

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CREATING, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS, A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE WASHINGTON AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS, TO STABILIZE AND IMPROVE THE WASHINGTON AVENUE RETAIL BUSINESS DISTRICT, WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HISTORIC DISTRICT, THROUGH PROMOTION, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES (THE "SERVICES"); PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$511,331 PER YEAR; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE, AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE SERVICES WHOSE COSTS ARE TO BE DEFRAYED BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, Washington Ave BID Inc. (the "BID") is a Florida non profit corporation, which represents a group of property owners of real estate in the vicinity of, abutting, or located on Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, authorizes any municipality, subject to the approval of a majority of the affected property owners, to levy and collect special assessments against property benefited for the purpose of stabilizing and improving retail business districts, wholesale business districts, or nationally recognized historic districts, or any combination of such districts, through promotion, management, marketing, and other similar services; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2017-29719, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A," which, in pertinent part, authorized the Offices of the City Manager and City Attorney to work with the Steering Committee of the Washington Avenue property owners, for the purpose of establishing a special assessment district, pursuant to Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, to stabilize and improve the Washington Avenue retail business district, which is located within a nationally recognized historic district, through promotion, management, marketing, and other similar services; and

WHEREAS, the special assessments levied within the proposed special assessment district, to be known as the "Washington Avenue Business Improvement District" (the "District"), shall be used to provide the services described in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the District is bounded on the north by 17th Street and on the south by 5th Street, and consists of properties abutting Washington Avenue and/or the cross-streets intersecting Washington Avenue; provided, however, that the following properties shall be excluded and exempted from the District: (1) residential properties; (2) common areas owned by

condominium associations; (3) any property owned by a City, County, State, or Federal governmental entity or school district; and (4) any property owned or occupied by a religious institution and used as a place of worship or education (as defined in Section 170.201(2), Florida Statutes); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission hereby determine that it is in the best interest of the City, and of the District, to provide, or cause to be provided, the Services for the District and, as such, wish to defray the cost of the Services by levying special assessments upon the affected properties within the District ("Assessments"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission further determine that special benefits shall accrue to the properties within the District from the Services, and that the Assessments shall be made in proportion to the benefits received, all as set forth in the preliminary assessment roll attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "C"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission have determined that the Assessments to be levied shall not exceed the special benefits to the affected properties within the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: All findings and recitals contained in this Resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2: Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, the Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize a special assessment to be levied and collected, and hereby create a special assessment district, to be known as the "Washington Avenue Business Improvement District," for a term of ten (10) years, subject to the approval of the majority of the affected property owners in the District, for the purposes of stabilizing and improving the Washington Avenue retail business district, which is located within a nationally recognized historic district, through promotion, management, marketing, and other similar services.

SECTION 3: The boundaries of the proposed District are as follows: All lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such improvements or specially benefited thereby and further designated by the Assessment Plat, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "D."

SECTION 4: The nature of the Services is set forth in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 5: The total estimated cost of the Services to be funded by the proposed Assessments is approximately \$511,331 per year.

SECTION 6: The Assessments shall be levied in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, for the purposes of defraying the cost of the Services, as described in Exhibit "C," and in accordance with the assessment methodologies in Exhibit "E," attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 7: At the time of adoption of the Resolution by the Mayor and City Commission, there shall be on file with the City Clerk the Assessment Plat, showing the area to

be assessed; a description of the Services; and an estimate of the cost of the Services, which documents shall be open to inspection by the public.

SECTION 8: Following approval of this Resolution, the City Administration is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be made a preliminary assessment roll, as promptly as possible, which shall show the properties assessed by folio number; the amount of benefit to each property; and the special assessments against each property assessed by folio number.

SECTION 9: The assessment shall be payable in one installment per year to the Finance Director of the City, or the Finance Director's designee, on such date as shall be contained in a bill to be mailed to each property owner within the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date, and following the confirmation by the Mayor and City Commission of the Final Assessment Roll. Installments not paid when due shall become due and payable in accordance with statutory provisions and shall remain liens, coequal with the lien of all state, county, district, and municipal taxes, superior in dignity to all other liens, titles, and claims, until paid, and shall bear interest, at such rate or rates as specified in Section 170.09, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 10: Upon completion of the preliminary assessment roll, the Mayor and City Commission shall adopt a subsequent Resolution to fix a time and place at which the owners of the property to be assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear before the Mayor and City Commission and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of the Assessments or the provision of the Services, the costs thereof, the manner of payment therefor, or the amount thereof to be assessed against each property so serviced, all in accordance with Chapter 170, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 11: The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City.

SECTION 12: The Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein, provided, however, that if the proposed special assessment does not receive the approval of a majority (50% plus one) of the affected property owners pursuant to an election to be duly conducted by the City Clerk, the Resolution shall be null and void.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

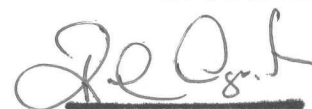
Rafael E. Granado
City Clerk

Philip Levine
Mayor

(Sponsored by Commissioner Michael Grieco)

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**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**

 10-6-17

City Attorney Date
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