



OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee

FROM: Vice Mayor Michael Gongora

DATE: June 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Referral to the June 30, 2021 Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee of the Proposal to co-name 22nd Street after Simón Bolívar

In accordance with the City Code, the above-referenced item is to consider my specific proposal to co-name of 22nd Street, located between Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue, and proximate to Collins Park, in honor of the late Simón Bolívar.

On June 23, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2021-4424, amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of streets in honor of deceased historical figure who was instrumental in helping Latin American countries achieve independence from the Spanish Empire, such as Simón Bolívar.

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 NQLC), 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.

Simón Bolívar was a Venezuelan military and political leader who was instrumental in helping Latin American countries achieve independence from the Spanish Empire. During his lifetime, Bolívar became known as “El Libertador” through helping countries such as Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Panama, and Bolivia all achieve independence.

Co-naming 22nd Street, located between Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue, and proximate to Collins Park, after Simón Bolívar would be especially fitting considering that a bust dedicated to Simón Bolívar is located in Collins Park, and the 21st Street between Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue has already been named after José Martí, a Cuban national hero and an important figure in Latin American literature.

As such, I propose to co-name 22nd Street, located between Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue, and proximate to Collins Park, as “Simón Bolívar Street” and request the

Committee to provide its advisory recommendation for the Mayor and City Commission's consideration and approval, subject to a public hearing and a 5/7 vote.

Should you have any questions or concerns about any of the foregoing, please don't hesitate to contact me or my aide Diana Fontani.

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