

C7 Z A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE HALL OF FAME NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 2023 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE; AND FURTHER INCLUDE A RESTRICTION TO PRECLUDE NOMINATIONS FROM TAKING PLACE ON THE DAY OF VOTING BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

Applicable Area:



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 24, 2024

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends the Mayor and City Commission adopt the resolution to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to approve amendments to the Hall of Fame nomination requirements as recommended by the 2023 Hall of Fame Committee and further include a restriction to preclude nominations from taking place on the day of voting by the City Commission.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

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**ANALYSIS**

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At the September 13, 2023, Commission meeting, the Administration presented recommendations made by the 2023 Hall of Fame Selection Committee for future Hall of Fame cycles. The Commission referred the following recommendations for process review to the PSNQLC:

- Delete criteria requiring at least one posthumous honor.
- Submitters should be allowed to select multiple categories of expertise on the application form.
- Include additional criteria for ineligibility as follows: No family members of sitting elected or appointed public officials shall be eligible for nomination; a moratorium for a period of three (3) years after leaving office shall be placed on the nomination of family members of elected and appointed officials.
- Include a preliminary meeting prior to scoring to discuss the candidates being nominated to deem nominees as "Qualified" or "Not Qualified."
- Analyze scoring matrix to determine if the average score was fair if a member deemed the nominee as "Not Qualified."

The Administration presented the recommendations at the March 21, 2024, PSNQLC meeting for discussion and Committee members approved the recommendations and further recommended an amendment to the Hall of Fame nomination requirements to incorporate language specifying that nominations cannot be made on the day of the voting.

The Administration is now presenting the revised Miami Beach Hall of Fame Nomination requirements to include amendments proposed by the 2023 Hall of Fame committee, and the following language, per the recommendation by the PSNQLC:

- Nominations will only be accepted during the designated nomination period. This rule shall apply to all persons, including members of the City Commission. At the meeting where the Hall of Fame Committee recommendations are considered, the Commission's actions shall be limited to approving or rejecting each specific candidate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission may not add new names during such meeting.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **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**

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### **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**

Tourism and Culture

### **Sponsor(s)**

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

### **Condensed Title**

Accept Recommendation, Amend Hall of Fame Nomination Requirements. TC



## **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

The City of Miami Beach Hall of Fame was established in 2018 to recognize remarkable individuals that have made a lasting and significant impact on Miami Beach. Eligible individuals must have been either born in Miami Beach, made Miami Beach their place of residence or business and/or had a positive and lasting impact on the community.

Nominees have been considered based on distinguished achievements in the arts, architecture, design, science, athletics, business, community leadership and family legacy. Nominees must be well known in their field of expertise and recognized as leaders. They may be living or deceased.

Past inductees include Michael Aller, former Mayor Matti Bower, Norman Braman, Barbara Capitman, Emilio and Gloria Estefan, Tony Goldman, Jorge M. Gonzalez, Morris Lapidus, Dr. Solomon "Sol" Lichter, Stephen Muss and Mitchell "Micky" Wolfson. Each Hall of Fame inductee will be honored with a plaque at the south concourse wall of the Miami Beach Convention Center listing their accomplishments and a special ceremony to celebrate their achievements.

### **Selection Committee**

A nine (9)-member Commission-appointed Selection Committee for the Hall of Fame, of which the Mayor and Commission may each designate one (1) appointee, with two (2) additional members being nominated at-large.

Selection Committee Appointees could be knowledgeable in the following fields of expertise:

- Business
- Education
- Arts & Entertainment
- Philanthropy
- Sports
- Public Service
- Literature/History

### **Eligibility Criteria**

A person would be eligible for induction to the City of Miami Beach Hall of Fame if that person meets any or all the following criteria:

- Had/Has significant ties to the City including born in Miami Beach, made Miami Beach his/her place of residence or business, or made a positive and lasting impact on Miami Beach
- Must have made substantial contributions to their respective area as an Artist, Architect, Designer, Scientist, Athlete, Business Leader, Civic Leader, or Family Legacy.
- Must have a history of demonstrating strong character and integrity while acting as an ambassador for the City of Miami Beach.

- Must have had a direct and significant positive impact on the City of Miami Beach.
- Nominees must be in good standing in the community at the time of selection by the City Commission.

### **Ineligibility**

- No sitting elected or appointed public official shall be eligible for nomination. A moratorium, for a period of five (5) years after leaving office, shall be placed on the nomination of elected and appointed officials.
- No family members of sitting elected or appointed public officials shall be eligible for nomination; a moratorium for a period of three (3) years after leaving office shall be placed on the nomination of family members of elected and appointed officials.
- Members of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee may not submit nominees or be considered for nominations.
- Individuals cannot nominate themselves.
- Prior year nominees to the Hall of Fame may not be considered for nomination unless re-nominated to the current Hall of Fame year.

### **Nomination Process**

- Hall of Fame nomination applications are open for each cycle for approximately two months. Completed nominations must be submitted to [halloffame@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:halloffame@miamibeachfl.gov).
- Nomination forms must include the completed application form, a brief biography of the individual, achievements, awards, and two letters of recommendation (as described in the application).
- All sections of the nomination form must be completed. Please refrain from sending petitions, photographs, books, resumes, Curriculum Vitae (CV), etc. in lieu of completing the nomination form. If additional materials are requested by the members of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee, the submitter will be contacted. Be sure to include complete citations of sources of information used to write the nomination (reference books, periodicals, etc.)
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### **Selection Process**

- Once the application is completed and submitted, the nomination package will be reviewed by the Tourism and Culture Department. Staff will serve as liaison to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.
- The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will review all complete applications.
- The Selection Committee shall approve only one inductee.
- The Miami Beach City Commission will approve the inductee to the Miami Beach Hall of Fame.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**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 accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to approve amendments to the Hall of Fame nomination requirements as recommended by the 2023 Hall of Fame Committee, and further include a restriction to preclude nominations from taking place on the day of voting by the City Commission.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

7/22/2024  
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Date