

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:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION



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City Attorney RA

3/17/2025

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Date