the following Motion passed by the Hispanic Affairs Committee at their August 8, 2024 meeting:

Members present:

Carmen Datorre, Elba Machado, Rosary Plana Falero, Gustavo Briand, and Natasha Fernandez

Members absent: Julian Linares

Staff Present: Leonor Hernandez, Commission Liaison

MOTION:

Motion to support the acceptance of the donation of a bust of Don Jose de San Martin, liberator of Argentina, Chile and Peru, to be placed at Collins Park among the other busts at that location and to be placed on a pedestal similar to the one from Benito Juarez, or in the alternative, to be placed at a strategic location in North Beach such as the plaza of the Normandy Fountain or other location in North Beach where the City Administration and City Commission agree to. (See attached LTC021-2024 previously sent on this request).

Motion made by Gustavo Briand

Motion seconded by Carmen Datorre

Motion unanimously approved by all members present

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Don Jose de San Martin Fact Sheet

- Regarded as a national hero of Argentina, Chile, and Peru.
- Birth: February 25, 1778, Yapeyú, Viceroyalty of the Río de la Plata (modern-day Argentina)
- Death: August 17, 1850, Boulogne-sur-Mer, France
- Nationality: Argentine
- Significant Contributions to Argentina:
 1. Military Leadership: San Martín was a skilled military commander and strategist. He played a pivotal role in the Argentine War of Independence and was one of the principal leaders in the fight for liberation from Spanish colonial rule.
 2. Army of the North: San Martín organized and led the Army of the North, which fought against Spanish forces in the northern regions of Argentina. The most notable victory was the Battle of San Lorenzo in 1813, a significant step towards Argentine independence.
 3. Respect for Civilian Rule: San Martín was a staunch supporter of civilian rule and constitutional government. After securing independence in Argentina and other South American nations, he willingly resigned his command and withdrew from direct involvement in politics and governance, setting an important precedent for democratic transition.
 4. Legacy: San Martín's legacy is celebrated in Argentina, where he is considered one of the nation's founding fathers and is often referred to as "The Liberator." His contributions to Argentina's independence continue to be an integral part of the country's history and identity.

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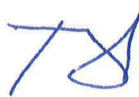
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
NO. LTC #

LETTER TO COMMISSION

021-2024

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



DATE: January 19, 2024

SUBJECT: **HISPANIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MOTIONS**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Commission of the following Motions passed by the Hispanic Affairs Committee during the July 13, 2023 and December 12, 2023 meetings:

July 13, 2023 Meeting:

Communications – QR Codes

Motion:

The Hispanic Affairs Committee, in light of the continued growth of the monuments of historical Hispanic figures at Collins Park, would like to urge the Commission to consider and recommend the addition of QR codes on the monuments that would provide information on each historic figure/bust and their respective significance. The link should provide information as to each figure, the provenance of the creation of the bust, and the historical background of the artist.

Motion made by Elba Machado

Motion Seconded by Gustavo Briand

The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

Members Present: Rosary Plana Falero, Carmen Datorre, Gustavo Briand, Elba Machado, Atiosis Blanco

Members Absent: Liliana Martinez, Julian Linares

Staff Present: Leonor Hernandez, City Liaison

December 12, 2023 Meeting:

Adult Education

Motion made at the request of School Board Member Lucia Baez and discussion among the committee members, to recommend to the City Commission to explore ways to expand existing program for adult education at Fienberg Fisher Elementary School, in that school or any other location or any other public school within the City of Miami Beach having availability.

Expanding programs for adult education offered in our City will help our residents to improve job market opportunities.

Motion made by Elba Machado and Atiosis Blanco

Unanimously approved by all members present.

Members Present: Rosary Plana Falero, Carmen Datorre, Gustavo Briand, Elba Machado, Liliana Martinez, Atiosis Blanco, Julian Linares

Staff Present: Leonor Hernandez, City Liaison

Private Parking Lot Signage

Motion to recommend to the City Commission to address private parking lots' current signage to clearly differentiate from City public parking (including but not limited to color, font size, messaging, etc.). Also, specify in the sign that Citywide and a disabled parking permit are not honored and require payment. Especially, because the current signage has impacted the most vulnerable members of our community, our elderly residents, and residents with disabilities.

Motion made by Julian Linares and seconded by Gustavo Briand.

Unanimously approved by all members present.

Members Present: Rosary Plana Falero, Carmen Datorre, Gustavo Briand, Elba Machado, Liliana Martinez, Atiosis Blanco, Julian Linares

Staff Present: Leonor Hernandez, City Liaison

Don Jose de San Martin Bust

To recommend to the City Commission, that in order to honor City residents representing the communities of Argentina, Chile, and Peru, install a bust of General Don Jose de San Martin at Collins Park.

Motion made by Gustavo Briand and Seconded by Elba Machado.

Unanimously approved by all members present.

Members Present: Rosary Plana Falero, Carmen Datorre, Gustavo Briand, Elba Machado, Liliana Martinez, Atiosis Blanco, Julian Linares

Staff Present: Leonor Hernandez, City Liaison

CC: Marcia Monserrat, Chief of Staff
Members of the Hispanic Affairs Committee

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