

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
DATE: October 30, 2024
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE NAMING OF 4TH STREET IN HONOR OF ROBERT RAVEN KRAFT.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

I would like to propose to co-name 4th Street in honor of Robert Raven Kraft and request that the Committee provide its advisory recommendation to the full City Commission for consideration and approval, subject to a public hearing and a 5/7th vote, along with any amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code that may be required to accomplish the naming.

Whenever a request is made to co-name streets or portions thereof, 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, the 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.

Robert "Raven" Kraft has achieved an extraordinary feat, and this year on December 30th Robert will be celebrating running daily on the same path for 50 years on Miami Beach without missing a single day. Over the course of his streak, he has covered more than 145,000 miles. Ranked 6th globally by the United States Streak Runners' Association, Raven's dedication has drawn over 3,700 runners from around the world to join him for his signature 8-mile run. Not only does he track their runs and award nicknames, but he also fosters a strong sense of community, having inspired runners from all 50 states and 100 countries to participate. His impact goes beyond running, Raven has performed 17 water rescues in Miami Beach, and has encouraged people of all abilities, including those battling serious health conditions, to take part in his runs. Raven's journey has been widely featured in national and international media, inspiring countless individuals to get active and live healthier lives.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

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):

Department

Office of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Name 4th Street in Honor of Robert Raven Kraft. (Rosen Gonzalez/Dominguez/Bhatt/Magazine)