

C7 AL A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, HONORING THE MEMORY OF FORMER MIAMI BEACH MAYOR ARNOLD ALEX DAOUD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ARRANGE FOR A CELEBRATION OF LIFE CEREMONY AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE COMMUNITY'S DEEP APPRECIATION AND RESPECT FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: March 19, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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?**

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 Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Celebration of Life of Former Mayor Arnold Alex Daoud. (Rosen Gonzalez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach wish to acknowledge and express their appreciation of former Mayor Arnold Alex Daoud for his dedicated service to the citizens and community of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daoud was an esteemed American attorney, politician, and author who dedicated his life to public service, serving as the Mayor of Miami Beach, Florida, from 1985 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, his grandparents were Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic immigrants from Lebanon, with his mother being the youngest woman to pass the New York bar exam in the early 1920s, and his father an antiques dealer who moved the family from New York to Florida during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Alex Daoud began his career in public service as a Miami City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Miami Beach City Commission in 1979 and was re-elected in 1981 and 1983; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, he became the first Roman Catholic elected as Mayor of Miami Beach, and he was re-elected in 1987 with eighty-six percent of the popular vote; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daoud was re-elected in 1989 to an unprecedented third consecutive term, making him the first mayor in City history to serve five or more consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, he played a role in the transformation of Miami Beach into a world-renowned vacation and nightlife destination; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, he published *Sins of South Beach: The True Story of Corruption, Violence, Murder and the Making of Miami Beach*, an autobiographical account of Miami Beach in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to recognize the life and contributions of Mr. Daoud, and celebrate him for his dedication to public service, his historical leadership, and his role in shaping the vibrant City of Miami Beach.

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 honor the memory of former Miami Beach Mayor Arnold Alex Daoud, and direct the City Administration to arrange for a celebration of life ceremony as an expression of the community's deep appreciation and respect for his contributions.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney RA

3/17/2025

Date