

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024 First Reading

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 82 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED "PUBLIC PROPERTY," BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS," BY AMENDING SECTION 82-503 THEREOF, ENTITLED "NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES; CO-NAMING AND RE-NAMING OF STREETS," BY AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (C)(1)(A) AND (C)(2)(A) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CO-NAMING OF STREETS IN HONOR OF A NOTABLE WOMAN FIGURE WHO MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, OR POLITICAL FABRIC OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; PROVIDING SUNSET PROVISIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Ordinance was prepared at the request of Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez and Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez for consideration at the May 15, 2024 City Commission meeting.

At the October 18, 2023 City Commission meeting, two items sponsored by Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez and co-sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez were 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 and 13th Street between Ocean Drive and Meridian Avenue in honor Gloria Estefan, respectively, along with any amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code that may be required to accomplish the co-naming.

Both items were discussed at the February 14, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, and received favorable recommendations to the City Commission to proceed with both co-naming and necessary amendments to Section 82-503(c)(1 ) of the City Code with a sunset date.

Similarly, at the February 21, 2024 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt referred an item to the PSNQLC to discuss a motion by the Miami Beach Commission for Women (the "Commission"), citing lack of streets co-named after women in the City, and providing a list of seven (7) noteworthy candidates for consideration for co-naming of additional City streets in honor of women who have significantly impacted the City's civic and political life.

At the April 17, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee discussed the Commission's motion, agreeing that the City could benefit from uplifting and honoring more women who have contributed to the history of the City.

Commissioner Alex Fernandez proposed former Miami Beach Mayor Matt Bower, and Commissioner Bhatt proposed former City Commissioner Nancy Liebman, respectively, as examples of other women who could be candidates for street co-designations.

Under existing criteria in Section 82-503 of the City Code, City streets may only be co named 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; or (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.

In order to co-name a City street in honor of a notable woman figure who made significant contributions to the civic, cultural, or political fabric of Miami Beach, the adoption of the limited, additional co-naming criteria set forth herein is required.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

No

**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):

### **Department**

City Attorney

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

### **Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez  
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt