

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A BUST OF GENERAL DON JOSE DE SAN MARTIN AT THE NORMANDY FOUNTAIN PLAZA
Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: June 11, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A BUST OF GENERAL DON JOSE DE SAN MARTIN AT THE NORMANDY FOUNTAIN PLAZA

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that while the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee evaluates the installation of a bust of General Don Jose De San Martin at the Normandy Fountain, it also carefully considers several critical factors that will significantly impact the General Fund budget, beginning in FY 2026:

1. The City's increasing unfunded capital improvement program.
2. Long-term General Fund financial projections indicating a potential shortfall in upcoming fiscal years.
3. The passage of Amendment 5 in November 2024, which increases the homestead exemption and further constrains the growth of taxable property values.

These considerations are essential to ensure that decisions regarding the installation of a bust of General Don Jose De San Martin at the Normandy Fountain align with the City's broader long-term financial stability and strategic priorities. If the Committee recommends funding the installation of a bust of General Don Jose De San Martin at the Normandy Fountain, the Administration recommends it be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the January 16, 2024 Hispanic Affairs Committee meeting, a motion was made recommending that in order to honor City residents representing the communities of Argentina, Chile, and Peru, the City should install a bust of General Don José de San Martin, at Collins Park. (Exhibit A).

At the August 8, 2024 Hispanic Affairs Committee meeting, another motion was made supporting the acceptance and donation of a bust of General Don José de San Martin, the 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. (Exhibit B)

During the February 3, 2025 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC"), to discuss an installation of a bust of General Don José de San Martin at the Normandy Fountain Plaza. (Exhibit C)

Whenever there is a proposal to establish a monument or memorial on public property in the City, Section 82-504 of the City Code requires the sponsor to place the proposal as a referral to an appropriate committee.

ANALYSIS

General Don José de San Martín is a revered figure in the history of Argentina, Chile, and Peru, recognized for his pivotal role in the independence movements of these nations, and his legacy continues to inspire generations. The Normandy Fountain Plaza serves as a central location within our City and provides an ideal setting for the installation of a bust that reflects the diversity and heritage of our community, particularly given the concentration of residents of South American descent who live, work, and play in the North Beach area.

The installation of a bust of General Don José de San Martín at the Normandy Fountain Plaza would not only pay tribute to his significant contributions to the cause of freedom and independence, but also serves as a symbol of unity, diversity, and inclusivity within our City.

The bust is currently in Peru, and as of the time of this memo, its estimated arrival in Miami Beach remains unknown. The estimated cost to produce and install the bust, accompanying plaque, and supporting pedestal is between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Not to exceed \$35,000.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on .

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

The Administration supports the installation of a memorial bust of General Don José De San Martin at the Normandy Fountain Plaza.

Applicable Area

South Beach

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 Manager

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

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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,

Alois 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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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 

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 Datome, 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 Datome
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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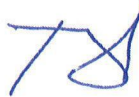
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Motion made by Elba Machado

Motion Seconded by Gustavo Briand

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Motion made by Elba Machado and Alosis Blanco
Unanimously approved by all members present.
Members Present: Rosary Piana Falero, Carmen Datome, Gustavo Brand, Elba Machado,
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Motion made by Julian Linares and seconded by Gustavo Brand.
Unanimously approved by all members present.
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Don Jose de San Martin Bust

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Motion made by Gustavo Brand and Seconded by Elba Machado.
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Liliana Martinez, Alosis 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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COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION REGARDING AN INSTALLATION OF A BUST OF
GENERAL DON JOSE DE SAN MARTIN AT THE NORMANDY FOUNTAIN PLAZA.
Applicable Area:



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION REGARDING AN INSTALLATION OF A BUST OF GENERAL DON JOSE DE SAN MARTIN AT THE NORMANDY FOUNTAIN PLAZA.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place on the February 3, 2025 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (the “Committee”) to discuss an installation of a bust of General Don Jose de San Martin at the Normandy Fountain Plaza.

At its January 16, 2025 meeting, the City’s Hispanic Affairs Committee made a motion recommending that the City install a bust of General Don Jose de San Martin, Liberator of Argentina, Chile and Peru, at the Normandy Fountain Plaza to honor City residents representing the communities of Argentina, Chile, and Peru.

Whenever there is a proposal to establish a monument or memorial on public property in the City, Section 82-504 of the City Code requires the sponsor to place the proposal as a referral to an appropriate committee (in this case, the PSNQLC).

General Don José de San Martín is a revered figure in the history of Argentina, Chile, and Peru, recognized for his pivotal role in the independence movements of these nations, and his legacy continues to inspire generations. The Normandy Fountain Plaza serves as a central location within our City and provides an ideal setting for the installation of a bust that reflects the diversity and heritage of our community, particularly given the concentration of residents of South American descent who live, work and play in the North Beach area.

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ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NA

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

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

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Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Install Bust of General Don Jose De San Martin at Normandy Fountain Plaza.
(Rosen Gonzalez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

Exhibit D - Bust of General Don José de San Martín



